

New homes bonus plans clarified

Housing minister Grant Shapps has confirmed to MPs key details of the proposed new homes bonus scheme which will start in April 2011 and last six years.

Speaking during oral questions to his department in the Commons, he revealed that the flow of new money from the new homes bonus will be some £900m "even before top-slicing in the later years, so it will be a significant amount".

He told MPs: "For every home built, there will be match funding for six years at the actual band price at which it is built. By the way, if it is affordable housing, 125% of receipts will be provided. We will consult on the split between district and upper-tier authorities, but something like 80 per cent is likely to go to the planning authority."

He said: "That will be a massive incentive for this country to get out and build the homes that Labour failed to build during its 13 years".

Later he told the Commons: "There is nothing to prevent one local authority from speaking to its neighbour and saying, 'look, we'd like to build these homes here, but we recognise that this would have some impact on you there. We will come to a deal with you, and if we're both happy it will go into our local plan'."

[Read the Commons Hansard report \(21 October, column 1113\)](#)

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The Hansard Report is unusually interesting, Recommend having a look – further down the pages mentions duty to co-operate and hints at Localism Bill's approach to local plans and associated.