**I Support the Campaign Against Empty Homes Manifesto for the May 2022 Local Elections**

I am a candidate standing in the May 5th local elections and am signing below to support the Campaign Against Empty Homes Local Election manifesto to get long-term empty homes back into use for those who are in need of affordable, decent and permanent homes to live in.

**The Facts**

There are over 100,000 families are living in Temporary Accommodation while over half a million homes, either empty, second homes or Airbnb type shortlets, have no permanent resident.

The wrong kind of housing is being built nationwide. Unaffordable to anyone on an average income to either rent or buy, these new builds are also being sold off-plan and ending up as Airbnb short lets, second homes or buy to leave empty wealth investments with no permanent residents.

Communities are being broken up as council estates that could be refurbished are being left to decline with many homes empty, to be replaced by yet more unaffordable new build.

The Climate emergency demands refurbishment, not demolition. Retrofitting 270,000 long term empty homes and council estates can help solve the climate crisis.

**The Campaign Against Empty Homes Local Election Manifesto calls for Local Authorities to support:**

**1. Community campaigns to bring long-term empty homes back into use**

**2. A national campaign for stronger CPO powers to bring empty homes back into use.**

**3. Greater regulation of Airbnb as achieved in Amsterdam, Barcelona and Berlin to stop low-cost housing being taken out of housing supply**

**4. A Vacancy Tax on long-term empty homes based on the Vancouver model**

**5. A robust local and national register of residential property ownership and use**

**6. The Retrofit First model for social housing to prevent demolition and help tackle the climate crisis**

**7. Fair redevelopment to prioritise low-cost homes - not corporate developments that break up local communitities**

**8. A campaign for national government investment to bring empty homes back into use**

**Signed**

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