# FIGHTING DEMOLITIONS Is your home and community at risk?

Around the country, council and housing association estates are being threatened by demolition. So-called regeneration has become another word for displacement, socialcleansing and profiteering. • It always means a loss of genuinely affordable rented homes.

 Landlords make empty promises of a right to return.
 Demolition and redevelopment always costs more than repair and improvement.

### WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS?

 People in high-viz jackets carrying clipboards and leaving little luminous stickers around the estate (these will be used to carry out surveys).
 You're invited to a "consultation" meeting or >>> >>> to join a "working group".

Your landlord says there isn't enough money to repair or renovate your estate.
Surveyors ask to come into your home.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

• Ask surveyors and consultants what they're doing and who they're working for.

• Spread the word and get organised. Hold a meeting with neighbours to discuss concerns and ways to ensure any redevelopment benefits existing residents.

 Contact your local councillors and demand answers, in writing, about what's planned for your estate.
 Ask how many new homes, with what landlord, tenancy and rent.

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• Demand any promises in writing, addressed to each tenant by name, signed by the chief executive.

• You are legally entitled to refuse developers access to your home, unless the landlord has a court order.

### ACT FAST

Whatever they say about wanting to hear your views, landlords always come to these projects with preformed plans they've been working on for months. They may move to a demolition order or planning application very quickly. It's vital to act fast to stop landlords and developers controlling the agenda and making decisions about your future, without you.

#### **DEMAND A BALLOT**

No regeneration, demolition or major redevelopment project should go ahead without a binding, democratic ballot of estate residents. This is a demand that politicians of all parties are now backing, including the Greater London Authority and Mayor of London.

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