

HAPPY HOUSE HUNTING

Property	1	2	3	4	5	6
Location The area should feel like a place rather than just a group of properties. Does it have a strong sense of identity?						
Is there housing in the area for a cross-section of people with a variety of needs?						
Does the area have well-designed streets and public spaces?						
Neighbourhood Does the area feel safe and is it easy to navigate by street and on foot?						
Do streets and pathways connect with the surrounding area?						
Is it well lit at night?						
Is there easy access to public transport?						
Is the property near local amenities, such as a shop, chemist, or post office?						
Are there local community facilities that you would use, such as a nursery, community hall or school?						
Position Is the property orientated to make the most of the sun?						
Do homes take priority over street layout and car parking?						

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Do windows look out over pedestrian routes and public areas for extra security?						
Does the home have <i>Secured by Design</i> accreditation or does it successfully adopt similar principles (open at the front, enclosed at the back)?						
Home design						
Do you know how the property is constructed? Will it be easy to maintain? Is it adequately soundproofed?						
Does the property have rooms that can be put to different uses and can it be adapted/converted/ expanded?						
Is the property well insulated and does it have other energy efficient features such as double-glazing?						
Is there plenty of built-in storage?						
Outdoor space						
Does the property have access to private open space – a garden, a balcony?						
Does the property have sensitively integrated car parking?						
Would you be proud to call this home?						