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Firefighter: I travel in from Brighton

PIP CLARKE is a firefighter based in Twickenham but now lives in Brighton. Her employer, the London Fire Brigade, was one of the first signatories to the Fifty Thousand Homes campaign.

Ms Clarke, above, said: "I was looking to buy my first home but prices in and around London were far too expensive. So we looked at Brighton which gave us much more for our money.

"I now drive from Brighton for my shifts, which can take anywhere between 90 minutes and three hours. So I have to factor in plenty of extra time to make sure I arrive on time. And it can be a long drive home after a busy day."