

**COUNCIL  
19 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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**TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 4.8.12**

The following motion has been submitted, due notice of which had been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

**Motion on the Provision of Affordable Housing and Infrastructure on Developments**

This council notes that, despite the existence of unimplemented planning permission to build more than a million homes across England, the current government, like its predecessor, believes that making it easier for developers to get planning permission is the way to increase the availability of affordable housing.

The council believes that increasing numbers of permissions, rather than focusing on building the right housing in the locations which are already identified for development will boost developers profits rather than meet the needs for affordable housing.

It also notes that the government's proposed changes to the NPPF would make it easier for developers in North Herts to obtain planning permission on speculative sites, particularly those in parts of the Green Belt, at a time when they should be delivering housing on the sites that are identified in the Local Plan.

**It instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the council's views and calling for the government to adopt a strategy that will prioritise increasing delivery of affordable housing with appropriate infrastructure, rather than increasing property developers' profits.**

Proposed by: Councillor Steve Jarvis

Seconded by: Councillor Ruth Brown