

**COUNCIL
19 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 4.8.12

The following amendment to a motion has been submitted.

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~~ a 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, ~~whilst not necessarily rather than~~ meeting 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, including 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 and to prioritise giving more power to councils to build housing, in particular social and affordable housing, ~~rather than increasing property developers' profits.~~

Amendments proposed by: Councillor Daniel Wright-Mason

Amendments seconded by: Councillor Dave Winstanley