



THE GREEN COMMUNITY

Green Spaces Advisory Board **Statement of Intent 2021**

HOW CAN WE UTILISE GREEN ASSETS TO HELP ACHIEVE NET ZERO?



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The launch of this statement of intent, The Green Community, is a key step for the Green Spaces Advisory Board and sets out our plans for the first two years, in addition to laying foundations for work across the next ten.

To unlock net zero by 2050 housing leaders agree they need to look beyond housing stock and energy efficient homes, to the creation of sustainable green communities that help the next generation to reap the benefits of their natural world.

Yet, 75% say they currently feel ill equipped to do this. This means green space is in danger of being overlooked despite immense and, as yet, untapped potential.

The Green Spaces Advisory Board will take the lead, picking up the biodiversity and environmental sustainability agenda for the housing sector. Ensuring that all stakeholders have the know-how to maximise return on investment in green assets.

We're going green. Join us.

Ria Bailes

Chair Green Spaces Advisory Board

UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF GREEN SPACE.

WE WILL EMPOWER THE HOUSING SECTOR

The Green Spaces Advisory Board will develop biodiversity measurement metrics and share examples of best practice relating to green space management, green placemaking, carbon offsetting and biodiversity enhancement to empower the housing sector and the communities it supports on the journey to net zero in a post COVID-19 era.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of foundation green initiatives that we will deliver:

- Develop a 2-year action plan in response to the Green Communities Report
- Design a Green Space Model – detailing how housing associations can utilise green assets to help achieve net zero
- Lead the development of a single, independently verifiable biodiversity metric and certification program for land under management
- Co-ordinate a facilitative forum for the sharing of green space best practice across the housing sector and beyond
- Develop and share ways to help residents learn about, and engage with, green space, biodiversity, and environmental sustainability.

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Board Members.

- **Ria Bailes (Chair) – Ground Control - Senior Social Housing Advisor**
- **Richard Ellis - Peabody – Director of Sustainability**
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- **Elly Hault – Notting Hill Genesis – Group Director of Assets**
- **David March – Orbit – Head of Environmental Sustainability**
- **Alex Willey – Clarion – Director of Strategic Asset Management**
- **Ceri Theobald – Futures Housing Group – Group Director Strategic Partnerships & Growth**
- **Michael Durrant – Network Homes – Director of Technical Services**
- **Sam Jones – Ground Control – Housing Sector Lead**

REFERENCES.

[The 2021 Green Communities Summit Report](#)

Natural England Biodiversity Metric 3.0

The Government's 25 year environment plan 'A Green Future'