

Homes for Bury

Bury's Housing Plan 2026 to 2036

Easy Read Summary

1. Introduction



Bury Council has written a new housing plan.

It is called Homes for Bury.

It says what we will do about housing for the next 10 years.



The plan is a draft. That means it is not finished yet.

We want to know what you think before we finish it.

This booklet tells you what is in the plan and how to tell us your views.

2. Our vision



Our vision is that everyone in Bury has a safe home they can afford.

Good homes help people stay healthy and well.

Good homes help make strong communities.

3. Our five aims



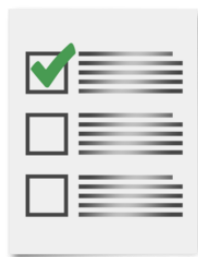
Aim 1: Build more homes.

We will build the right types of homes in the right places.



Aim 2: Make homes better.

We will make homes safer and warmer, and make sure they use less energy.



Aim 3: Help people find the right home.

We will help people find homes they can afford that meet their needs.



Aim 4: Stop people becoming homeless.

We will act early to help people keep their homes.



Aim 5: Be a good landlord.

The Council owns about 7,700 homes. We will look after them well and listen to our tenants.

4. More new homes



Bury needs about **452** new homes every year.

We need more homes that people can afford, especially family homes with 2 or 3 bedrooms.



More people in Bury are getting older.

We will build more bungalows and homes that are easy to get around, so people can stay independent.



Big new neighbourhoods with new homes are planned at **Elton Reservoir, Walshaw and Simister**.

They will have schools, transport and green spaces too.

5. Our town centres



We are making our town centres better places to live, shop and spend time.

New homes will be built in **Bury town centre, Radcliffe, Prestwich and Whitefield**.

Having more people living in town centres helps local shops and businesses.

6. Council homes



We will spend £60 million over 3 years to make council homes better.

We will make sure homes are safe, warm and well looked after.

We will deal with problems like damp and mould.

We will make our repairs service better and faster.

We will listen to tenants and use what they tell us to improve services.

7. Help to live independently



Some people need extra help to live in their own home.

This includes older people, disabled people and people with mental health needs.



We will build more homes with support, where people have their own front door.

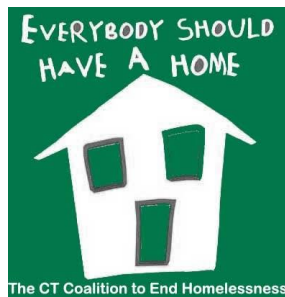
We will help people change their homes so they can stay living there, for example by adding ramps or stairlifts.



We will support young people leaving care to get a home and learn the skills to live on their own.

We will make sure people escaping domestic abuse can get a safe home.

8. Stopping homelessness



We want homelessness in Bury to be rare.

If someone does become homeless, we want it to be for a short time only.



We will help people early, before they lose their home.

We will make sure people who need somewhere to stay get good quality housing, not bed and breakfasts.

9. Renting from a private landlord



Nearly 1 in 5 households in Bury rent from a private landlord.

Some private rented homes are not good enough.



We will support good landlords.

We will take action against landlords who do not look after their homes or their tenants.

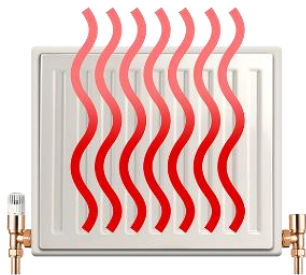
A new law called the Renters' Rights Act will give renters more protection.

10. Healthy places and greener homes



Good homes and good neighbourhoods help people stay healthy.

We will make sure new homes are near shops, services, transport and green spaces.



Many homes in Bury are cold and cost a lot to heat.

We will help make homes warmer and cheaper to run.

This is also better for the environment.



There are about 1,600 homes in Bury that have been empty for a long time.

We will work to bring empty homes back into use.

11. Checking our progress



We will make an action plan that says what we will do and when.

We will check our progress every year and tell people how we are doing.

12. Tell us what you think



This plan is a draft. Your views can change it.

You can tell us what you think from 13 August 2026 to 5 November 2026.



You can fill in our easy read survey. There is a link on our website.

You can email us at housingstrategy@bury.gov.uk.



You can come to our online event on 7 September, from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.



To book a place, phone **0800 612 9133** for free, or email lynne.shaw@arc4.co.uk.



If you would like this booklet on paper, or need help to take part, phone 0800 612 9133 for free.



Thank you for reading our plan.



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