

Full Council, 31 July 2018

Agenda Item 14.3 - Opposition Amendment in the name of Councillor Paul Edwards

Administration motion in the name of Cllr John Marshall – Conserve Our Family Homes

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold)

Conserve and increase supply of family homes in Barnet

Council, recognising that the untrammelled conversion of family homes into flats can change the character of an area, and believes the borough should place a ceiling upon the extent to which such conversions can take place on any road.

Council notes the Median House price in Barnet rose by 4% in the year to October 2017, to £544,597 which is 15 x the equalised median income.

For the first time in a decade, more adults under 40 are leaving the Capital than moving here from elsewhere in the country. That's bad news for Barnet and shows the scale of the challenge we face for the next generation.

The private rented sector has expanded rapidly with an average rent rising more than three times as fast as earnings since 2010.

The declining supply of genuinely affordable housing is having a huge negative impact on young families. This impact is exacerbated by the propensity of developers in Barnet to increasingly build apartments and convert family houses into flats.

Council, therefore, instructs officers to investigate and make recommendations on:

- 1. the strategies required to increase the supply of genuinely affordable family homes in the borough.**
- 2. how the Council can place a ceiling per road upon the extent of conversions of family homes into flats.**
- 3. That officers present their findings and recommendations to a future Housing committee.**

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 17.17: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.