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# UK BTR Market Outlook

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# Agenda

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Investment

Sub-sector  
Diversification

Market Drivers

Supply

Resident  
Experience

# Defining “Build to Rent”



## Multifamily

- Flat-led schemes
- Urban locations
- Targets young professionals



## Co-living

- Studio flats
- Extensive amenity spaces
- Community-focus
- Similar to PBSA



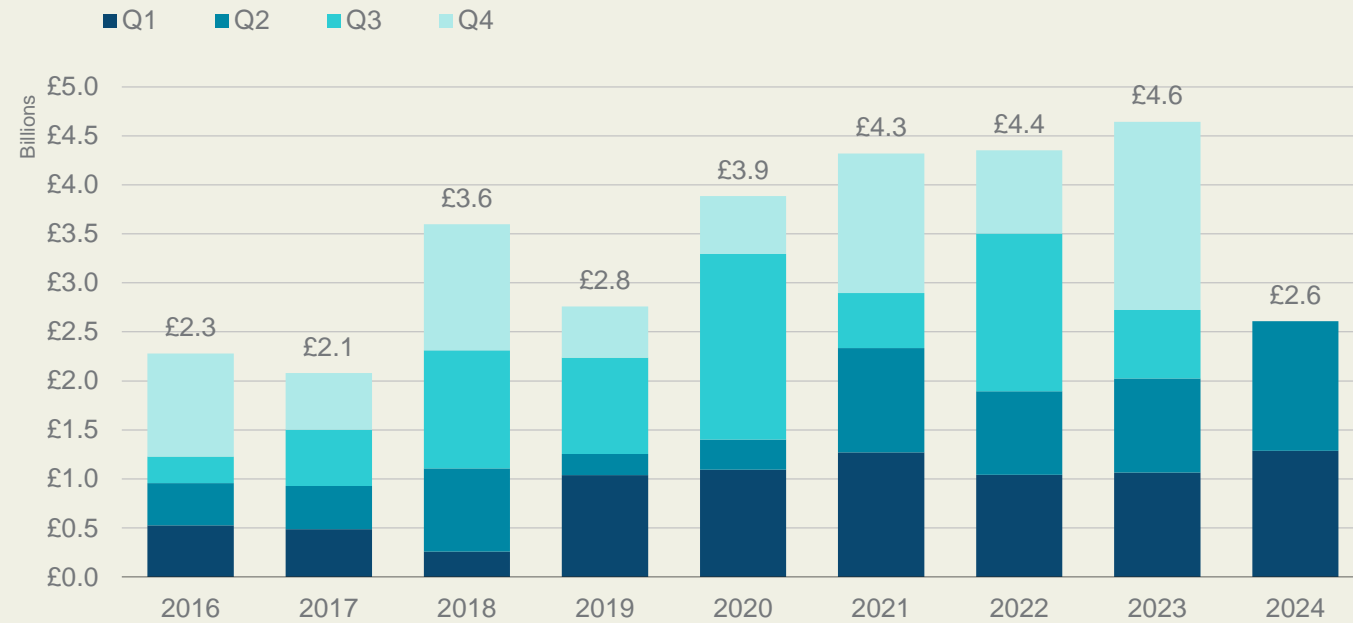
## Single Family Housing

- House-led schemes
- Suburban locations
- Targets families

# BTR Investment Volumes

## BTR Investment Volumes, UK

£, billions



Source: Knight Frank Research

**£33 bn**

Investment into UK  
BTR since 2016

**£2.6 bn**

H1 2024 BTR  
investment, up 29%  
YoY

Source: Knight Frank Research

Investment volumes cover funding deals or the trading of stabilised assets. Excludes refinancing and land sales

# Capital Trends

**20%**

of investment since 2020 from new entrants

**53%**

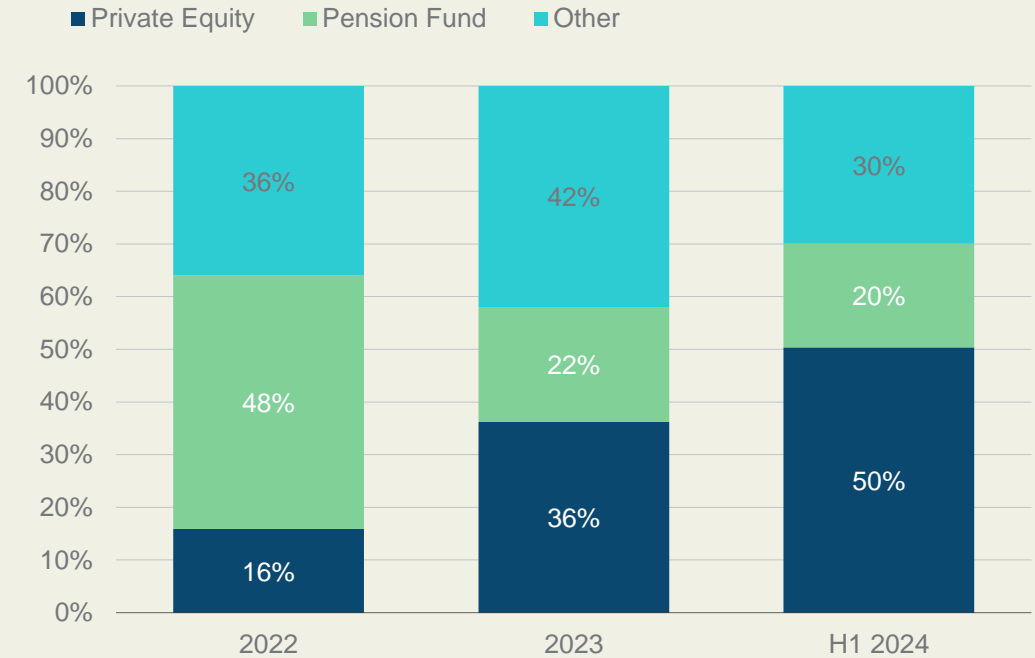
of investment since 2020 from cross-border capital

**50%**

of investment since in H1 2024 from private equity

## UK BTR Investment: Type of Capital

% of investment (£)

