I have recently been appointed as the Community Housing Officer in Hampshire. I work in Hart, Havant, Winchester and East Hampshire Districts.

My role is to give guidance and support to community groups interested in providing community-led housing schemes. Community-led housing is a flexible approach to housing delivery. The community group involved in the project decides what homes are best for their community and I help enable their vision to become a reality.

Community-led housing schemes give local people an opportunity to provide homes that they feel are needed in their community. Local people are given an opportunity to influence development through collaborative ownership and decision making. Community-led housing schemes bring many benefits - local people often trust people from their community more and a localised body can help safeguard the community's interest. After all, local people know what is needed in their community better than anyone.

Kind regards,

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