

Glossary

Terminology	Explanation
Acquisition	Gaining ownership of a property or development.
Biodiversity Net Gain	Biodiversity net gain (BNG) is a requirement in developments to make sure that habitats for wildlife are left in a measurably better state than they were before the development. Developers must deliver a BNG of 10% which means a development will result in more of better-quality natural habitat than there was before development.
Brownfield Sites	Brownfield land is land that was previously developed which had or has a permanent structure on it.
Building Regulations	Building Regulations set standards for the design and construction of buildings to ensure they are going to be safe, healthy and high performing.
Carbon Emissions	Carbon emissions is carbon dioxide that is produced (e.g. from factories, cars, & planes) and is considered to be harmful to the environment.
Catalyst Site(s)	Catalyst sites are important sites for housing and neighbourhood development which will help kickstart wider improvements to an area.
City Goals	The City Goals are a set of goals that outline a shared vision for Sheffield to become by 2035.
Climate Emergency	The Council has declared a climate emergency – which means that the Council recognises the impact that climate change will have on Sheffield and its residents, as well as the contribution that we as a city can make to the future of our planet.
Council Plan – “Together we get things done”	The Council Plan that sets out priorities and how these will be delivered. It is a clear and positive statement of what we want to achieve for Sheffield between 2024 – 2028 and which sets the direction of travel for the whole organisation.
Decarbonisation	The reduction of carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases from processes and operations. For example, decarbonising the electricity grid through the generation of more renewable energy and reduction in fossil fuel-based power generation.
Decent Homes Standard	A minimum standard for all social rented housing in England and Northern Ireland.
Disposals	Disposals means the sale or transfer of the ownership of a development site.
Green Belt	Green belt is an area of land, usually an area around a town, city and built-up area, that is protected from most forms of development. The aim of the green belt is to prevent urban sprawl.
Grey Belt	Land in the green belt comprising previously developed land and any other parcels and/or areas that make a limited contribution to the aim of the green belt.

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Homes England	The Government's housing delivery organisation that funds and supports the delivery of affordable housing in England.
Housing Association (Registered Provider)	Also known as Registered Providers, Housing Associations are not-for-profit social landlords that provide social housing to people in need of a home.
Infrastructure	The basic facilities and systems serving a country, region, or community such as buildings, roads, power supplies etc.
Lifetime Homes	A lifetime homes is a home that has specific features that ensure the home is accessible and more easily adaptable for the needs of most households over their lifetime.
Lifetime Neighbourhoods	Places designed to be inclusive regardless of age, health or disability.
Local Housing Allowance	The maximum amount that people renting from a private landlord that can claim in Housing Benefit or Universal Credit.
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)	MHCLG is a ministerial department of the Government, responsible for housing, communities and local government.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	The NPPF sets out the government's economic, environmental and social planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.
Net Zero	The reduction of greenhouse gases to as close to zero as possible with any remaining emissions removed from the atmosphere and stored. Sheffield has taken net zero to mean a 95% reduction in emissions by 2030.
Performance and Outcomes Framework	The structure and approach for how Sheffield City Council will provide effective performance management against delivery of the Council Plan outcomes.
Planning and Infrastructure Bill 2024	A Bill that will seek to streamline the planning system, ensuring a faster and more efficient approval process for major projects, including infrastructure and housing.
Private Housing Right to Buy	Housing that is privately owned or privately rented by an individual or organisation. Right to Buy is a policy that allows most council tenants to buy their council home at a discount.

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Shared Ownership	A form of low-cost market housing where residents own a share of their home, on which they typically pay a mortgage; with a registered provider owning the remainder, on which they pay a subsidised rent.
Sheffield Property Association	A group of businesses working together to improve Sheffield's built environment.
Sheffield Together Partnership	Representatives from the Council, Homes England, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, the Sheffield Property Association, and the South Yorkshire Housing Partnership, working together to increase housing delivery that meets need across the city.
Social Housing	are homes owned by local authorities or private registered providers for which rents are determined by the national rent regime (through which a formula rent is determined by the relative value and size of a property and relative local income levels). They are low-cost rented homes.
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA)	A collaboration of the local authorities of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield to create a stronger, greener, fairer South Yorkshire. It is led by the Mayor of South Yorkshire.
Specialist Accommodation	Accommodation for a group of people with specific needs (such as purpose-built housing for the elderly).
Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)	An assessment of housing needs and demands within the housing market.
Supported Housing	Accommodation provided alongside support, supervision, or care to help people live as independently as possible in the community.
Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs)	Drainage systems that are designed to control surface water run off close to where it falls and mimic natural drainage as closely as possible
Temporary Accommodation	Temporary housing for people who are homeless.
Tenure	Describes the type of ownership of a property and land.

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