

STOPPING THE SPREAD!

Green Party policies

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Green Party policy:

**Planning,
built environment
and housing**



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The house is on fire



- Housing → emissions and overuse of resources
- Planning policy and architecture at fault
- Unequal distribution of land and assets
- Lack of investment in social/public housing
- Vacant housing, under-occupation
- Lack of decent housing, overcrowding, rough sleeping



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Policy - Principles and long term aims

- Social, economic and environmental justice
- Keep the environmental impact within planetary boundaries
- Reverse the harm caused by human development on other species
- Nurture a network of resilient habitats and to reverse declining biodiversity
- Adaptation - protect people, land, and ecosystems



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Principles and aims continued...

- Spatial planning for sustainable transport, energy and economy
- Housing is affordable, secure and comfortable - as a basic human right
- To give local communities a stronger voice in local housing policy
- Break the stranglehold that large developers have over housing



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Green Party policy action

- National Policy Planning Framework
- Retrofit first – upgrade existing buildings, discourage demolition
- Industry must become circular
- Reduce new offices, shops, entertainment sites and warehouses
- Local ownership and planning frameworks that recognise the climate emergency
- Foster Lifetime Neighbourhoods
- Encourage community housing, affordability, secure rentals
- Compulsory purchase of vacant properties



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Planning policy - selected detail

- Planning to meet needs of the community
- Whole life carbon and energy calculations
- Demand-reduction and optimisation of densities
- Avoid, mitigate and compensate
- Adaptation measures
- Compulsory purchase/first refusal for community ownership
- Local economy – 15 minute communities



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Housing policy

- New social housing – 50% of all housing
- Abolish right to buy, no tenant fees
- Tenant involvement in decision making
- Leasehold to be phased out
- Reduce excessive demand
- Remove VAT from repair and refurbishment
- Maximum 0.5% of homes empty > 6 months
- Empty Dwelling Management Orders
- Encourage mutual exchange of homes



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Thank you!