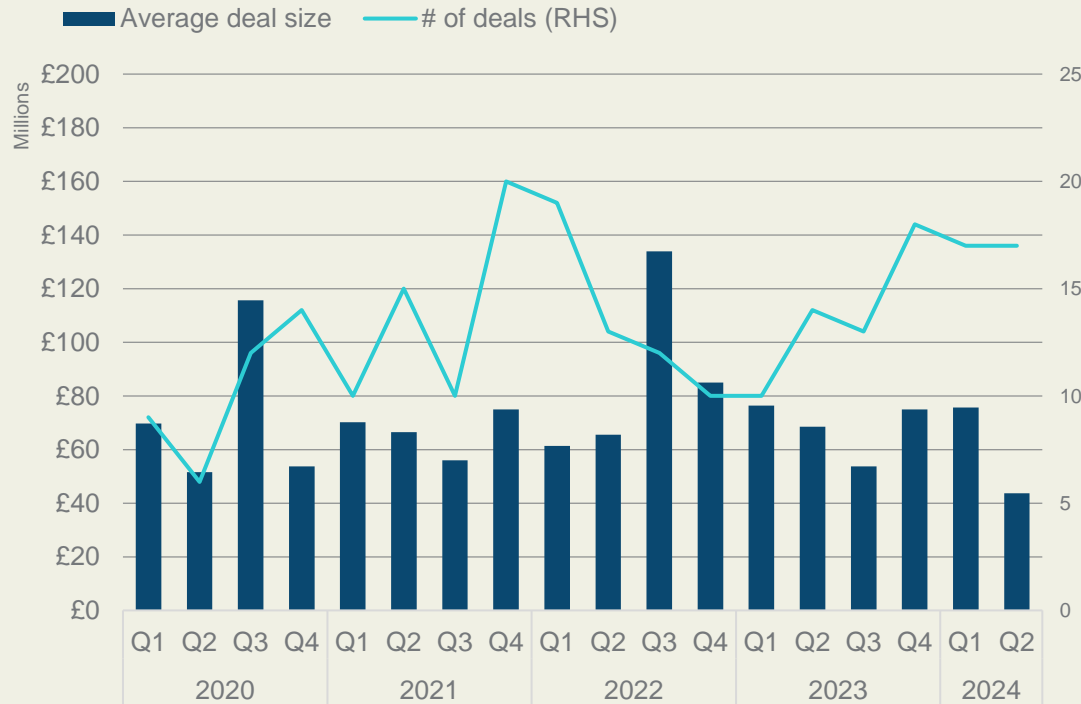


Source: Knight Frank Research

# Greater Liquidity for Smaller Deals

## More deals, smaller deals

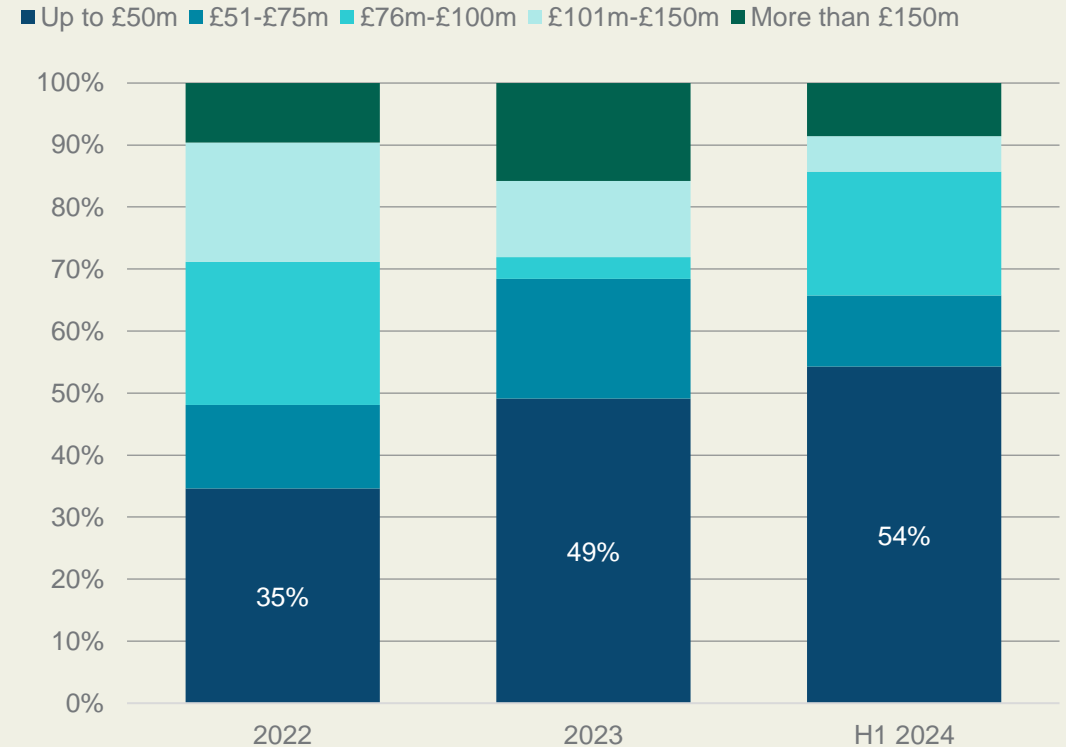
Average BTR transaction value and number of deals



Note: Excludes six transactions of £300m and above.  
Source: Knight Frank Research

## Number of Deals by Price Band

% of total #



Source: Knight Frank Research

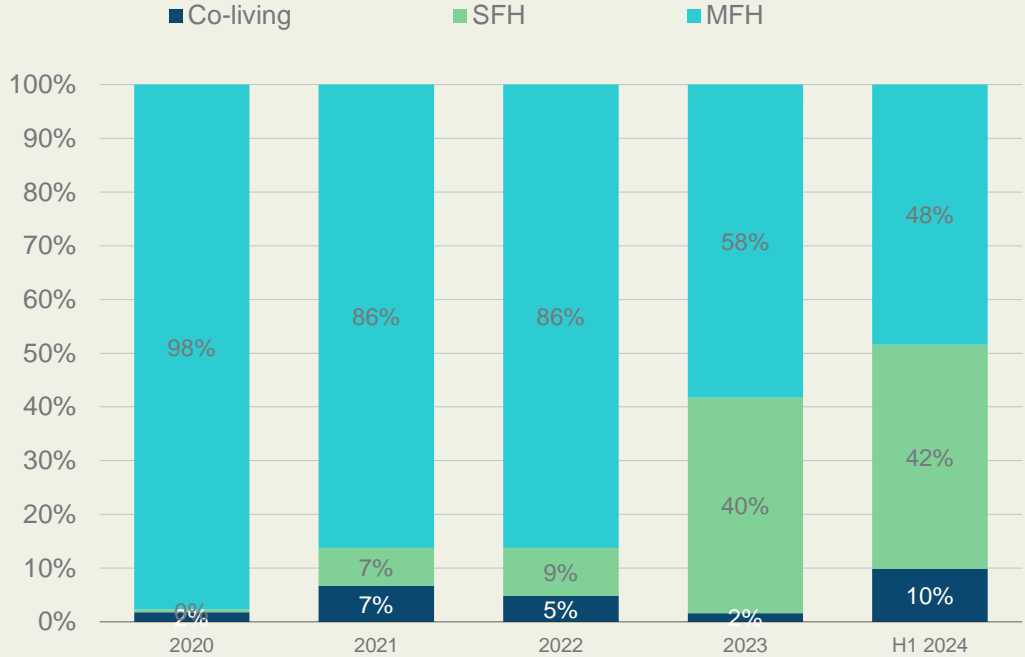
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# Sub-sector Diversification Continues

## BTR Investment by Sub-sector, UK

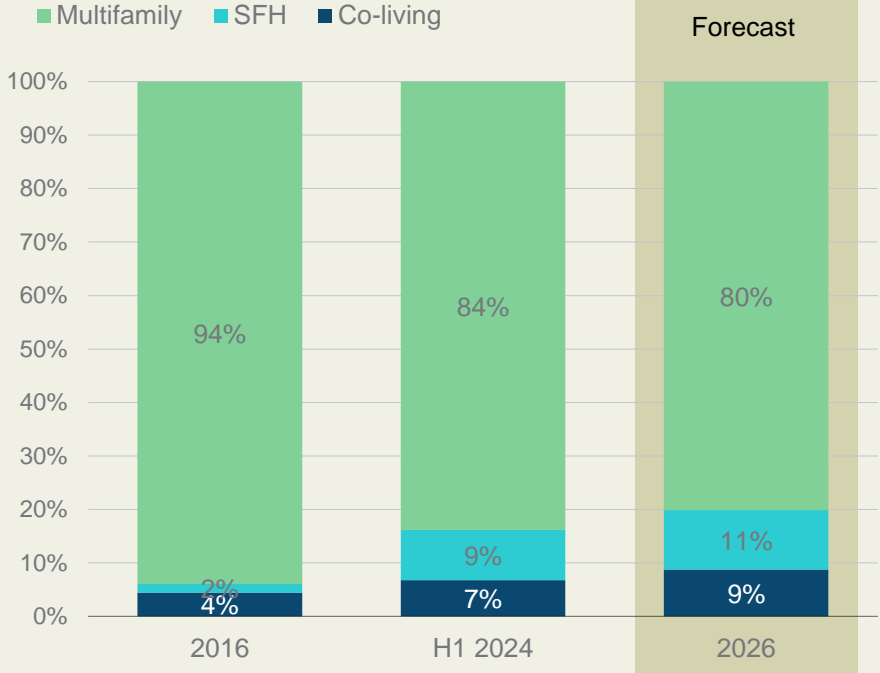
% of investment (£)



Source: Knight Frank Research

## Complete BTR Supply by Sub-sector and Year, UK

# units as % of total



Note: 2026 figures are based on the current pipeline of units that are due to complete by 2026.  
Source: Knight Frank Research

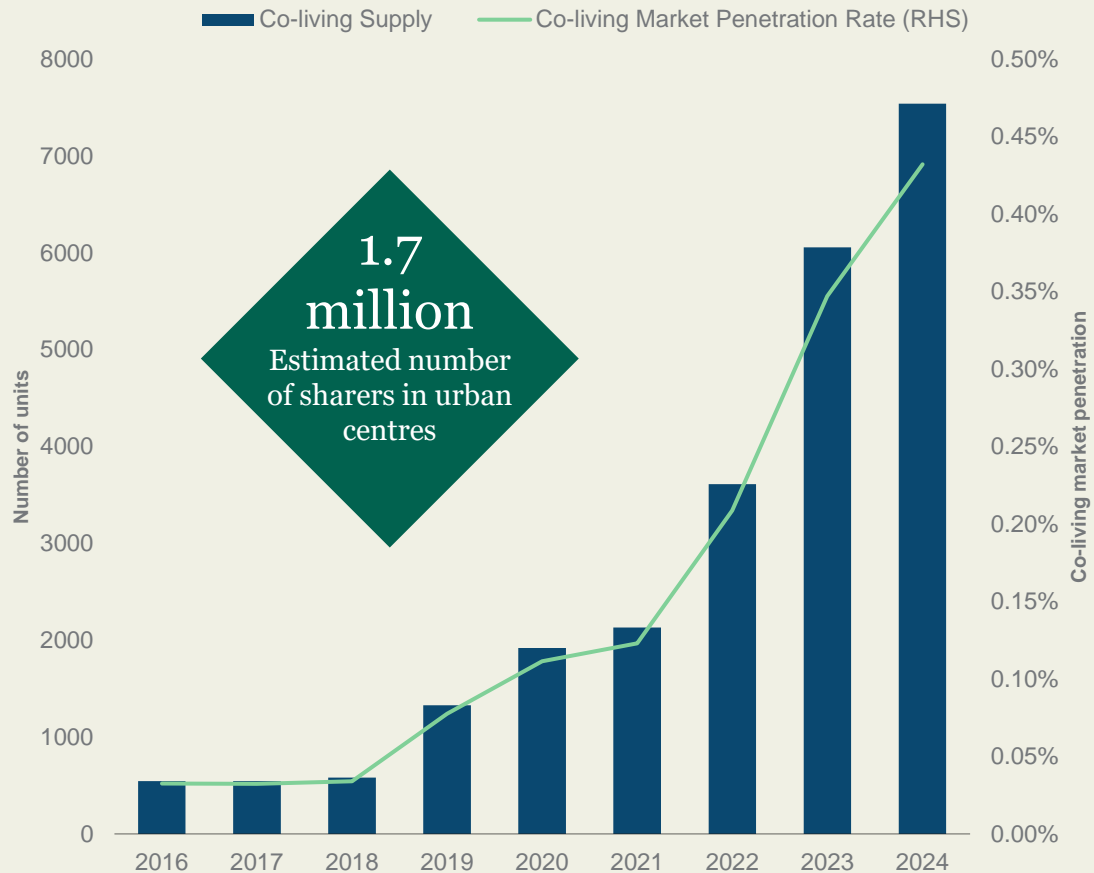
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# Co-living offers a value for money alternative...

