

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to you ahead of the Queen's Speech to make sure that tackling the housing emergency is at the top of your department's priority list as the government begins to plan its legislative timetable for the year ahead.

The government must take urgent action to end the housing emergency, by building a new generation of good quality social homes, fixing private renting and bolstering regulation in the social rented sector. Ahead of this year's Queen's Speech, please prioritise:

1. Using the levelling up bill to fix the rules that make it difficult to build social housing,
2. Fixing private renting in the Renters' Reform Bill,
3. Introducing a robust bill to bolster social housing regulation.

Renters in insecure homes, homeless families in temporary accommodation and people living in unfit, dangerous homes have been waiting too long for change. Taking action to tackle the housing emergency must be a priority for the government and I would be grateful if you could let me know your department's plans to make it so.

Kind regards,