



Summit against the Act 22 October: action points from workshops

Planning, regeneration and social cleansing

Councils should continue issuing
secure tenancies
Councils should not designate
estates as Brownfield land
Councils should not include starter
homes in local plans
We should challenge the language of
regeneration – it means demolition
and social cleansing
Produce a leaflet for estates facing
regeneration

How Housing Act hits housing association tenants and staff

Call on housing associations not
to implement Pay to Stay and
Right to Buy, with a) model
letter and b) lobby of Board
meetings
Councils should make non-
implementation of Act grounds
for selection of their 'preferred
partner' housing associations
Councillors are appointed to
housing association boards –
make policy on this an issue in
election hustings and campaigns
Call for more democracy in
housing associations
Private renters (including
housing association tenants)
need a renters' union

Why Council housing is key

When you hear talk of 'affordable
homes' – check the detail (are they
council rents, what tenancies?);
Council housing is becoming the **only**
affordable housing
An ideological battle can be built
around: choice, a mass movement, a
national programme of council
house building
Council housing pays for itself – it's
not subsidised housing: but
government must drop the (inflated
and punitive) debt
We support the abolition of right to
buy
Axe the Act – and defend the
welfare state (including benefits)

How to organise and beat the Housing Act

Keep getting the
information out re the Act
and its implications
Pressurise councils and
councillors to do
something
Widen the groups we
contact: tenants
associations, housing
officers, council workers,
homeless, disabled
peoples organisations
Civil disobedience and
non-compliance
Rent rebellion, refusal to
pay rent/increases: it's a
tenant tax
Organise a big protest to
mark the Autumn
statement 23 November

Young People, private renters and the struggle for homes

Maintain campaign contracts across boroughs (event when
people compelled to move to other boroughs)
Support student rent strikes
Decriminalise squatting: start campaign
Councils can work with private renters to help tenants served
with possession notice and encourage landlords to accept
housing benefit
Need a renters union
Build links through trade unions, student unions and young
people – produce a young person friendly leaflet for local
campaign to hand out at sixth form colleges and universities
National day of action? Organise via unions
Labour councils write to Jeremy Corbyn asking Labour to pledge
refunding higher value levy, when in Government
Put pressure on government to set social housing targets
Registered landlord scheme to include rent controls