

Media Release

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MORE HOMES FOR FAMILIES IN ALPHINGTON

Across Victoria, Millennials and young families are locked out of the housing market.

That's why Labor is delivering affordable homes on underutilised sites, near transport, services and jobs.

Minister Shing today announced Nightingale Housing will build 70 homes on a former rail spur in Alphington.

Delivered under the Allan Labor Government's landmark Small Sites program, seven of the properties will be affordable homes for women and children.

Featuring a pocket park and a new pedestrian and cycling connection between Grange Road, Hamilton Street and Railway Place, families will be able to walk or cycle to local shops, transport, schools and work.

Every Victorian family deserves to have a roof over their head. Labor is taking action to deliver homes right across Victoria, including up to 1,000 homes across 14 sites in the Small Sites Program.

Expressions of Interest are currently open for 10 more sites located in:

- Baxter
- Bendigo
- Middle Brighton
- North Brighton
- Camberwell
- Carlton
- Croydon South
- Heidelberg West
- Herne Hill
- Preston

The Liberals oppose more housing in Melbourne's inner suburbs – only Labor will make housing more affordable.

More information about Small Sites is available at development.vic.gov.au/projects.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Development Victoria and Precincts Harriet Shing

"Millennials and young families deserve the choice to live in suburbs like Alphington that are well-connected to local shops, transport and services."

"The Liberals are denying young families the opportunity to live closer to where they grew up, by locking homebuyers out of Melbourne's inner suburbs."

Quotes attributable to Nightingale Housing Head of Community Toby Dean

"Working alongside Development Victoria allows us to transform under-utilised land into much-needed housing that's close to public transport, services, and local amenities, exactly where people want to live."

"By teaming up with Women's Property Initiatives to deliver a portion of homes as affordable, long-term, secure rental housing we can help more women and women-headed households have access to truly high-quality homes."

"We're creating opportunities for connection, from communal areas where neighbours can meet to thoughtful design moves like the new linear link that will foster movement and interaction across the site and broader community."

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Quote attributable to Member for Northcote Kate Theophanous

“This vacant site has been part of our community conversations for years and together with residents we’ve advocated for an outcome that delivers real community benefits. That’s exactly what this project will achieve – with much needed housing, open space and a crucial pathway connection from South Alphington to Fairfield Village.”