



**Matt Western MP**  
Warwick & Leamington

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Dear Friend,

**Invitation to Provide Your Views on Council Housing**

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Council Housing is holding an inquiry into the current and potential need for investment in existing and new council homes.

We are inviting all who live and work in council housing (or wish they did), and representatives including councillors, trade unions, tenants and housing campaigns to give us your views. We welcome as much detail as possible, in writing, by email and/or in person.

By email to [matt.western.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:matt.western.mp@parliament.uk).

By post to Council Housing Inquiry c/o DCH PO Box 33519 London E2 9WW

The deadline for email and written submissions is 16<sup>th</sup> October.

In particular please let us have your views on some or all of the following:

1. How important is council housing, in addressing local/general housing need?
2. Does your area still have directly-owned council housing? If not, do you think new/acquired council homes are needed? Please say why.
3. If your area has council housing, what condition is it in, what investment is needed, and what is stopping that investment?
4. What is your experience of stock transfer, PFI, ALMO, SPVs or other alternative mechanisms to build and manage council (or former council) housing?
5. What do you think we need to do to secure a new generation of good-quality council homes?

We will also assess what the impact of the 2012 'Self-financing' changes to council housing finance has been, and what (if any) changes are required to the settlement. Any evidence on how the new regime has affected your area and thoughts on the future are welcome.

Working with specialist academics at the universities of Sheffield, Leeds and York, we want to invite local councillors, tenants and officers to give views on the current, true value of council housing and compare it with alternative models of investment.

If you and your authority or organisation are interested in supporting this inquiry, helping to host an in-person evidence session, or assist in the final report please also get in touch.

Kind regards,

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Chair, APPG for Council Housing