

# Greens call for end to Right to Buy which has 'hollowed out' council housing stock

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Responding to a report by the Common Wealth thinktank which says that the sale of millions of council homes to tenants at steep discounts since 1980 [has fuelled vast shortages in social housing and turbocharged inequality](#), Green MP Ellie Chowns said:

“This report lays bare the devastation Right to Buy has wrought on communities up and down the country. Successive governments stood by while Right to Buy hollowed out our council housing stock, creating chronic shortages and deepening inequality.

“We cannot allow this crisis to continue: it’s time to end Right to Buy, urgently reinvest in secure, affordable social housing that is fit for the future, and guarantee stability and opportunity for families across the UK.”

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