



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**NORTH EAST FAMILIES TO GET THE HOMES THEY DESERVE, SAY HOUSE BUILDERS.**

Welcoming the announcement by Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Council that 72,000 new homes are to be built by 2030 as part of an ambitious growth plan for the area, Homes for Scotland's Planning Director Allan Lundmark said: "The opportunity now exists for our housebuilder members to give families in the North East of Scotland the homes they deserve".

"We have long argued that the only way to bring down city house prices, and give people a proper choice of where they want to live, is to build more homes. We are encouraged that the anti-development era, which has forced so many out of the city, appears to be at an end and we look forward to working with both councils, and the local communities, in order to build the homes people want, and where they need them.

"This will mean regenerating urban brownfield sites and building sustainably and sensitively on the edges of existing developments. The industry also stands ready to play its part in creating the many infrastructure projects that will be required to support these new homes, such as the roads, schools, shops and leisure facilities.

"It seems that the region now has a planning system which will support development, tackle house price inflation and meet the needs of local people and we look forward to helping both councils realise their ambitious growth plans over the next twenty years".



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**Notes to the Editor:**

1. Homes for Scotland represents the country's home building industry which:
  - is the largest source of private investment in Scotland
  - contributes £6bn to the economy annually
  - builds 25,000 new homes per annum
  - employs more than 100,000 people- is the largest user of the planning system in Scotland