

HOUSING EMERGENCY

MASS LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT 15 FEBRUARY

12-4pm
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Government breaks election promise

David Cameron promised before the election to 'support social housing, we will protect it and we respect social tenants' rights.' The Conservatives said they had 'no policy to change the current or future security of tenure of tenants'. (*Inside Housing*, 30 April 2010)

But they are pushing through new fixed term tenancies, rents up to 80% of market rents, and cuts in housing benefit. This would hit the elderly, the sick, low paid and out of work the hardest. It means evictions, homelessness and insecurity. Tenants' rights are hard-won – we will not allow this Government to rip them up and destroy our communities.

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Government proposals threaten tenancies, rents and housing benefit. It means evictions, homelessness and fear for tenants – but won't cut rents or build one new home.

Ministers are rushing a shortened consultation, of only 8 weeks over Christmas (closing 17 Jan), to create fixed term tenancies for new tenants. New homes for rent will be at up to 80% market rents, pricing out most of the 5 million on housing waiting lists.

Cuts in housing benefit will hit all tenants, private, RSL and council. The Department of Work and Pensions say people will be driven from their homes, overcrowding will rise and children and

young people will suffer. The Social Security Advisory Committee say they 'should not go ahead'.

The answer to high rents is to reintroduce rent caps – not attack tenants. We need to build more secure, affordable council housing to sustain mixed and thriving communities.

Together we can defeat this attack. Tenants present and future, public and private, council and RSL, with trade unions, councillors and MPs, housing and disability campaigners and others have come together to ensure a massive, united opposition. Join us to make our voice heard, and defend mixed and sustainable communities and the homes we need.

HOUSING EMERGENCY brings together organisations and individuals against attacks on secure tenancies, rents and housing benefit, and for investment in secure, affordable council and other rented housing.

Supporters include: House of Commons Council Housing Group, Defend Council Housing, Unite the Union, GMB, PCS, Southeast Region TUC, Barking & Dagenham Council, Islington Council, Leeds Tenants Federation, Tower Hamlets Tenants Federation, London Coalition Against Poverty, Right to Work Campaign, Labour Representation Committee, Disabled People Against Cuts, National Tenants Council

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