

# Green Party statement on Labour housing reforms

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Responding to Labour's plans to build more homes, Adrian Ramsay, Co-Leader of the Green Party, said: "We are in a housing crisis that leaves many without the basic security of a safe and warm home".

"This crisis though is an affordability crisis.

"There are a million empty homes, and a million homes that planners have allowed but developers haven't built – too often in order keep prices high.

"Meanwhile, we have over a million households on council waiting lists and more than 130,000 children are growing up in temporary accommodation.

"This is why Labour's plan to hand more power and profits to private developers is flawed.

"Where is the incentive for private developers to build the affordable and accessible homes needed?

"Instead, we will get large executive houses on greenfield sites or luxury city flats.

"Planning reform is a distraction from Labour's failure to step up and fund the real answers to the housing crisis, including large-scale investment in truly affordable, sustainable council housing."

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# Greens respond to "disturbing" images of man being kicked by Police Firearms Officer

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Following the [release of images](#) Manchester Airport that showed a Greater Manchester Police firearms officer striking a man twice as he lay on the ground, Green Party spokesperson on police and domestic safety, Amanda Onwuemene, said,

'We're horrified by the video of a man being kicked and stamped on the head whilst lying on the ground by a police officer at Manchester Airport.

"It's deeply disturbing and there is no situation where it could be in any way justifiable.

"We're pleased that an investigation is being held and the police must be fully transparent and accountable if they are to restore public confidence after what appears to be a clear abuse of power.'

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## [Greens respond to GB Energy announcement](#)

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Carla Denyer, co-leader of the Green Party said: "This is an important day for our country. After 14 wasted years it is a relief that we now have an Energy Secretary who understands the climate crisis and is prepared to take the action we need.

"But action on renewables will be pointless unless it goes hand in hand with the rapid transition away from North Sea oil and gas. New figures today show more oil and gas being produced, threatening to unleash nearly 12bn tonnes of planet-heating emissions, with the world's wealthiest countries – such as the US and the UK – leading the way, according to the International Institute for Sustainable Development

"Energy Secretary Ed Miliband is claiming that his plans will reduce bills but that will only be achieved if the Government invests in improving the energy efficiency of homes too. The significant cut in proposed public investment from £28bn every year to £8.3bn over the course of the parliament means energy will continue to be wasted while bills soar and the poorest households live in cold homes.

“Labour’s commitment to clean electricity by 2030 is welcome, but without urgent action on transport and home heating we won’t meet our climate targets. That is why the Green Party called for major investment in public transport and a nationwide programme of home insulation and conversion of home heating away from gas and towards electricity.”

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## [Green Party response to Netanyahu’s appearance at US Congress](#)

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Ellie Chowns, MP for North Herefordshire said: “Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is a war criminal who should be in front of a judge at the Hague, not being applauded by the US Congress.

“Tragically, Prime Minister Netanyahu has strong, political incentives for the war to continue. If we are to bring about the ceasefire that is so desperately needed, we must put in place real, meaningful consequences such as targeted individual sanctions on Prime Minister Netanyahu and other leaders, including of Hamas, for failing to do so, not invite him for speeches and photo opportunities.”

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# to closing of Bibby Stockholm announcement

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Responding to the news that Labour plan to close the Bibby Stockholm, Green Party Refugee and Migration Spokesperson, Benali Hamdache, said,

“Today’s announcement to close the Bibby Stockholm is very welcome.

“The conditions there are as cruel as they are ineffective.

“It’s entirely inappropriate for people to be held in such vile conditions.

“Seeking asylum is a right that the UK should ensure is undertaken with dignity and appropriate levels of support.

“I congratulate Labour for making this move in their first weeks of administration.

“If Labour now accept the need to close the Bibby Stockholm, we hope they now also take a long hard look at other detention centres like Yarl’s Wood that inspectors have deemed “[no longer safe](#)” let alone desirable.”

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