

CORONAVIRUS AND HOUSING: PROTECT TENANTS AND HOMES

Facing this viral pandemic, Government must act urgently to ensure no-one is homeless, and that no-one loses their home due to the virus.

Therefore we must have urgent action to:

- Immediately open up hotels and other empty buildings to house all the homeless

- Ensure no evictions or repossession action during this crisis: suspend rent and mortgage liability for anyone whose income is cut due to the virus

- Scrap the five-week wait for Universal Credit/housing benefit and suspend all benefit sanctions

And as millions are living in overcrowded, unsuitable and unaffordable homes, we need immediate action with grant funding to:

- Build 100,000 council homes a year at social rent with secure tenancies.

We stand united – we won't blame each other, we need action by Government now.

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