

Council: 15 April 2008

Opposition Policy Item – Cllr Ross Houston

Encouraging affordable housing in Barnet

Council agrees that Cabinet must do all it can to encourage developers who submit planning applications for smaller developments in Barnet to include an appropriate contribution to the supply of affordable housing - whether on-site or by payment in lieu.

Council believes that one way of doing this would be to seek to reduce or remove the threshold policy in the Council's statutory development plan that exempts developments of less than 11 units from providing any affordable housing.

Council notes that work is on-going towards producing Barnet's Local Development Framework which will replace the current Unitary Development Plan.

Council asks Cabinet to seek to either reduce the affordable housing threshold or exclude any affordable housing threshold from the new Local Development Framework, and make the case for reducing or not including a threshold to the Planning Inspector.