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To increase housing supply especially where London requirements for 1 and 2 bedroom properties exceeds 50%, local authorities such as Newham (which has the highest burden of delivery over 10 years) should be encouraged to loosen their strict adherence to preserving housing stock of more than 3 bedrooms and allow conversion into flats subject to good design and space standards. This will allow small builders to be able to deliver on the small sites policy through in-fill, garden/garage developments and conversions. Presently Newham policy is hamstrung and self defeating in wanting to preserve at all costs (as opposed to allowing a natural evolution of requirements and demand) the houses on such small sites. I am in total support of small sites policy which will allow for good drip feed delivery over a period of the homes required. Further given that such sites can be constrained by location and surroundings, while imposing space standards is good, some leverage and allowance thresholds should be given rather than adopt a one fit policy.