# AXEthe HOUSING ACT CONTROLRENTS A SECURE HOMES FOR ALL

The Housing 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.

Housing organisations, academics, bishops and faith groups, councillors and many others have condemned it. A big and growing grassroots movement is determined to resist and defeat it.

The outline Act was passed in May – but crucial regulations have not yet passed, and will not be enforced until April 2017. Councils need to resist pressure to start checking tenant incomes. We can stop this Act.

Join the action – everyone can help!

#### 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



We are organising with private renters, council and housing association tenants and housing campaigners to stop the Act, win rent controls and a new generation of secure, really-affordable homes.

If your council, housing association, trade union or community group agrees, get them involved!

We need to link together, stop the demolitions and evictions, and win a commitment to drop the Act.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO...

- Contact the new housing minister: @GavinBarwellMP repeal the damaging, unfair, unworkable housing act secure homes and controlled rents for all #axethehousingact Email: gavin.barwell.mp@parliament.uk or write to him at Fry Building, 2 Marsham St, London SW1P 4DF Write to MPs and Councillors -
- for model letter and email details contact info@axethehousing act.org.uk
- Set up a local group get in touch for leaflets and posters. Hold local street stalls and meetings
- Get out the word share
   Facebook Axe the Housing Actsecure homes for all and emails.

## JOIN the ACTION

- WED 10 AUGUST
- 8.30-10.30am: Protest outside DCLG HQ (where regulations are being drafted): 2 Marsham St, London SW1P 4DF (near Victoria station).
- MON 26 SEPTEMBER
- 6pm: Holiday Inn, Albert Dock, Liverpool L3 4AD get in touch if you can help leaflet the Labour Party conference.
- SUN 2 OCTOBER

Axe the Act will join the Birmingham march outside the Conservative Party conference.

- SAT 22 OCTOBER
- 12-5pm, London: Meet together with tenant groups, housing workers and trade unions, councillors, housing association boards and more to discuss the Housing Act and how we can resist it.

AXE THE HOUSING ACT is supported by Defend Council Housing, Radical Housing Network, Generation Rent, tenant groups, Unison, GMB, CWU, Bakers, NUT trade unions, Unite Housing Workers, London Gypsy Traveller Unit, National Bargee Travellers Association, the Green Party, John McDonnell MP, Peoples Assembly, Momentum and more



Facebook: Axe the Housing Act – secure homes for all Email: info@axethehousingact.org.uk Twitter: @AxeHousingAct Phone 07432 098440 Web: www.axethehousingact.org.uk