

- **Hands off secure tenancies**
- **No to 80% market rents**
- **Cut rents not benefits – regulate private rents and landlords**
- **No eviction due to Housing Benefit cuts**
- **Build secure, really-affordable homes for rent**

Government has cut council and other house building and launched a vicious attack on tenants and the homeless. Savage cuts to housing benefit, are combined with threats to secure life time tenancies, and forcing up to 80% market rents.

The Government is breaking promises to tenants and to parliament. They cannot be allowed to drive through evictions, break up stable communities, and drive all but the richest out of large areas of Britain.

They are turning a housing crisis into a catastrophe. Already homeless

applications and rough sleeping are up. This is hitting the poor, sick, disabled, the young and elderly first. Insecure tenancies and means tests will break up communities, and attacks the founding principle of council housing for general need.

Housing costs are at record levels, forcing many into real poverty. Overcrowding, disrepair and housing need is soaring, bringing ill health and despair.

Stop attacking tenants and those in need of housing – we demand Government and Councils build the homes we need.

**MEETING: 6pm, Wednesday 28th September,
Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane,
Liverpool L1 3BT**

**Defend
Council
Housing**

**HOUSING
EMERGENCY**

**CUT RENTS
NOT BENEFITS –
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SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

● **Austin Mitchell MP** ● **Gail Cartmail (Unite Asst Gen Sec)**
● **Heather Wakefield (Unison)** ● **UCATT** ● **Owen Jones (author
Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class)** ● **Eileen Short
(chair, Defend Council Housing)**

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CONFERENCE



Join the united Housing Emergency campaign

- Join tenants on protest 2 October at Conservative party conference in Manchester
- Lobby parliament against attacks on tenancies, rents and benefits when MPs vote on Localism Bill this autumn
- Link up with tenants, unions, politicians and campaigns in local meetings, lobbies and protests
- Commit your Council to reject 'flexible' fixed term tenancies, 80% market rents and reduced access to council housing; join the fight for the homes we need

HOUSING EMERGENCY brings together organisations and individuals to oppose attacks on Housing Benefit, rents and secure tenancies, and for investment in new and improved council and affordable secure rented homes

Supported by, Defend Council Housing, Council Housing Group of MPs, Islington, Barking & Dagenham Council; Leeds, Southwark and Tower Hamlets Tenants Federations; London Coalition Against Poverty; Muslim Council of Britain; Housing Justice; South East Region TUC and trade unions Unite, GMB, PCS, Unison and UCATT; Right to Work Campaign; Labour Representation Committee; Disabled People Against Cuts; tenants from housing associations and private tenant groups, and members of National Tenants Council.

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