

FORTHCOMING CES SEMINAR

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The Quality verses Quantity Debate in Delivery of Affordable Housing What is most sustainable?

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The Homes and Communities Agency was launched in December 2008 and represents a merger of the Housing Corporation (which was the government's agency for funding affordable housing) and English Partnerships (which was the government's agency for developing public land). When the new organisation was established through an act of parliament, it was given statutory duties to "improve the supply and quality of housing in England" and to "contribute to the achievement of sustainable development and good design". A core remit of the organisation is to administer the funding of new affordable housing. In a target driven world, the funding provided by central government for distribution is usually accompanied by headline targets of numbers of new housing. The challenge that the new organisation faces is how to achieve those targets and achieve quality in design at the same time. Can objectives for quantity and quality be aligned or are they inherent opposing tensions?