

WRIGLEYS  
— SOLICITORS —

# COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING

We recognise that  
you want to build  
communities, not  
just houses.



Members and supporters of Chapeltown Cohousing in  
Leeds, celebrating the opening of their new community.

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Wrigleys has been advising on community-led housing projects since we were established in the late nineties and our team are nationally regarded as experts in the sector.

Our work spans community land trusts, cohousing developments, housing co-operatives and mutual homeownership societies. Our lawyers are friendly, experienced and empathetic, and we develop trusted, lasting relationships with our clients.

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## WHY YOU SHOULD SPEAK TO WRIGLEYS

<b>Clear Pricing</b>	We understand the importance of budget certainty, especially at the early stages of a project. We always aim to give fee estimates for discrete pieces of work and can agree fixed fees in some cases. This gives you the comfort that the quality legal advice you need will be provided at the price you have agreed in advance.
<b>Experience</b>	We have been working with community-led housing developments for decades and understand the way these unique projects work and their bespoke requirements.
<b>Empathy</b>	We know that developing a community-led housing project is a significant task with huge emotional investment and we will be there to help guide you through the legal process.
<b>National Presence</b>	We are based in Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle, but advise clients all over the UK. We host regular events for community-led housing groups to come together and share their knowledge and experiences. We are involved in national debates and policy discussions about the community-led housing sector and regularly speak at conferences and seminars.

“You have guided us with skill and patience to this stage on our journey and in a world where there are so many stories about frustration with solicitors, it is so good for us to have found a team in which we are totally confident. Thank you.”

On The Brink Cohousing

# GETTING STARTED

Visit <https://www.wrigleys.co.uk/charities-and-social-economy/community-led-housing/> to sign up to our mailing list and benefit from:-

<b>FREE</b>	Copy of our Guide to Legal Structures for Community-Led Housing projects.
<b>FREE</b>	Initial call for all new clients, of up to 20 minutes, to discuss the legal aspects of your plans.
<b>FREE</b>	Email bulletins, updating you on the latest legal developments in the community-led housing sector.

## WHAT WE CAN HELP YOU WITH

<b>PROPERTY LAW</b>	<b>SOCIAL INVESTMENT</b>
Site and property acquisitions	Community share and bond issues
Homes England requirements	Loan agreements and mortgages
Sales of individual residential properties	Share offer document assurance
Leases and tenancy agreements	Start-up funding: seed and peer finance
<b>LEGAL STRUCTURE</b>	<b>COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS</b>
Choosing the right legal structure	Service level agreements
Governance & regulation	Management agreements
Advice on operating an effective board	Commercial arrangements
Joint venture and partnership agreements	Memoranda of understanding

## OUR CLIENTS INCLUDE:

- Leeds Community Homes
- Lancaster Cohousing
- LILAC (Mutual Home Ownership Society)
- Brighton & Hove Community Land Trust
- Cannock Mill Cohousing
- Yorspace
- Chapelton Cohousing (ChaCo)
- Lune Valley Community Land Trust
- Ham Wharf Moorings Co-operative
- Lowfield Green Housing Co-operative

“Wrigleys’ assistance has been invaluable in helping us achieve a legal structure and to set up the purchase of our intended property...from the outset this has been done with a high degree of professionalism.”

The Open House Project.

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