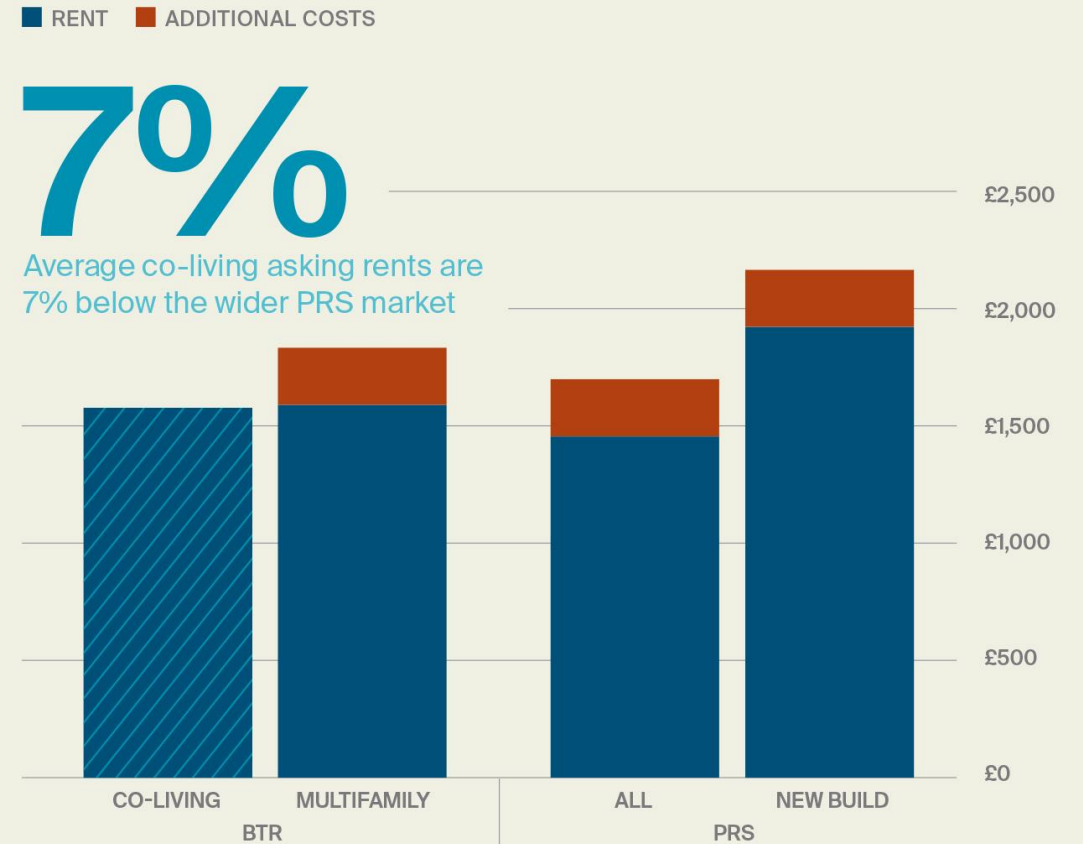
## Co-living market supply and penetration rates

