

Conservative Ministers are out of ideas and have no long-term plan to fix the cost of housing crisis – John Healey

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Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, responding to new figures released today showing that home-ownership has fallen to the lowest rate in 30 years, said:

“These

new government figures show yet another fall in the home-ownership rate in England to the lowest rate in more than 30 years. There are now almost 200,000

fewer home-owning households than in 2010 when Conservative Ministers first took charge.

“Meanwhile,

the number of people stuck in an insecure and increasingly expensive private rented sector has grown dramatically over the last seven years. Since 2010, the

number of households renting privately as ballooned by over a million.

“After

seven years of failure on housing, not only has home-ownership fallen, but affordable housebuilding has hit a 24 year low and rough sleeping has more than

doubled. The truth is Conservative Ministers are out of ideas and have no long-term plan to fix the cost of housing crisis.

“Theresa

May says she wants a country that works for everyone, so she should back Labour's plans to build thousands more affordable homes to rent and buy, improve rights for renters and end the scandal of rough sleeping.”