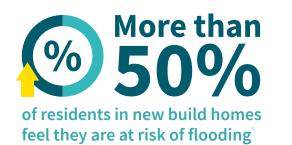
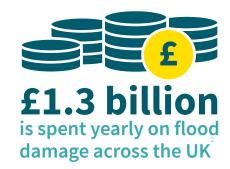
Reform planning

to help the UK build more sustainably







10% of new homes built in the last decade have been built in flood zones⁴ We are calling for **3 crucial reforms** to planning rules to help the UK build sustainably for the future:

- **1** Strengthen rules to prevent the development of buildings in current and **future** flood zones.
- 2 Where development in flood risk areas is unavoidable, planning should be subject to **enforceable** flood resistance, mitigation and resilience measures.
- Planning rules should be aligned with the UK's legally binding Net Zero targets.

In addition, we are calling for extra capacity in the planning system so that Local Authorities are equipped to enforce planning conditions.

Our existing Building Future Communities reports can be found <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.



of Local Planning Authorities always inspect new developments for flood risk planning conditions compliance⁵

1 Aviva flood risk mapping data, 2 Environment Agency, 2018, https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/672088/costs_of_the_winter_floods_2015_to_2016_summary.pdf 3 Aviva consumer research, 2023, 4 Government statistic, 2023, https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-03-28/HL6937/, 5 Town and Country Planning Association.