% of sharer individuals catered for by complete co-living supply



## Co-living 'all-in cost' rental comparison

Average asking rent per bedroom in London including bills\*

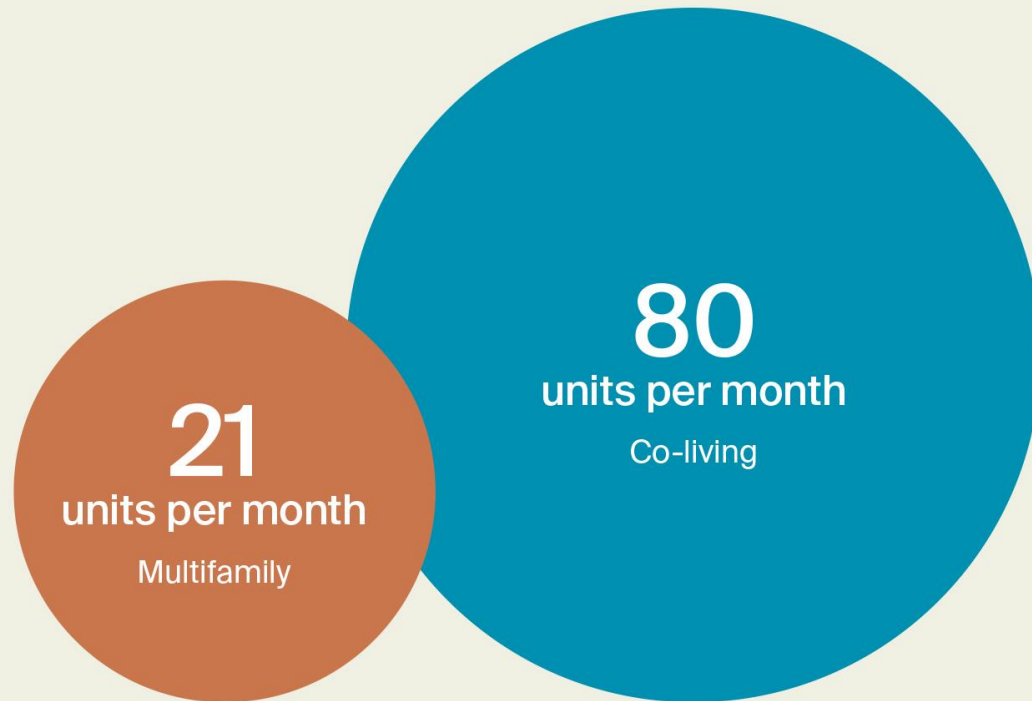




# ... and is in demand from a board demographic

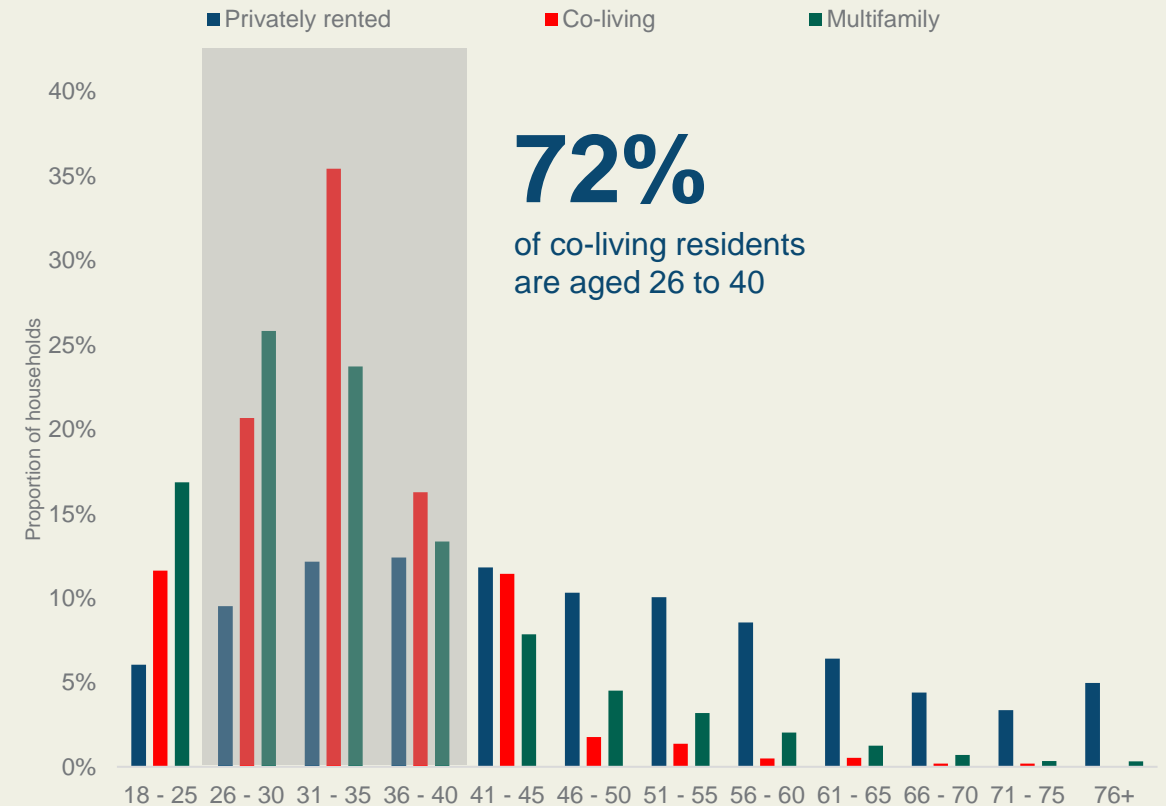
## Lease-up: Co-living vs Multifamily

Average number of units let per month in schemes that completed since 2020



## Proportion of households by age and property type

% of total



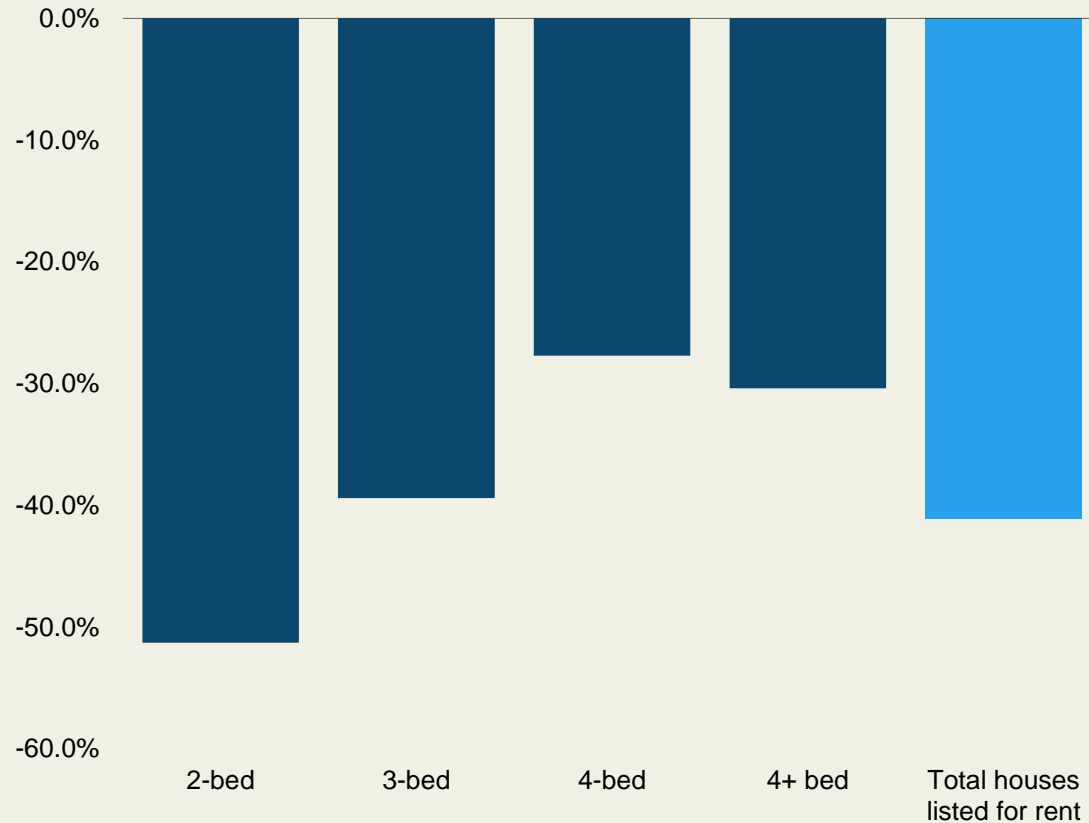
Source: Knight Frank Research, Rightmove

Note: Lease up analysis is based on 73 multifamily schemes and seven co-living schemes in London that have completed since 2020. Schemes are considered stabilised when they are 95% let.

# SFH Market Drivers

## Fall in available supply of rental houses

Number of listings in Q4 2023 v 2017-19 average



## Rise in long-term renters

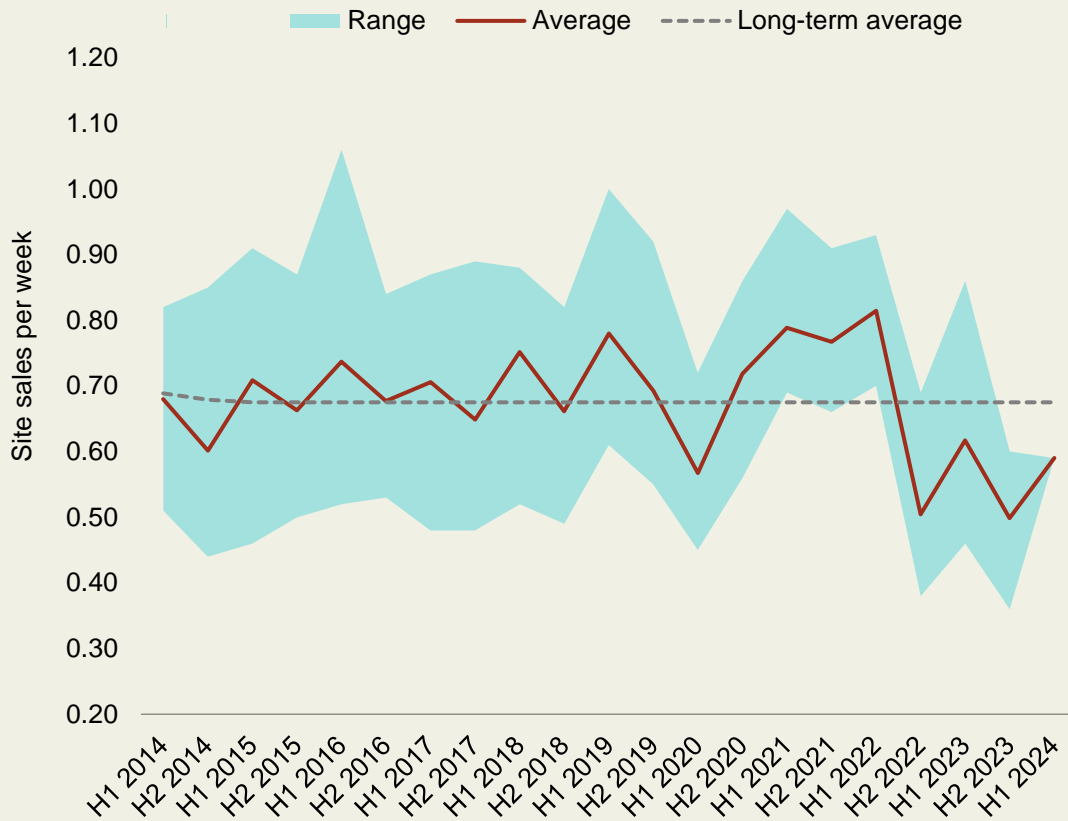
Proportion of private renters who have lived at their current address for 5 years or more



# Slowing housebuilder sales rates

## Site sales per week

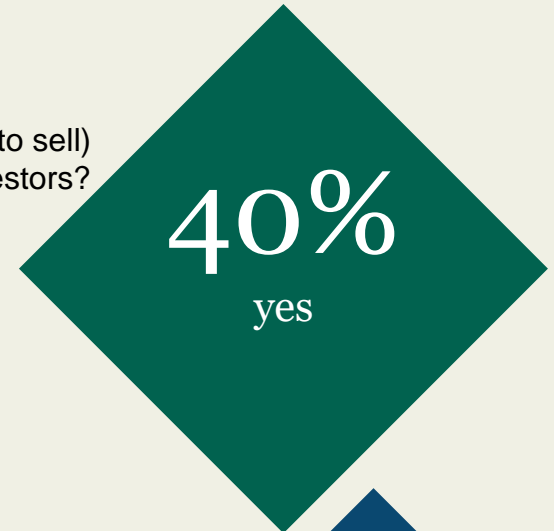
Major UK housebuilders



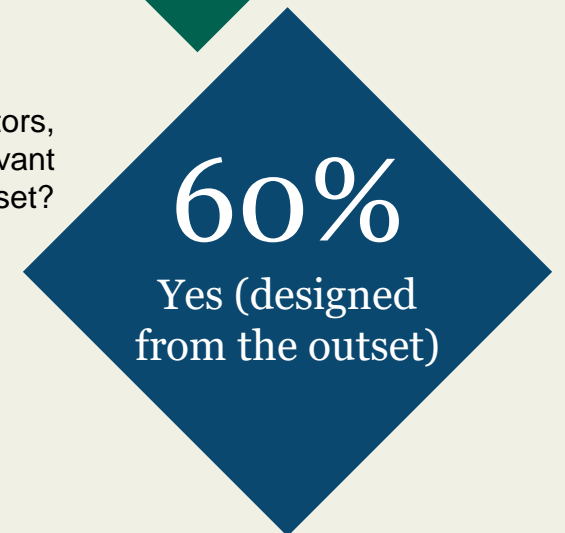
## Knight Frank Housebuilder Survey

Q4 2023

Have you sold (or do you intend to sell) units to BTR or SFH investors?



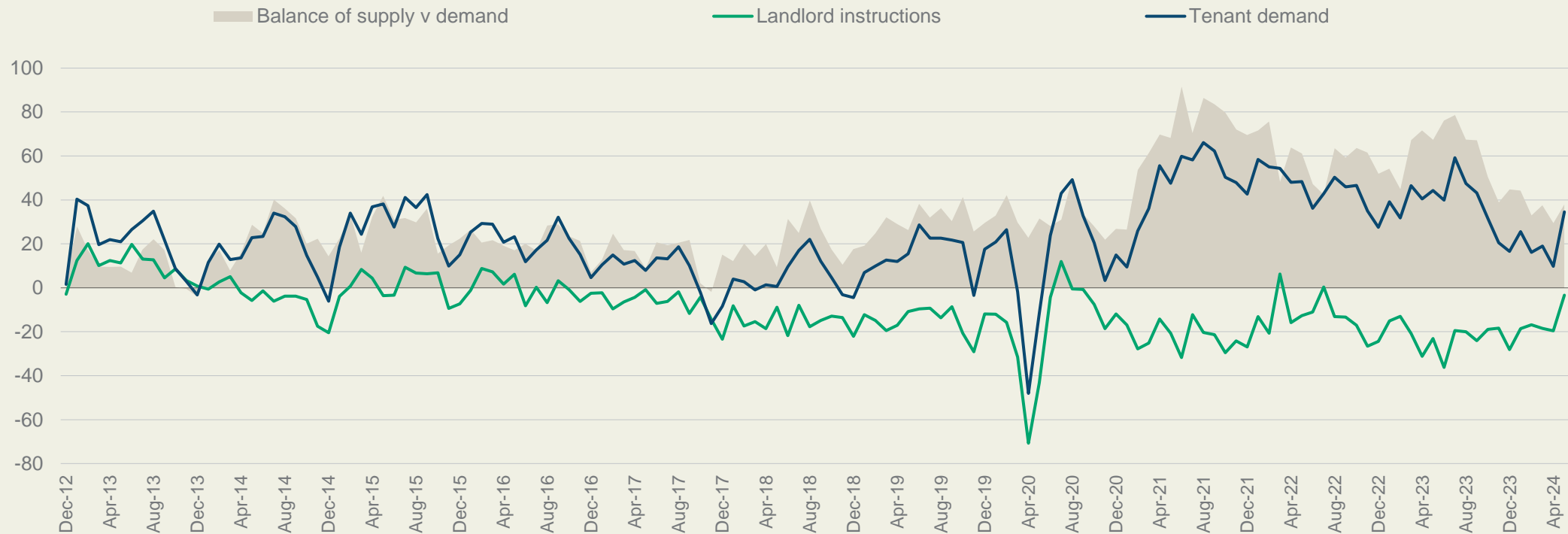
If you have sold to BTR or SFH investors, did you prioritise incorporating relevant design elements from the outset?



