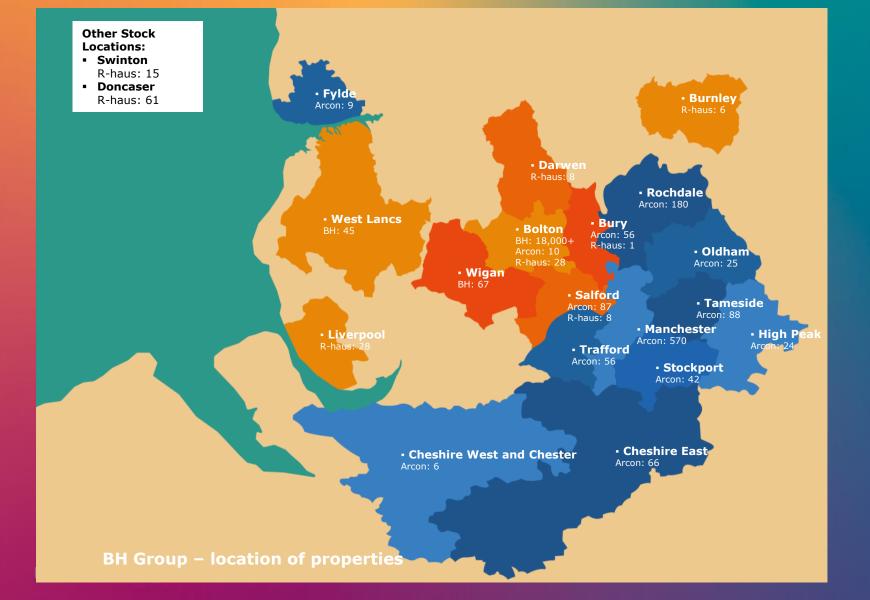
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Bolton at **Home**



Bolton at Home - an urban perspective





Medium sized LSVT circa 18500 homes in and around Bolton and Greater Manchester



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2022 is the first year we have built more homes than we have lost through RTB

- Significant Community Investment activity UCAN Centres/ CDOs
- The group has 4 commercial subsidiaries
- New RP group member Arcon 2019





Our challenge

- Urban stock largely in one low value housing market geography
- House prices in Bolton dropped by 17.4per cent in the Global Financial Crisis, the biggest drop in house prices over 16 months ever recorded in the UK
- Struggle to make low cost home ownership models stack up



- Bolton has a low value, low wage, low skill economic base
- Once a proud, manufacturing town it has struggled to find it's new place
- Large numbers of aging pre- and immediate post war homes requiring significant on-going investment





Our challenge

- Increasing needs of our customer base :
 - ➤ 30% of our allocations are to high needs/ complex cases
 - ➤ Aprox. no. of bids for a three bed home has risen from 200 to 600
 - ➤ No. of customers receiving debt and money advice has tripled to over 3000

- ➤DA cases have more than doubled from prepandemic levels to a current caseload of 500
- ➤ Safeguarding referrals have tripled during the same period to over 900
- ➤ Supported housing reconfiguration



Challenging operating environment

- · Climate change
- 2024 GMHP target: 40% homes fitted with renewable energy technology
- 2025 GMHP target: EPC band C with net zero emissions from stock*
- 2025 Government: no new build with gas heating
- **2028** GMHP target: All new build to be net zero carbon.
- 2030 BMBC Climate Emergency commitment: activities net carbon zero*
- 2038 GMHP target: all operations carbon neutral
- 2038 GM: net zero carbon
- 2050 UK government: net zero greenhouse gas emissions

- Living with Covid and the resulting widening and deepening inequality concerns
- Cost of living crisis
- Economic volatility, cost/price inflation, tax rises
- Political agenda with shifting policy, levelling up, another housing minister/ prime minister......
- Extension of RTB
- Greater Manchester and the Devolution white paper
- · For profit providers
- Land availability and the current approach in relation to grant for brownfield sites



- *GMHP -Greater Manchester Housing Provider Group
- *BMBC Bolton Metropolitan Council

The positives

- · Place based anchor organisation
- Able to offer and deliver, in partnership with our customers, a huge variety of community engagement development activities
- Part of a strong regional and strategic housing provider partnership
- A development programme for a further 1,000 homes to be built over the next three years









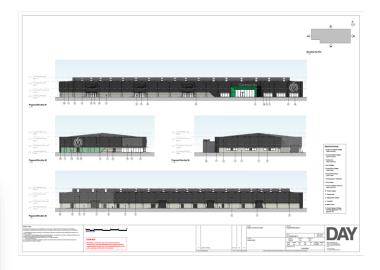
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The opportunities



Greenworks







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- 3 key opportunities and drivers for this proposal.
- Carbon reduction/retrofit training, up-skilling and employment
- **Green business** start up's, business development and green support.
- **Food Hub** sustainability food offer now and into the longer term





















Questions and answers

