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ANOTHER NEW COUNCIL HOME FINISHED IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and Kensington & Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation (KCTMO) have once again collaborated to complete the twentieth new home in the 'Hidden Homes' programme. Developed at a total cost of £43,000, the project was completed under budget and the home will be managed by KCTMO.

It saw an underused community room at Holmefield House in Kensal New Town transformed into a spacious one bedroom apartment. This is the first new Council home in Kensington and Chelsea in over a year, following the creation of seven homes at the World's End Estate in 2015 – the last Hidden Homes development.

Commenting on the milestone, Councillor Rock Feilding-Mellen, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regeneration, said: "We all know the housing pressures that Kensington and Chelsea faces and I am delighted that we have completed our twentieth home.

"Our Hidden Homes strategy to convert underutilised spaces into new housing for those in need continues to be successful and the Council and KCTMO will work closely to identify new opportunities."

KCTMO Chief Executive Robert Black said: "It's always a challenge to create new homes within the constraints of an existing building, but I'm very pleased with the result here. We're extremely proud to be offering such innovative solutions."

"This home marks another milestone in a very successful partnership with the Council and our contractor Keepmoat. Its £43,000 development cost is a fraction of the average price for a one bedroom flat on the open market in this part of London."