# PRS Demand Continues to Outpace Supply

## Balance of rental demand v supply, UK

Net balance tenant demand and landlord instructions



Source: Knight Frank Research, RICS

# PRS Supply is Falling

**50%**

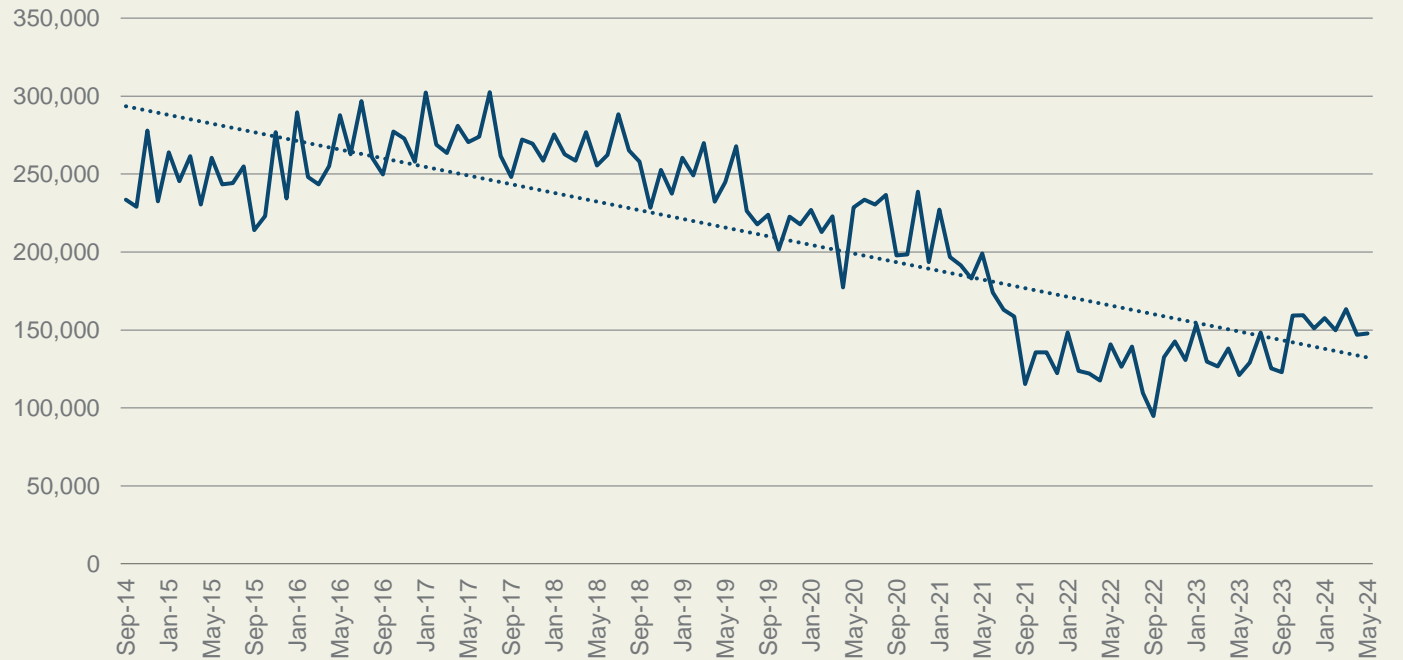
Drop in rental listings since pre-pandemic

**500k**

BTL mortgage redemptions since 2016

Total Rental Listing Volumes, UK

# listings



Source: Knight Frank Research, Rightmove

# Policy changes could squeeze supply further

## Landmark reforms to give greater security for 11 million renters

Section 21 evictions banned to protect renters from key driver of homelessness and empower them to speak up against discriminatory treatment.

From: [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#) and [The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP](#)

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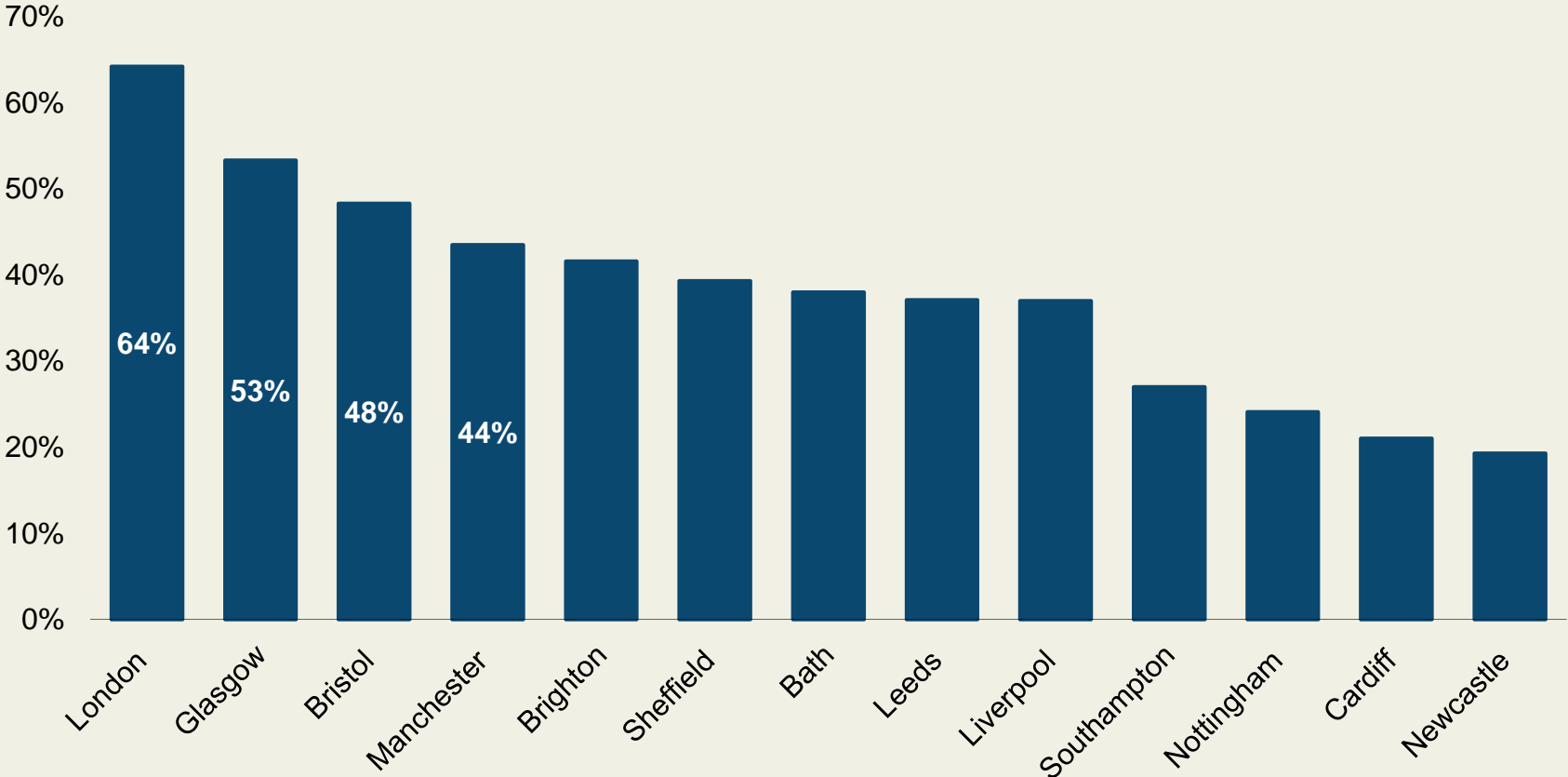
*“One thing that this Government will do that the last Government did not, is demand that landlords raise the standard of their accommodation to a proper **energy performance certificate standard C by 2030.**”*

Ed Miliband, Energy Security and Net Zero Secretary

# Rental demand here to stay

## Graduate Retention by City

% of respondents indicating they will stay in the city in which they study after graduation



