

# Defend Council Housing

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# Defend secure tenancies, Stop Housing Benefit cuts, Invest in Council Housing

The Prime Minister has broken his pre-election promises by threatening tenants secure tenancies, on top of vicious cuts in housing benefit, and more cuts to housing services.

Tenants have a right to a permanent secure home. The only way to create mixed and sustainable communities is to reject threats to security of tenure and to increase investment in existing and new first class council housing.

Council housing is cheaper to build, manage and maintain than any alternatives and provides secure, affordable housing and an accountable landlord.

Tenants have fought determined campaigns against privatisation and to defend our homes and rights. Together tenants, trade unions, councillors, MPs and campaigners have fought off previous attacks on council housing.

We demand government:

- Stop housing benefit cuts which hit the elderly, sick and vulnerable;
- Defend secure tenancies – no means testing;
- Stop the robbery of £2 billion a year from council tenants' rents;
- Invest in existing and new council housing to meet the needs of the 5 million on waiting lists.

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