



Wates



## Tonya and Alan, Erith Park shared owners

Tonya and Alan both grew up in Erith. They have lived there all their lives and have strong ties to their family in the area and the local community. Tonya works in a nearby supermarket, while Alan is a heavy goods lorry driver. They have a son, Dean, who goes to the same school that Tonya and Alan went to growing up. When they decided to buy their first home they wanted to stay in the area, but found that house prices were simply too high and out of reach. They thought they were going to have to move outside of the borough and they didn't want to do that. They were delighted when they learned about the shared ownership homes available at Erith Park and applied straight away. Within a short time, they found out that they were eligible to part buy a three bedroom townhouse. They are purchasing shares in the home and will then pay a subsidised rent on the remaining share until they eventually buy it outright.

“ I'm so excited and can't wait to move into our new home! We have a close-knit family and we've always lived in Erith, so to be able to stay in the community we've always known is absolutely fantastic. Everything we need is on our doorstep and I couldn't be happier. The house itself is really lovely and Dean has already selected his bedroom – about three times! We can't wait to move in later this year. ”



Pictured is Alan (far right) along with fellow shared owner, Reena, when they met London Mayor, Boris Johnson, who visited Erith Park in January 2015.