Oppose changes to planning laws

To the Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government:

The expansion of permitted development rights - essentially allowing developers to convert offices and other commercial buildings with limited checks has led to very poor quality - and in some cases virtually uninhabitable - homes.

The new proposed planning laws further risk low quality housing by "pre-approving" standard designs every 8 years, without further oversight by local councils and residents.

These changes:

Reduce or remove the right of residents to object to applications near them.Grant automatic rights for developers to build on land identified as 'for growth'Remove locally targeted section 106 payments for extra local education, health and transport facilities and their replacement with a national levy."Water down" the requirement of developers to build social or affordable housing.90% of planning applications are approved and there are already huge numbers of homes that have permission n England but that developers won't build.

At the moment, people get two chances to be involved: once when the plan is made, and once when a planning application is submitted. The new proposals risk local residents only having a say every 8 years when a building code is agreed, not when individual developments are being put forward in their neighbourhood.

We the undersigned oppose these changes and ask for improved proposals to be brought forward.

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