



# Welcome to RSN Seminar Rural Affordable Housing

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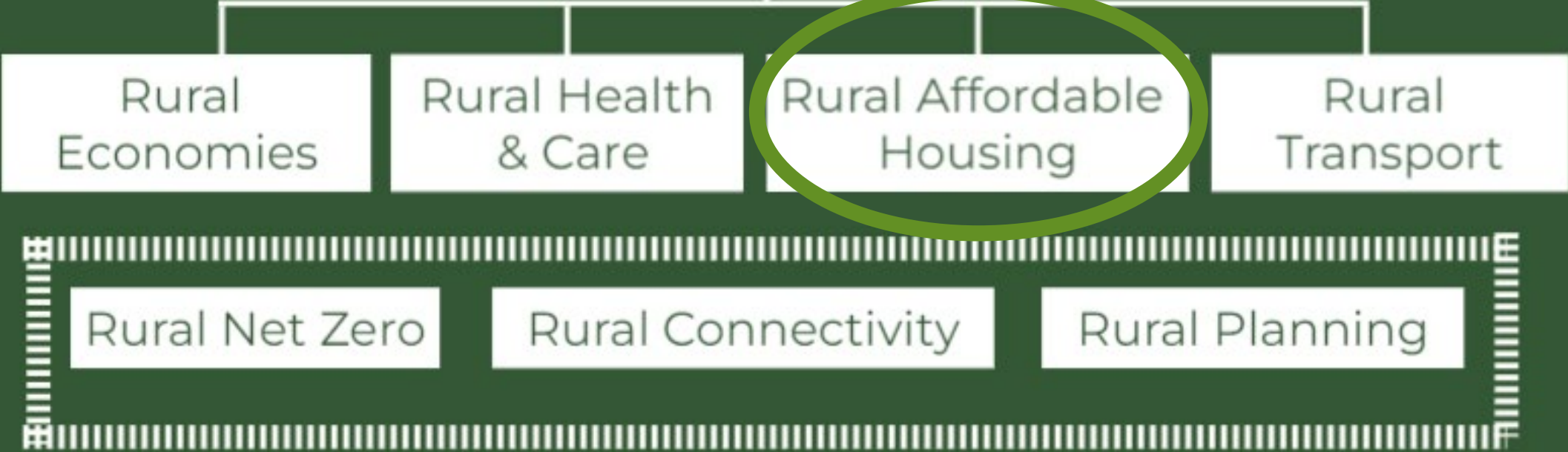
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**We want a fairer  
distribution of  
national resources  
to rural areas and  
for more nuanced  
national policies  
that reflect rural  
circumstances.**

# Rural Services Network

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# Holiday homes are 'hollowing out' coastal areas, says MP

Labour MP Luke Pollard says Covid-19 has 'turbo-charged' housing crisis in rural and coastal towns



Whitby residents have voted overwhelmingly for curbs on second homes. Photograph: Edwin Remsburg/Getty Images

Coastal communities are being "hollowed out irretrievably" by a surge in holiday homes, an MP has warned, as new figures showed more than 17,000 properties in England have been "flipped" into short-term lets since Covid-19.

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By Emma Gatten, ENVIRONMENT EDITOR  
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# Rural areas hit harder by cost-of-living crisis, study finds

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Severe cuts to countryside bus services means rural households rely more on cars, so are more vulnerable to fuel price rises.

By Claire Marshall  
 BBC Rural Affairs Correspondent

The cost-of-living crisis is hitting people living in rural areas harder than those living in towns and cities, according to a new report.

The study, by the Rural Services Network, says those in the countryside are spending much more on essentials like heating, transport and housing.

Facing "significantly higher" costs, they earn "much less" than their urban counterparts, the report found.

Since the pandemic, house prices have also soared in comparison to towns.

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# WHY IS RURAL HOMELESSNESS GETTING WORSE?

## News story

### Right to buy extension to make home ownership possible for millions more people

The Prime Minister has announced 2.5 million tenants renting their homes from housing associations will be given the right to buy them outright.

From: [Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street](#), [The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP](#), [The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP](#), and [The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP](#)

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Campaigning for a fair deal for rural communities

# What is RSN doing?

- Developing our asks for Government on rural housing
- Support the Rural Housing Alliance
- Part of the Rural Homelessness Counts Coalition
- Responding to Govt consultations with rural response – short term lets