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**From: The Minister**

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Dear Harry

**AQW 39006/22-27– INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY**

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 39006/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA  
Minister for Communities**

## **AQW 39006 22-27 – Annex A**

This issue is an operational matter for the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

I have sought the requested information from the Chief Executive, who has advised me as follows:

*“In the Newtownards Area:*

- *There are currently 117 social housing units under construction with 12 one beds and 46 two beds. The detail of these units is provided in Table 1 below.*
- *There are 85 social housing units programmed to start as part of the Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) 2025/26 - 2028/29 with 39 two beds. Detail of these units is provided in Table 2 below.*

*The SHDP for the period 2026/27 – 2028/29 is with the Department for Communities seeking Ministerial approval and updated information for this period will be available in due course.”*

*Table 1: Social housing units under construction in Newtownards.*

Housing Association	Local Government District	Scheme Name	Location	Type	Need Group	Strategic Group	Units	1 Bed	2 Bed	Onsite Year	Completion Year
Alpha	Ards & North Down	Quarry Heights	Newtownards	Competitive Land Design & Build	General Needs	Urban	19	0	15	2024/25	2026/27
Alpha	Ards & North Down	Quarry Heights	Newtownards	Competitive Land Design & Build	Wheelchair Standard	Urban	3	0	2	2024/25	2026/27
Radius	Ards & North Down	The Bawn Wall	Newtownards	Competitive Land Design & Build	General Needs	Urban	78	12	21	2023/24	2026/27
Radius	Ards & North Down	The Bawn Wall	Newtownards	Competitive Land Design & Build	Wheelchair Standard	Urban	9	0	0	2023/24	2026/27
Radius	Ards & North Down	The Bawn Wall	Newtownards	Competitive Land Design & Build	Active Elderly	Urban	8	0	8	2023/24	2026/27

*Table 2: Social housing units programmed to start in Newtownards.*

Housing Association	Local Government District	Scheme Name	Location	Type	Need Group	Strategic Group	Units	1 Bed	2 Bed	Onsite Year	Completion Year
Arbour Housing	Ards & North Down	North Street	Newtownards	New Build	General Needs	Urban	10	0	4	2025/26	2026/27
Choice	Ards & North Down	Former Crepe Weavers	Newtownards	New Build	General Needs	Urban	62	0	31	2026/27	2028/29
Choice	Ards & North Down	Former Crepe Weavers	Newtownards	New Build	Wheelchair Standard	Urban	4	0	0	2026/27	2028/29
Alpha	Ards & North Down	South Street	Newtownards	New Build	General Needs	Urban	8	0	4	2028/29	2029/30
Alpha	Ards & North Down	South Street	Newtownards	New Build	Wheelchair Standard	Urban	1	0	0	2028/29	2029/30