

## Affordable housing focus of master plan

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NEW DELHI: Having missed five deadlines Master Plan Delhi 2021 is inching closer to its final notification. With several changes to the existing draft along with new proposals, officials say the master plan is developing into one geared towards affordable housing.

Two chapters still to be notified are transportation and environment. While the chapter on environment is said to be in its final stages and about to be sent for final notification after public feedback, the chapter on transportation is being reviewed by an expert panel. The whole process is expected to be wrapped up within three months' time.

The new master plan will offer 15% extra floor-area ratio (FAR) to group housing societies as an incentive to develop flats for economically weaker sections. This will be over the 400 FAR offered to these societies. The developers choosing to build flats on the over 22,000 hectares of pooled land can put the surplus land, afforded by the extra FAR, to commercial use but only after providing EWS housing," said Balvinder Kumar, vice-chairman, DDA.