

One month extension to eviction ban not enough, Greens warn

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The ban on evictions in England has today been extended until 20 September. [1]

The ban was due to end on Sunday, 23 August, risking an unprecedented wave of homelessness, with a possible second wave of coronavirus on the way.

Responding to the announcement, Green Party councillor Carla Denyer from Bristol said:

“A one month extension to the ban is simply not enough. It must be extended until this crisis is over.

“Citizens Advice has said [2] that carers, key workers and those who have been shielding are set to be most at risk. This is an intolerable injustice.

“Everybody has the right to a home always, but especially during a pandemic the government must do whatever it takes to ensure people are protected and not left without a safe place to live.

“Throughout lockdown the Greens have been calling for a permanent end to no-fault evictions and for rent arrears accrued during the pandemic to be forgiven to ensure that nobody is left behind on housing security. [3]

“This latest u-turn does not offer the security renters need. Thousands of people will still be left fearing what is going to happen in just a few weeks.

“The government must make clear that nobody will be forced on to the streets during this pandemic.”

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Notes

1

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-53851945>

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-bailiff-collections-resume-coronavirus-debt-eviction-ban-homelessness-a9679856.html>

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The Green Party's "Whatever It Takes" sets out the party's plan to ensure no one is left behind during this pandemic

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