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Dear Cathy,

**AQW 50281/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY  
LIBRARY**

Due to the volume of information provided, I have arranged for the detail to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA  
Minister for Communities**

This issue is an operational matter for Northern Ireland Housing Executive; they have advised me as follows;

*“(i) There have been 28 new social homes completed in the South Down Parliamentary Constituency during the period February 2024 to present. The detail of these units is included in Table 1 below.*

*(ii) There are currently 93 new social homes under construction in the South Down Parliamentary Constituency. The detail of these units is included in Table 2 below.*

*(iii) The following new social housing proposals are included in the Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) 2026/27 – 2028/29 and are the subject of a Planning Application/Planning Approval as outlined.*

- Rourke’s Link, Ballyhornan (Ark – 13 units). Ark Housing submitted a renewal Planning Application (LA07/2024/1052/F) in August 2024 for 13 units (renewal of LA07/2018/1432/F) which has yet to be concluded. This scheme is currently included in the SHDP for 2026/27.*
- Charlotte Street, Warrenpoint (Clanmil – 8 units). A developer-led Planning Application for 8 units was submitted in May 2026. This scheme is currently included in the SHDP for 2026/27.*
- Lawnfield, Newcastle (Alpha – 12 units). A private Planning Approval (LA07/2019/0565/F) for 12 units is in place. However, this is due*

*to expire in September 2026 and may require amendments to address the design*

*requirements for new social housing. This scheme is currently included in the SHDP for 2027/28.*

- St Patrick’s Avenue, Downpatrick (Arbour – 15 units). A private Planning Application for 15 units was submitted in October 2023 (LA07/2023/3437/F) and has yet to be concluded. Amendments may be required to address the social housing need. This scheme is currently included in the SHDP for 2027/28.*

*(iv) Please see responses to (i) to (iii) above.”*

*“Table 1: New social homes completed February 2024 to present in the South Down Parliamentary Constituency*

| <b><i>Housing Association</i></b> | <b><i>Scheme Name</i></b>            | <b><i>Location</i></b> | <b><i>Units</i></b> | <b><i>Onsite Year</i></b> | <b><i>Completion Year</i></b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Radius</i>                     | <i>141-143<br/>Central Promenade</i> | <i>Newcastle</i>       | <i>19</i>           | <i>2022/23</i>            | <i>2024/25</i>                |
| <i>Alpha</i>                      | <i>The Slopes</i>                    | <i>Rathfriland</i>     | <i>8</i>            | <i>2023/24</i>            | <i>2024/25</i>                |
| <i>Clanmil</i>                    | <i>1 Gallaun</i>                     | <i>Downpatrick</i>     | <i>1</i>            | <i>2023/24</i>            | <i>2025/26</i>                |

*Table 2: New social homes under construction in the South Down Parliamentary Constituency*

| <b><i>Housing Association</i></b> | <b><i>Scheme Name</i></b>                         | <b><i>Location</i></b> | <b><i>Units</i></b> | <b><i>Onsite Year</i></b> | <b><i>Completion Year</i></b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Arbour</i>                     | <i>Dundrum Road</i>                               | <i>Newcastle</i>       | <i>18</i>           | <i>2021/22</i>            | <i>2026/27</i>                |
| <i>Clanmil</i>                    | <i>Pound Lane,<br/>Downe Hospital<br/>Phase 2</i> | <i>Downpatrick</i>     | <i>66</i>           | <i>2020/21</i>            | <i>2027/28</i>                |
| <i>NB Housing</i>                 | <i>Bridge Street</i>                              | <i>Kilkeel</i>         | <i>9</i>            | <i>2022/23</i>            | <i>2026/27"</i>               |