**38%**

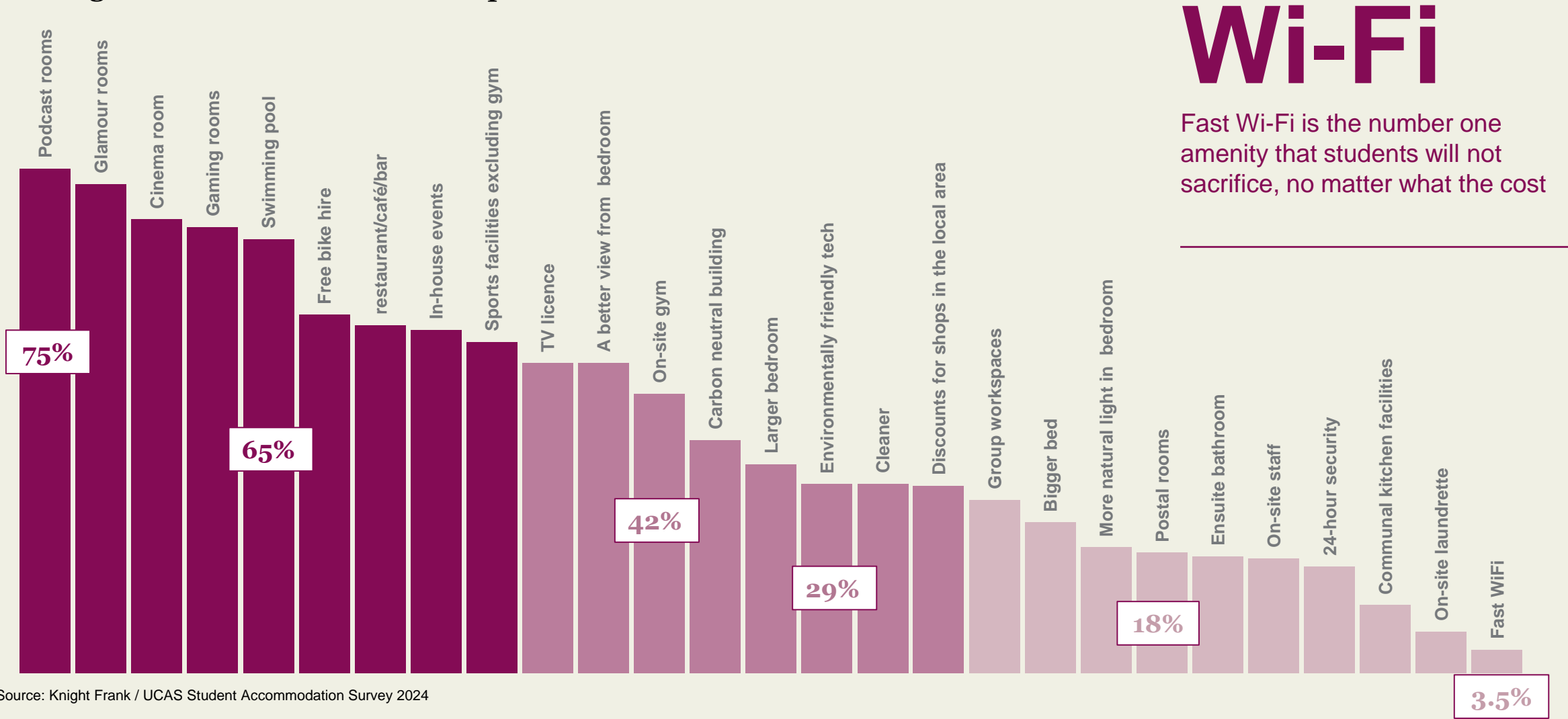
Of final year students said they intend to stay in the city in which they study after graduation

**60%**

of final year students indicated that they would consider living in a purpose-built development when they graduate

# Amenity provision.. Back-to-Basics?

Willingness to EXCLUDE for cheaper rent

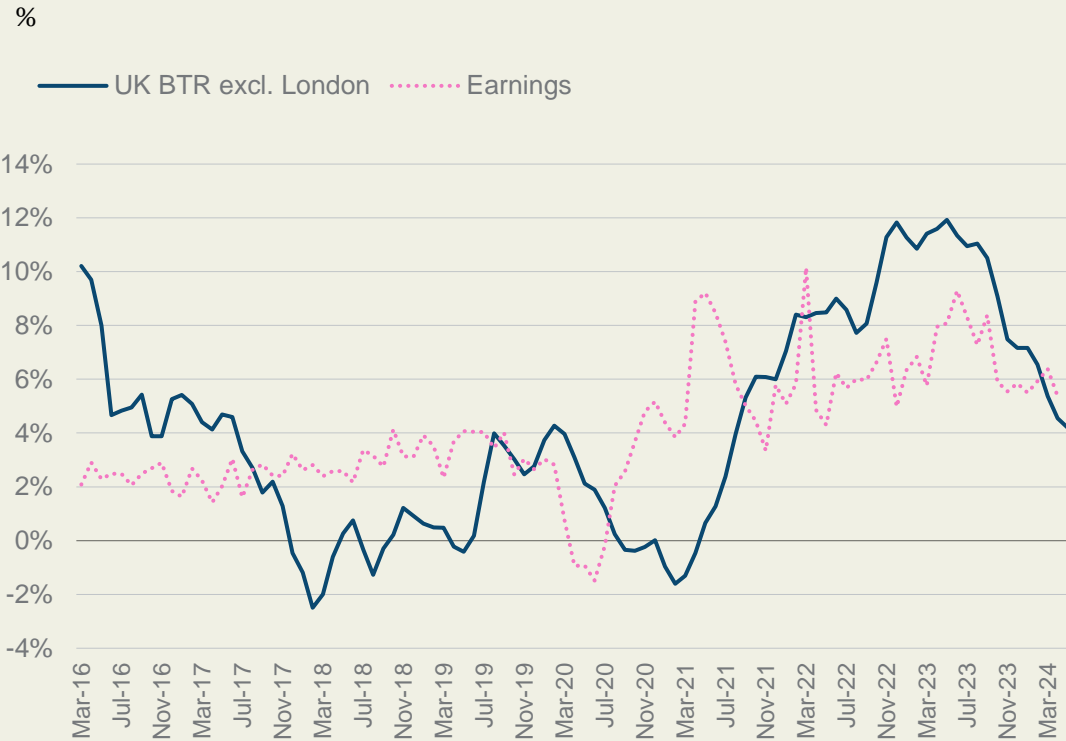


Source: Knight Frank / UCAS Student Accommodation Survey 2024



# Positive but easing rental growth

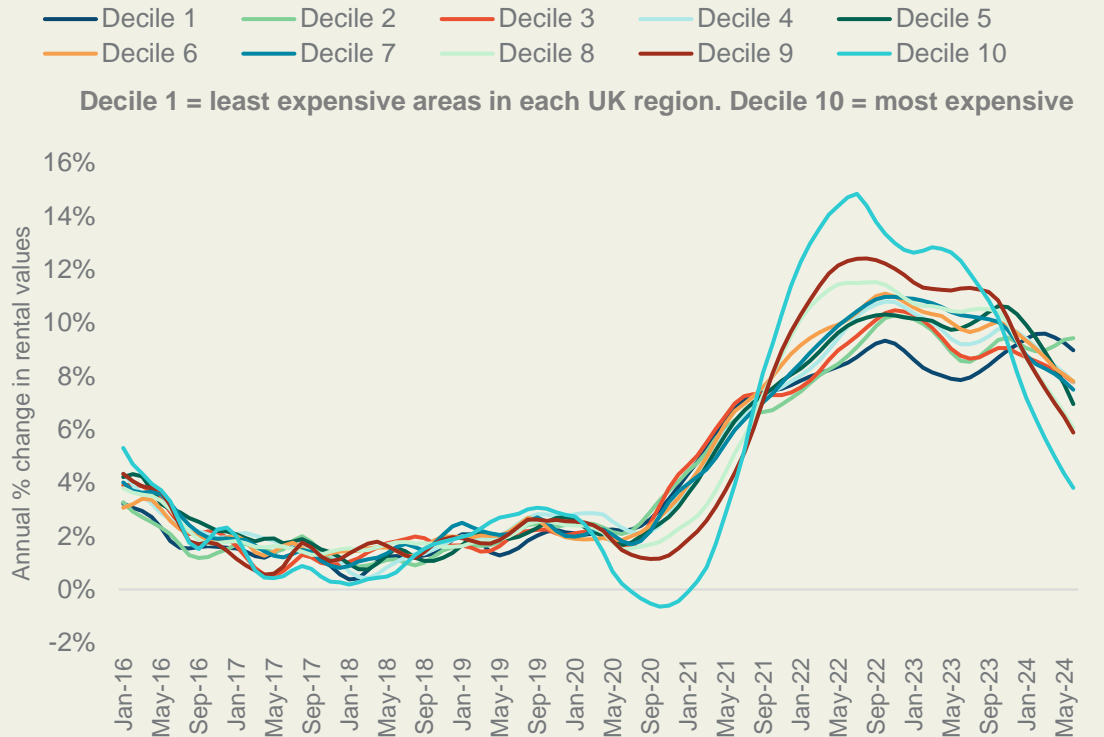
## BTR Rents vs Earnings, Year-on-Year



Source: Knight Frank Research, ONS

## More moderation at the top end of the rental market

Annual % change in rents by value (decile 10 = most expensive)

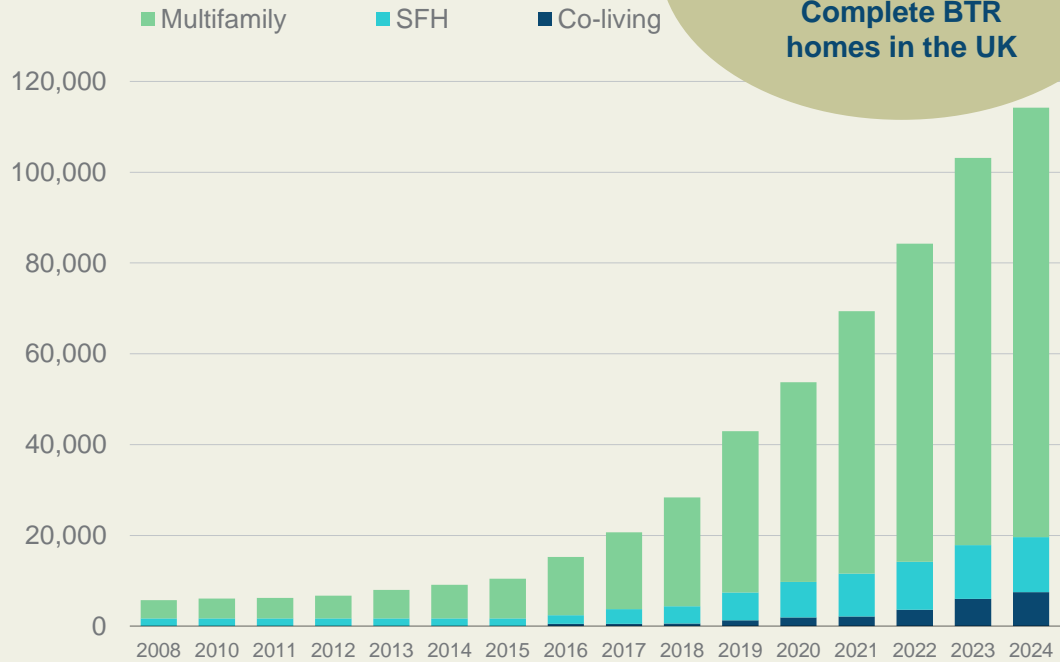


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# BTR Supply Continues to Grow

