



AXE the HOUSING ACT

CONTROL RENTS  SECURE HOMES FOR ALL

OUR HOMES ARE UNDER THREAT!

The Housing & Planning Act is unfair, destructive and unworkable. It would attack existing council and housing association renters and leaseholders, and push millions more into private renting without rights or rent controls.

Already 70% of people are living with a housing

crisis. High rents, insecurity and rising evictions, overcrowding, waiting lists and homelessness – all will get worse if the Housing & Planning Act is implemented.

The outline Act was passed in May – but crucial regulations have not yet passed: it can't be enforced

until 2017 or later. Criticism of 'Pay to Stay' is mounting and housing minister Gavin Barwell is backing away from Starter Homes targets.

As cracks widen, opposition is growing to resist and defeat this Act. You can help defeat the Government and win the homes we really need.

AXE the HOUSING ACT

CONTROL RENTS – BUILD COUNCIL HOUSING

with **STEVE TURNER** (Unite Asst. Gen. Sec.)
BETSY DILLNER (Generation Rent)
Councillors **PETER WHEELER** (Salford)
& **JOHN GRAY** (Unison)
LABOUR FRONT-BENCH speaker (tbc)
EILEEN SHORT (DCH)

Monday **26th**
6pm

at the Holiday Inn,
Albert Dock,
Liverpool L3 4AD

SUMMIT **Saturday 22 2016**
AGAINST THE HOUSING ACT **OCTOBER**

with tenants, trade unions,
housing campaigns, councillors,
housing co-ops, MPs and others
11.30am at Hamilton House,
Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD

COUNCIL HOUSING FINANCE SABOTAGED

Council housing is being sabotaged. After a 60 per cent cut in housing investment in 2010, ministers in 2016 announced a one per cent rent cut. Tenants welcome lower rents, but this measure cynically undermines the 'self-financing' financial settlement.

Councils took on unjustified and inflated debt as part of the settlement in 2012, freeing them to run a local 30-year business plan. The rent cut for 2016-20, plus increased Right to Buy discounts and the threat to force sale of higher-value

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council homes, are already wrecking local financial plans.

Reopening the settlement, and writing off inflated and unjustified debt, would allow councils to build a new generation of first class, energy-efficient council housing.

The Housing Act threatens to:

- Drive up rents with a pay to stay tenant 'tax'
 - Sell off and cut new council and housing association homes for rent
 - Spread insecurity by ending lifetime tenancies
 - Give more public land to expensive private development
 - Speed up demolition of estates
- IT WILL NOT:**
- Control rents or improve security for private renters

For details see our Briefing at AxetheHousingAct.org.uk

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