

A Charter for housing action in 2019

We welcome the Shelter commission report 'Building for our future – A vision for social housing' and endorse the recommendations for:

- A 20 year programme of investment to build 3.1 million social homes
- New, effective regulation of all landlords
- Tenant organisation or tenant unions
- Reforming private renting, including ending Section 21 evictions

This needs to include:

- A clear commitment to build 100,000 council homes a year, for rent at social rent, accessible for all, with secure tenancies

We call on all political parties to include a commitment to implement these recommendations, in their next election manifestos.

The Shelter report is a good starting point. Turning words into action will need a concerted campaign, which we believe can build widespread support.

But we need to go further. We will actively support a campaign to implement the Shelter recommendations, and push for more action – now and in the future – to ensure a society where everyone has a safe, secure home they can afford.

These are the key demands from the Homes for All national summit on 8th December 2018:

● Resist Estate Demolitions

1. The Right to Stay Put – no social or ethnic cleansing
2. Fair Ballots before estate redevelopment – stop the loopholes
3. Link up campaigns on different estates
4. End two-tier tenancies

● Housing Associations (HAs)

1. Democratic accountability to residents and government
2. Controls on rent and service charge rises

● Safety

1. No combustible or toxic cladding, internal or external, on homes of all heights, with guaranteed protection from cold while cladding and insulation are off
2. Sprinklers on all blocks above four storeys
3. Government to pay for all essential safety works, as promised
4. This must include action on safety of all Large Panel Construction system blocks

● Private Renters

1. End Section 21 evictions
2. Secure tenancies
3. Stop overcrowding
4. Rent controls

● Universal Credit (UC)

1. No evictions by councils due to rent arrears caused by UC or Bedroom Tax
2. Councils to call for same commitment from housing associations and other landlords
3. Build a national network of support for tenants opposing UC

● Invest in Council Housing

1. Government must adopt a national investment plan
2. Develop a national construction organisation and direct labour to build and maintain homes
3. Suspend right to buy – remove discount
4. Independent tenant organisations to represent residents

SUPPORT THE CHARTER

Add your name, and ask your organisation to sign up too.

We support the Charter for Action 2019

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