

HOME BUILDING IN WALES: PUBLIC OPINION

HBF's Housing the Nation report explores public perceptions of the chronic shortage of homes across Wales. With the next General Election on the horizon, the survey demonstrates that beyond a vocal minority, the majority of the public in Wales are supportive of new homes to tackle the housing crisis.

79% of participants in Wales agree there is a housing crisis

And were more likely to disagree that housing is a priority for politicians than any other area

Welsh respondents were

MORE LIKELY

than respondents from any other part of the UK

to say housing will determine their vote at the next election

The findings of the report were established through a GB-wide survey conducted in April 2023, and included a number of Welsh respondents.

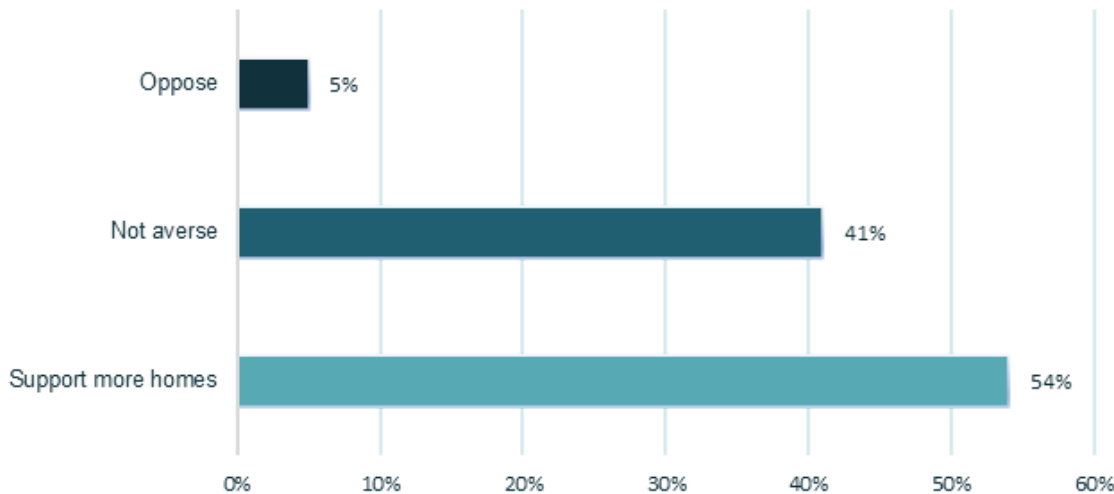


76%

agree that building more homes is necessary to tackle the housing crisis

A significant majority of the Welsh public were supportive or not averse to new homes being built in their local area.

Support for more homes being built in local area



The survey findings come as home ownership among younger generations is lower than for their predecessors, and housing supply numbers are plummeting in Wales.

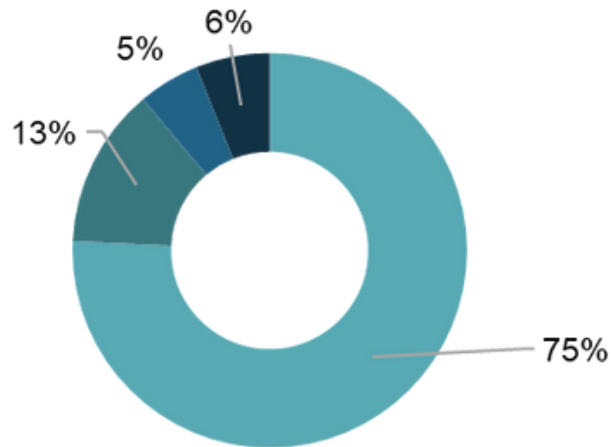
75%

believe the Government is most responsible for fixing the housing crisis

more so than local councils or mortgage lenders.



Who has the most responsibility for fixing the housing crisis?

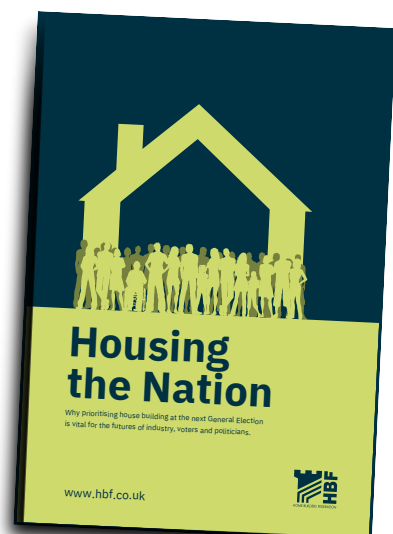


■ Government ■ Local councils ■ Mortgage lenders ■ House builders

9% of the public regularly take part in their local planning consultations and meetings

It is important to ensure the silent majority in favour of new homes in Wales are engaged and have their voices heard in the planning process.

HBF warns that without government intervention the current challenging economic landscape and slow progress in implementing Local Development Plans could see housing supply fall to new record lows in Wales – despite clear public support for new homes.



Read the full report at
hbf.co.uk/housing-the-nation