Cumulative UK BTR Supply by Sub-sector

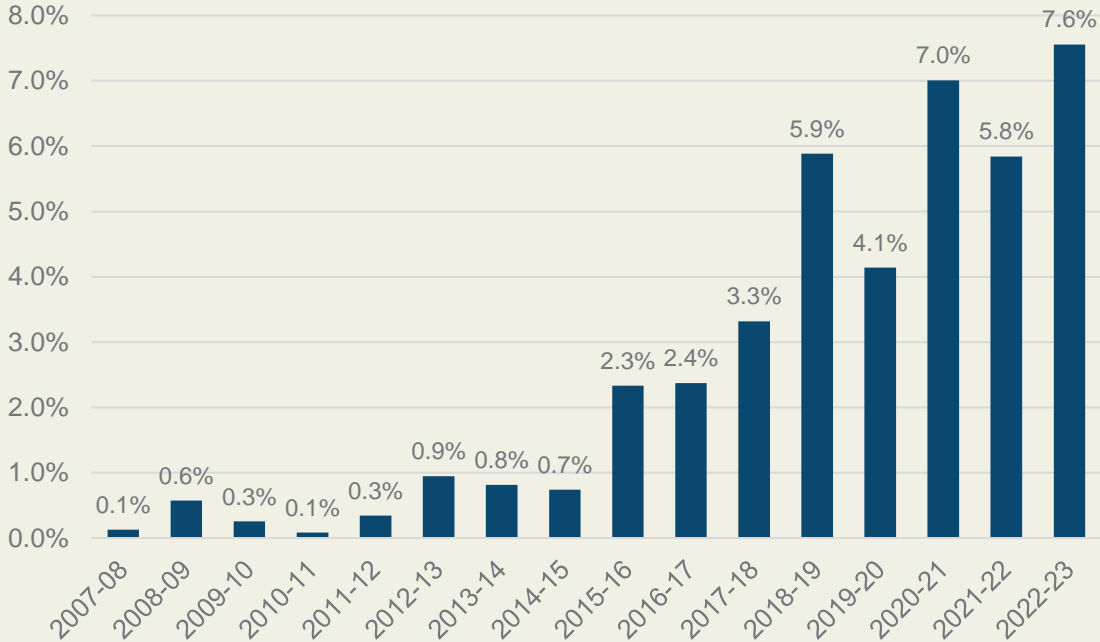
# units



Source: Knight Frank Research

BTR Supply as % of Total Net Additional Dwellings

England, 2007/08 - 2022/23

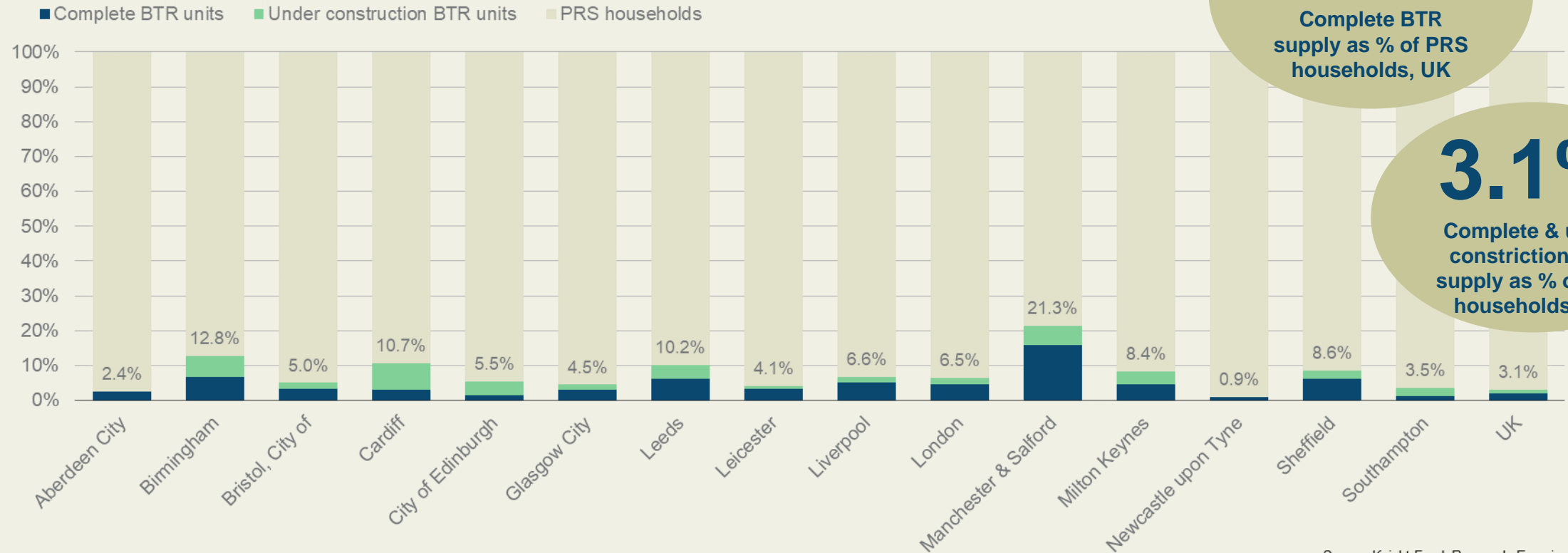


Source: Knight Frank Research, DLUHC

# Opportunity for Scale & Diversification

## BTR Market Penetration

BTR supply as % of PRS market (# households)

