

THE FUTURE OF DEFENCE HOUSING



Future of Defence Housing questionnaire results - key themes

- **Community connection:** 69% of you prefer living in military-only communities, valuing shared experiences and support networks.
- **Housing stability:** 70% want the option to retain your SFA if relocating within a 20-mile radius.
- **Modernisation:** Upgraded kitchens and bathrooms are top priorities for improving current SFA.
- **Personalisation:** Many of you want the freedom to decorate and maintain your SFA to create a true sense of home.
- **Eligibility:** You prioritise access to SFA for married couples, civil partnerships, and personnel with children, regardless of marital status.
- **Affordability:** A full housing subsidy is seen as crucial for the priority groups above.
- **Consistency:** You asked for standardised layouts, sizes and fittings in new builds.
- **Storage:** Built-in wardrobes and garages were frequently mentioned as essential.
- **Community design:** You want new estates to include off-road parking, green spaces and amenities for all ages.
- **Home ownership goals:** Your main motivations are long-term investment and family stability.
- **Timing:** Many plan to buy a home when leaving the Service or during major life events like marriage or having children.
- **Barriers:** Some cited the affordability and security of SFA/SLA as reasons not to buy. Others mentioned saving for a deposit and market uncertainty.
- **Accidental landlords:** Service personnel face financial disadvantages, including higher stamp duty than civilians.
- **Deposit support:** You welcome ideas like tax-efficient savings and matched contributions to help save for a deposit.
- **Other concerns:** You raised issues around long-term relationship entitlement, childcare over 80 nights, dual-serving households and the condition of current SFA.