

Amendment to opposition motion 'Stop overdevelopment in Barnet' in the name of Cllr Shimon Ryde

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Motion should now read:

**Council meeting: 20 October 2020**

**Opposition motion: Cllr Ross Houston**

**Amended by Cllr Shimon Ryde**

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**Council meeting: 20 October 2020**  
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**Stop overdevelopment in Barnet**

Delete all and replace with **(additions in bold)**:

Council deplores the Government's proposals to:

- impose a massive housing target of 5744 new homes a year in Barnet through their proposed new algorithm
- extend permitted development to allow the building of up to two more storeys on homes and blocks of flats without planning permission
- extend permitted development to allow former shops, offices and warehouses to be converted into housing without planning permission
- reduce Section 106 affordable housing by raising the contribution threshold to 50 units
- grant automatic planning permission for most developments in 'growth' areas
- grant automatic planning permission for most developments in 'renewal' areas subject to basic checks
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**Council also notes that it's been three years since the tragedy at Grenfell, but we still have unsafe cladding on private and housing association tower blocks in Colindale, Hendon and across Barnet - a failure of the current planning and regulatory system which must be addressed.**

**Council believes:**

- it is not acceptable for people to be living in unsafe homes**
- the safety and well-being of all our residents should be the first priority of all in positions of power**
- tenants and leaseholders should not have to foot the bill for cladding works through their rent or service charges**
- leaseholders must be able to re-mortgage and obtain insurance.**

**Council calls on the Leaders of all three political Groups on the Council to write to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for MHCLG to #EndOurCladdingScandal now by agreeing the following 10 Steps:**

- The government must lead an urgent national effort to remove all dangerous cladding from buildings by June 2022.**
- The Building Safety Fund must cover all buildings, regardless of height, and a range of internal and external fire safety defects, not just cladding.**
- The government should provide the money up front and then seek to recover it from any responsible parties or via a temporary levy on development.**
- Social housing providers must have full and equal access to the fund.**
- The government must compel building owners or managers to be honest with residents about fire safety defects.**
- The government should cover the cost of interim safety measures.**
- The government should act as an insurer of last resort and underwrite insurance where premiums have soared.**
- A fairer, faster process is needed to replace the EWS form and funding is necessary to ensure all buildings requiring a form are surveyed within 12 months.**
- Mental health support must be offered to affected residents.**
- Protecting residents from historic and future costs must be a key commitment of new building safety legislation.**

Amendment to opposition motion 'Stop overdevelopment in Barnet' in the name of Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg

London Borough of Barnet

Council: 20 October 2020

**Opposition Motion 14.2 (Cllr Ross Houston – Stop overdevelopment in Barnet):**

**Amendment in the name of Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg**

*Explanatory note: on 1 August 2020, new Permitted Development rules came into force that grant permission (without a full planning application) for self-contained flats to be constructed on top of certain existing, purpose-built blocks of flats. This is separate to the wider changes set out in the Planning White Paper that are listed in Cllr Houston's motion. Unlike those proposals, this one has already taken place.*

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**Amend the second bullet point as**

**follows: replace**

extend permitted development to allow the building of

**with**

entrench new permitted development rights that allow the building of

**And add at the end of the motion the following:**

Council further strongly opposes new Permitted Development rights that came into force on 1 August 2020. Under these rules, new storeys can be built on top of most modern blocks of flats without requiring a planning application. Barnet Council's powers on such applications are now limited to officer consideration of certain technical matters that are set out in the 'prior notification' process. Prior notification is a light touch mechanism that expressly does not allow for any role for elected local councillors whatsoever. The use of this system for contentious developments that are now in the pipeline will chip away at local democracy and lead to the degradation of our precious suburbs.

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