

# We're building new homes on the records office site



## COME AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

You are very welcome to join us at a public open drop-in session in the Activity Room,  
at Portsmouth City Museum, in Museum Road, PO1 2LJ, on Tuesday 25 February, from 9am to 7pm

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## The site

The records office building, in Museum Road, has reached the end of its usable life. The council-owned building is suffering from major structural issues, including subsidence, and the site has been identified as suitable for housing by Portsmouth planners. It's not an option for us to leave the site, and do nothing with it, because it's costing the council money to keep it safe and because this is an opportunity to provide much needed housing.

## Does the council have plans for the site?

There are no final plans for this site. We would like to build housing here but, before putting final plans together, we wanted to ask the people living, and working, closest to the site to tell us what housing they would most like to see here and what housing they would least like to see here.

## Why build housing?

There's a huge shortage of housing in Portsmouth. We have a duty to do what we can to tackle that shortage and to create mixed, balanced and sustainable communities. This is why we have made a commitment to make the best possible use of council owned sites to provide the housing that Portsmouth people need at prices they can afford. We will also make every effort to build homes that meet people's varied needs because we see this as one of our most important responsibilities. One of the many ways we are helping to tackle the housing shortage in this city is to use our land and assets to build different types of housing. As well as all of this; we also have more than 2,000 applicants on our housing waiting list, first time buyers are finding it increasingly difficult to afford growing property prices, rents and mortgages in the city are higher than many people can cope with and we don't have enough specialised housing to help people with their mixed needs.

## Why is this site right for housing?

The records office is on a list of locations that have been identified as suitable for housing. This list is compiled by Portsmouth planners and is called the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. The records office has been included on the list because it's sustainable with good access to shops, schools and other facilities, including bus routes and railways stations. It's also close to existing residential areas and the size of the site means that it's not suitable for proposals that need a large footprint like many employment uses. The location would also be ideal for some of the types of housing that Portsmouth needs; including accommodation for elderly people. If the council retains ownership of the building then we will NOT build student accommodation on this site.



# Tell us what you think

Fill out your answers below, post them to us, email them to us, bring them to us, phone us, come to our public open drop-in session or wait until we knock on your door.

**Do you agree that the records office site is a suitable site for brand new housing and why?** (Please tick a box)

**Yes**    **No**

Please tell us why:

**What type of housing do you think would be best for the records office site and why?**

**What kind of housing would you NOT want to see on this site?**

**Please tell us if there is anything else that you would like us to take into account when we are putting together plans for this site:**