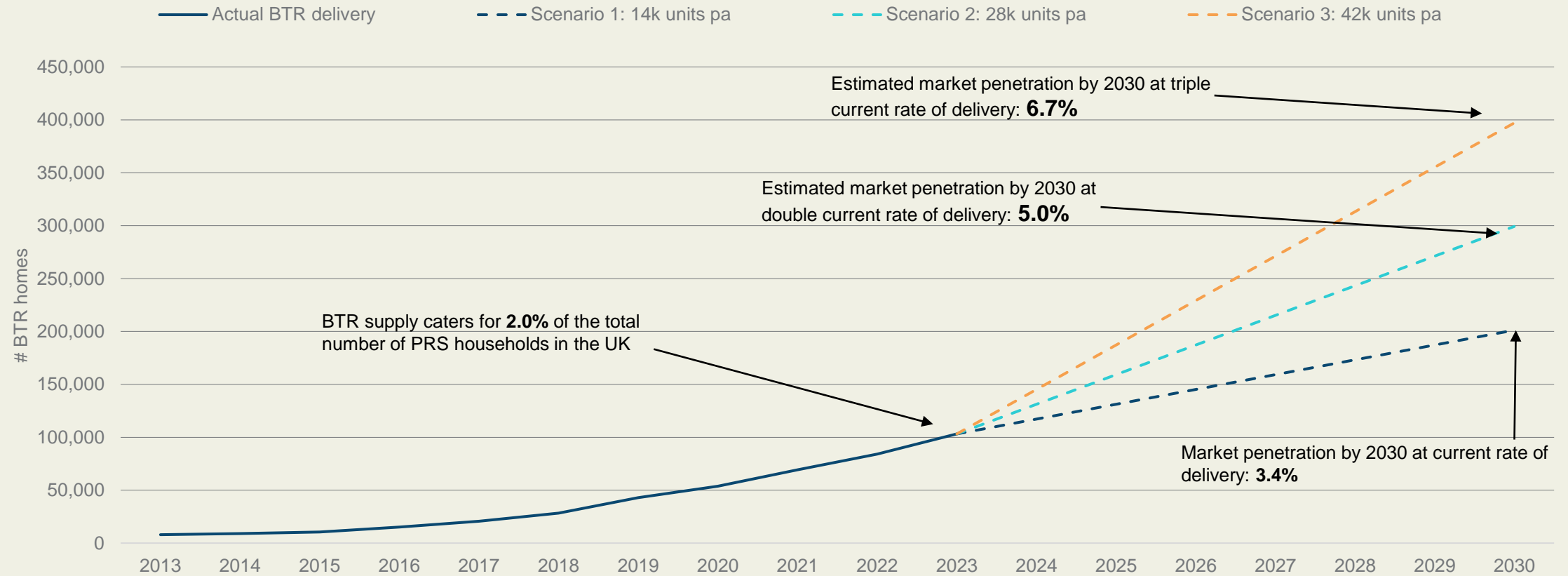


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# Chasing a Growing Target

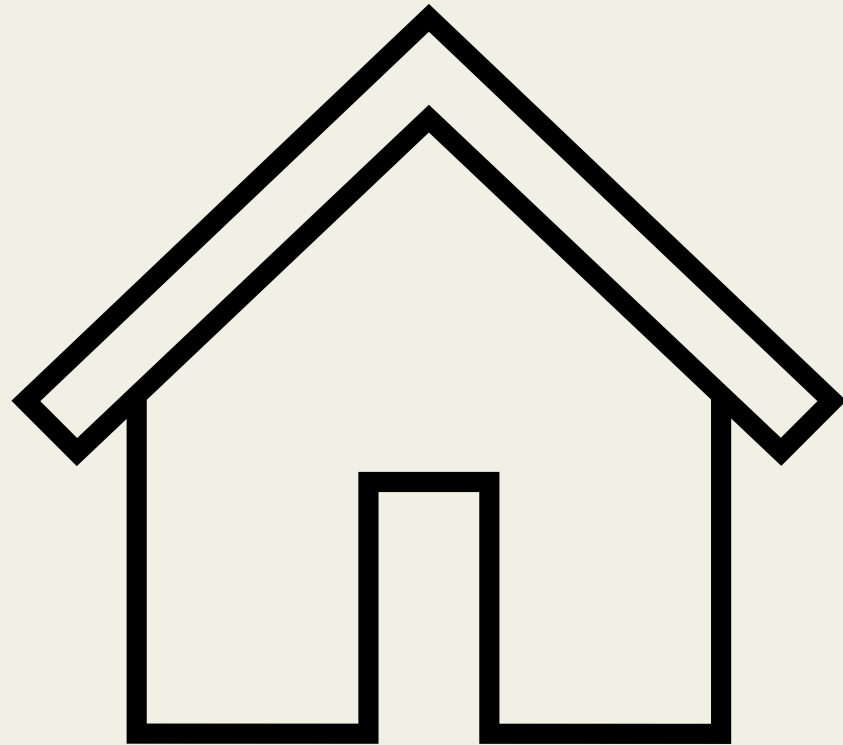
## What does scale look like?

Estimated BTR delivery and UK market penetration rates under different supply scenarios



Source: Knight Frank Research, ONS

NB. Market penetration is calculated by looking at the number of complete homes relative to total size of the private rented sector (PRS) and accounts for estimates of future PRS household growth



Social responsibility

Trust

Brand loyalty

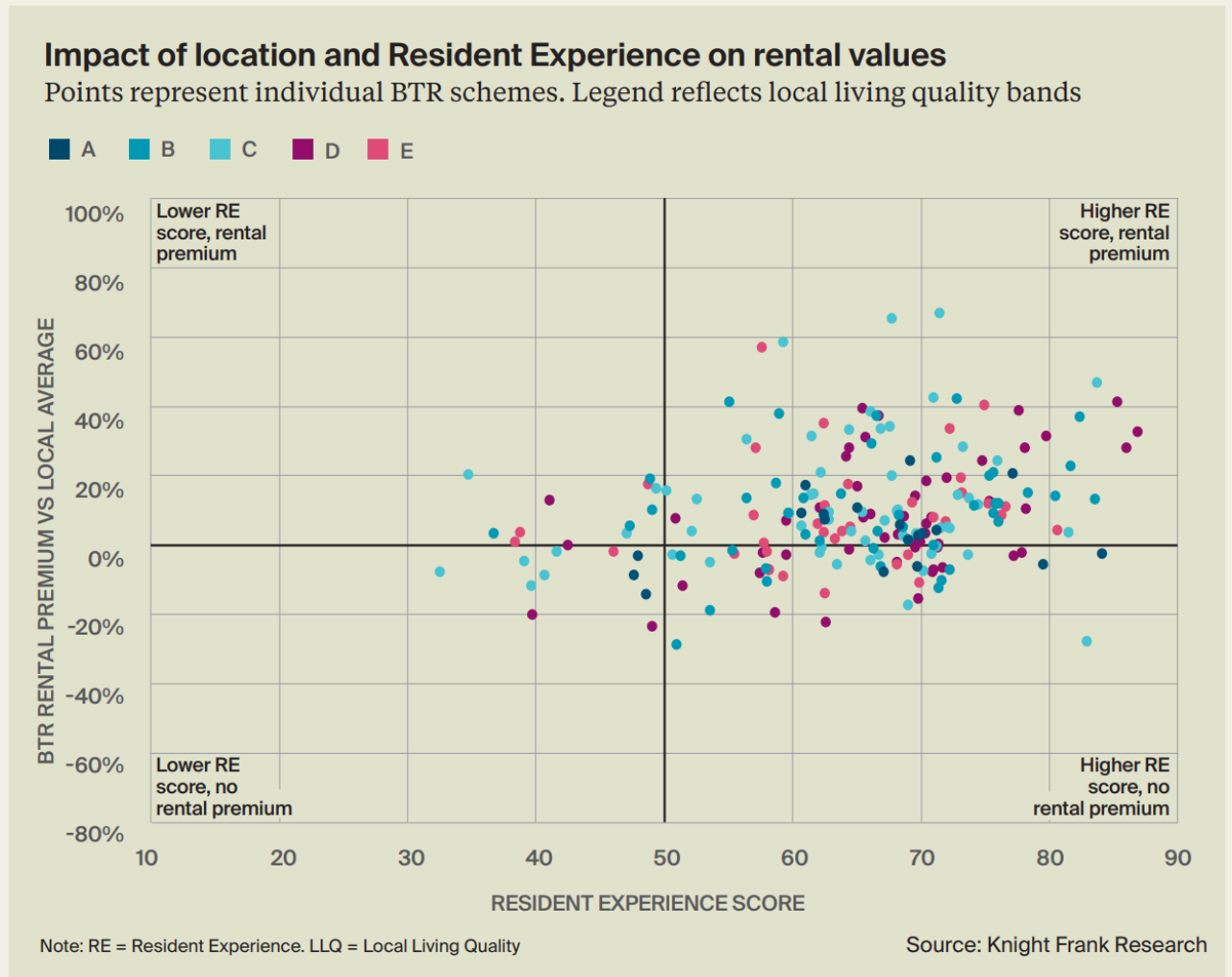
# Happy residents drive operational performance

**What does it take to be a Band A scheme for Resident Experience?**

Selected highlights across 12 metrics examined

- 4.0** Average HomeViews review score for Management
- 63 sqm** Average unit size
- 4.2** Average HomeViews review score for Value
- £5.29 per sqm** Lower energy costs
- 84** Average EPC score (EPC B-rating)
- 6** Average number of community-focused services, such as communal spaces and resident events
- 4.2** Average HomeViews review score for Facilities

Source: Knight Frank Research

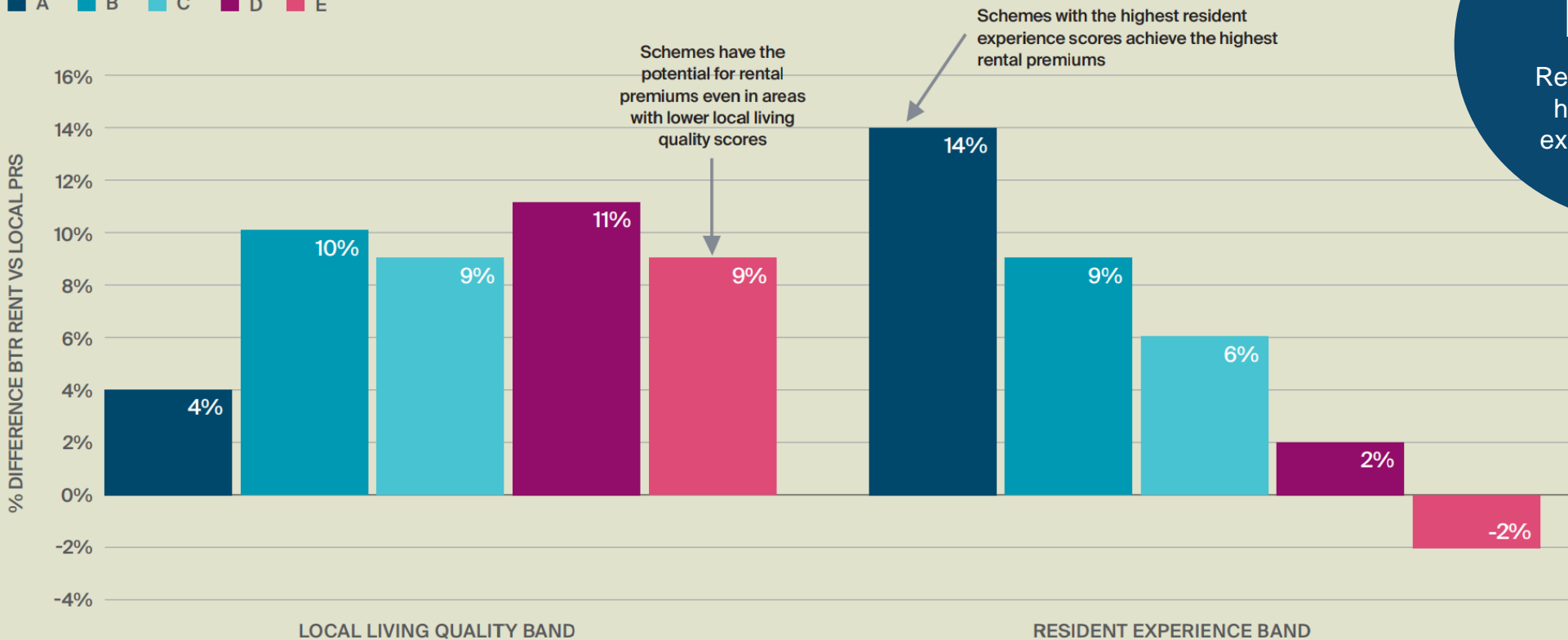


# Resident experience drives rental premiums

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Average BTR rent vs local average PRS rent, by local living quality and resident experience bands

■ A ■ B ■ C ■ D ■ E



**14%**  
Rental premium for highest resident experience scores

Source: Knight Frank Research

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