

Javid visits modular housing factory

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Communities secretary Sajid Javid has visited a modular housing factory in Bedford, and said that modular construction can help deliver homes for first time buyers.



Javid visited the Vision Modular Systems factory in Bedford, which is used by

affordable housing developer Pocket – a company which has invested £40m in three modular developments in south London.

He said: “This Conservative Government has set out the most ambitious housing programme in a generation. We are doubling the housing budget with the ambition to deliver one million more homes for working people.

“That’s why it’s great to be visiting Pocket today. Modular construction is a really exciting initiative which is helping to increase the supply of affordable housing and making homeownership possible for more and more people.”

Pocket Chief Executive Marc Vlessing added:

“Pocket is always looking for new and innovative ways to deliver affordable housing for London’s first time buyers. Modular construction is a way we can do this even faster.

“With the GLA’s current support and potential government support we’re confident modular construction can provide a major solution to speed up the supply of affordable housing.”

Pocket, which received a £26.4m loan from the Mayor of London’s housing covenant fund, says that using modular construction allows it to shave six months off construction time on its schemes.

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