Template press release for MP visits

[MP] visits housing association putting ‘homes at the heart’ of recovery

[Housing association] has opened its doors to [MP], as it calls for the government to put **‘**homes at the heart**’** of the country’s recovery from coronavirus.The housing association was visited on [date] by [MP], who was shown [details of what the MP saw on the visit/who they met].

[Housing association], which provides [number] homes in [local area], is backing the Homes at the Heart campaign, which calls for a once-in-a-generation investment in social housing to help the country recover from coronavirus. This would helptoboost the economy, create jobs, and provide safe and secure homes for those most in need.

The campaign is organised by the National Housing Federation, the Chartered Institute of Housing, homelessness charity Crisis, the National Federation of ALMOs, and the Association of Retained Council Housing. It is also backed by over 50 supporters, ranging from Carers UK to Natwest. [Include quote from a senior staff member at your housing association, describing the impact investment in social housing will have in your area or talking about the MP visit.]Example of a quote from senior staff:Joanna Brooks, Chief Executive of Maplegrove Housing Trust, said: “I was delighted to welcome Susan Brown MP to Maplegrove Housing Trust so that she could meet some of our residents, and see the huge amount of work we do to support both them and the wider community. “Investing in new social housing, like the homes we provide, will be a key way to help the country recover from the coronavirus crisis. It will help thousands of people – not just in Maplegrove but across the country – find somewhere decent they can afford to live. This includes the key workers who have kept the country going, as well as people who are at risk of homelessness. At the same time, it would also help to boost our economy, supporting businesses and creating jobs for local people.

[Include a quote from the MP who visited, if possible. Alternatively, you could include a comment from a resident or staff member]

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Notes for editors:

Provide contact details for your PR or media team, or whoever in your organisation it would be best to contact about this story.Give a brief description of your housing association - where it is based, what services you offer and who your residents are. For more information visit: [put website address here]

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