

HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM 15 January 2014 6:30pm Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, Hendon, NW4 4BG
ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

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Affordable Housing in Barnet and Hale Ward in particular. Conservative Councillor Tom Davey, responsible for housing in Barnet, announced his opposition to encouraging developers to create affordable homes.

His advice to Barnet people in need of affordable housing was "to move out". I am regularly asked in Hale Ward if Councillor Davey is fit for office in housing, and in particular how his views help younger local people to obtain affordable housing.

Will the Council stop benefiting millionaire foreign investors with high cost housing schemes, agree to a serious programme of affordable housing, and remove Cllr Davey from the housing portfolio in Cabinet.

ROGER LYONS

The Council recognises that there are currently a number of housing market issues that are making it difficult to access housing in Barnet. In particular there is a gap between the demand and supply for homes across London, which is driving up house prices and rents. Through the council's ambitious regeneration programme some 23,000 new homes will be delivered over the next 20 to 30 years.

2014/15 will see a significant increase in the delivery of housing with a target of 462 units of housing, of which 169 will be affordable. One of the areas of regeneration is Mill Hill East. Here 2,174 new homes will be delivered by 2016, including 324 affordable units.

The council also works with developers on smaller schemes to deliver more affordable housing in all parts of the borough.

The council's new housing allocations scheme and local placements policy takes into account the high cost of housing in the borough and the need to secure more affordable accommodation. For some applicants this may mean support to help them move into housing in more affordable locations outside of the borough.

The council has recently initiated a review of Barnet's Housing Strategy to ensure that it is "fit for purpose" and it is expected that this work will be completed in the Autumn.

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