

Compliance Audit Report – 2021/22

5116 – HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Final Grade	Green - Meets requirements
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Report Objectives and Purpose

Compliance Audits check Provider compliance with Homes England's policies, procedures and funding conditions. Standardised checks are made by Independent Auditors on an agreed sample of Homes England schemes funded under affordable housing programmes. Any findings, which may be a result of checks not being applicable to the scheme or an indication of procedural deficiency, are reported by the Independent Auditor to both the Provider and Homes England concurrently. The Homes England Lead Auditor reviews the findings and records those determined to be 'breaches' in this report. Breaches are used as the basis for recommendations and final grades for Providers. Grades of green, amber or red are awarded; definitions are provided on page 2 of this document.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/compliance-audit>.

Provider's Acknowledgement of Report

The contents of this report should be acknowledged by your Board's Chair or equivalent. Confirmation of this acknowledgement should be recorded in the IMS Compliance Audit System by your Compliance Audit Lead on behalf of your Board's Chair or equivalent. Online acknowledgement should be completed within three calendar months of the report email notification being sent.

Confidentiality

The information contained within this report has been compiled purely to assist Homes England in its statutory duty relating to the payment of grant to the Provider. Homes England accepts no liability for the accuracy or completeness of any information contained within this report. This report is confidential between Homes England and the Provider and no third party can place any reliance upon it.

Compliance Audit Grade Definitions

Green Grade	No high or medium severity breaches identified, although there may be low breaches identified. The Homes England audit report will show that the provider has a satisfactory overall performance but may identify areas where minor improvements are required.
Amber Grade	One or more medium severity breaches identified. The Homes England audit report will show that the provider has failed to meet some requirements but has not misapplied public money. The provider will be expected to correct identified problem(s) in future schemes and current developments.
Red Grade	One or more high level severity breaches identified, the Homes England audit report will show that the provider has failed to meet some requirements and there has been a risk of misapplication of public funds.

Compliance Audit Grade and Judgement

Final Grade	Green - Meets requirements
Judgement Summary	On review of the evidence provided, the outcome of the audit has shown the provider has complied with all the programme requirements and guidance. A GREEN grade has been assigned and no breaches were identified.

Scheme/Completions details

Scheme ID/ Completion ID	Address/Site ID	Scheme type
1024613	45 Hughenden Road, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 3TG	Next Steps Accommodation - Capital

Audit Results

Number of Schemes/Completions Audited	1
Number of Breaches Assigned	0
Number of High Severity Breaches	0
Number of Medium Severity Breaches	0
Number of Low Severity Breaches	0