

**KILL the HOUSING BILL**  
SECURE HOMES FOR ALL  
CONTROL RENTS

**PUBLIC  
MEETING**

# THE HOUSING BILL

# A THREAT TO TOWER HAMLETS COMMUNITIES

**THURSDAY 10th MARCH**

**7pm at Cranbrook Community Centre,  
Mace Street, Bethnal Green E2 0QT**

Speakers: Councillor Rachel Blake (Cabinet member for Housing)  
plus local tenants, trade unionists and campaigners

The Housing and Planning Bill, currently before parliament, will damage the lives of council, housing association and private tenants and do nothing to solve the housing crisis. It will

- Force councils to sell-off existing council homes with no guarantee of replacement.
- Scrap secure tenancies and introduce 'Pay to Stay' means testing.
- Push up rents and waiting lists.
- Divert public funds and land

to private developers and away from affordable homes for rent.

- Fail to improve security or control rents for private renters.
- Attack the housing rights of travellers.
- Threaten the future of housing co-ops and tenant management organisations.
- Reduce secure housing

options for people fleeing domestic violence, people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.

- Undermine mixed, stable communities.

Come to the meeting to find out more about how the Housing Bill could affect you and your community and to get involved in the campaign.

**For more information  
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**For more details about the Housing and  
Planning Bill go to [www.defendcouncilhousing.org.uk/dch/](http://www.defendcouncilhousing.org.uk/dch/)**

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Under the Housing Bill, council and housing association tenants with household income above £40,000 could see their rents triple. The speculative development boom sweeping through the borough is already pricing many local people out. Now developers will be able to make even more profit by building publicly subsidised 'Starter Homes' instead of genuinely affordable homes for rent. The Housing Bill will do nothing to improve the housing crisis. It will make it worse.

Scrapping secure tenancies will damage our communities and push more people into sub-standard private renting. Now David Cameron says he wants to 'bulldoze' some council estates. This is a land-grab. The Tory government doesn't care about social housing or our communities – they just want to make money out of them.

We demand:

- Direct investment in council and social housing as part of a national house building programme.
- Secure tenancies for all, including private renters.
- Housing for need, not greed.
- Rent controls.

A national campaign

involving tenant groups from all tenures, trade unions, housing campaigners, MPs and councillors has been launched to 'Kill the Bill'.

A national demonstration against the Housing Bill will take place on Sunday 13th March in central London, see details below.

Sunday  
**13**  
**MARCH**  
2016

**NATIONAL  
DEMO**

meet 12 noon  
Lincoln's Inn Fields,  
London WC2A 3TL

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