

Rupali Court, Birmingham

Our first cohousing scheme

- **Development type:** Cohousing
- **Partner:** Legacy West Midlands
- **Developer:** Deeley Construction
- **Local authority partner:** Birmingham City Council
- **Start on site:** February 2024 2021
- **Date of completion:** 2026
- **Property type:** 25 properties for social rent



Our first cohousing project will be delivered on a site in Chain Walk, in Lozells in Birmingham. Titled Rupali Court by the local community, the means ‘silver’ in Bengali and ‘most beautiful’ in Indian, reflecting the positive connotations that silver has for older people in the Bengali community, alongside the character and spirit the completed scheme will encompass.

We purchased the derelict space from Birmingham City Council in 2023 to deliver 25 one- and two-bedroom apartments which will be available for social rent. Whilst enjoying the privacy of their own homes, the scheme will be centred around communal facilities and spaces, both inside and outside, to bring residents together and create a strong sense of community.



In addition to the 25 apartments, the scheme will also include a residents' lounge, a multi-faith room, landscaped communal garden and an allotment area for residents to grow their own vegetables.

There will also be a common house area with a kitchen and open space, where the community can come together to cook and eat, as well as space for activities.

Throughout the planning and design process, we have been working closely with the local community and prospective residents to create individual apartments and communal facilities that will meet the current and future needs of older people.

This process has been delivered in partnership with Legacy West Midlands, a recognised and trusted charity within the community that works to bring people together across diversity and inclusivity to celebrate and learn from cultural heritage.

Construction on site commenced in early 2024, ahead of completion in 2026.

“I have enjoyed being involved in the development of Rupali Court. I have lived in Lozells for many years now and it is so refreshing to see Housing 21 and Legacy West Midlands working together to create a place for older people in the community to call home.”

- Sajjidur Rahman, a prospective resident