

Greens call for Renters' Reform Bill to go further and end spiralling rents



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Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer has welcomed the government's plans to end no fault evictions in a bill to be introduced to Parliament today [1], but urged it to go much further to protect those facing unaffordable rent increases in the middle of a cost of living crisis.

Denyer said:

"Everyone deserves a place to call home, and so I welcome the government's plans to end no fault evictions, but this is an opportunity to go much further and help the thousands of people who are trapped in the private rental market by spiralling rents that bear no relationship to incomes.

"In the short term we need to see an immediate rent freeze, to go alongside an eviction ban, to prevent people being made homeless during this cost of living crisis.

"And then in the longer term, I want to see councils being given the power to bring in rent controls in areas where the housing market is overheated.

"At the same time, we need much stricter controls on the type of new homes being built to include more affordable and social housing for buying and renting."

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