

Mrs Eugenie Callanan comments

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I would strongly object to building in an already high density area. Land should be found rather than going down the regeneration route and destroying homes that are not even 50 years old and that families love living in.

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I have lived in Sutton since 1971. I have seen many changes not least of which is high rise flats being built both at the top and bottom of Sutton. Now we are told that the Mayor wants more high density flats mainly 1 and 2 bedroom accommodation to be built in Sutton. This goes totally against the culture of Sutton, which is a family town and building 1 and 2 bedroom flats would totally destroy family life in Sutton. Sutton is already highly populated. We do not want Sutton turned into a concrete jungle. As a long term leaseholder living on the Benhill Estate of which there are over 442 properties, almost half of which are leasehold, we have lived under a black cloud for the past 2 years with the threat that our Estate was going to be regenerated. Our properties were built in 1971, they are not even 50 years old yet. Why destroy perfectly good homes and upset families lives. Find empty land and build on that rather than keep going down the regeneration route.

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Rather than regenerate buildings that are not even past their sell by date, I am all for housing being built on green belt and metropolitan open land

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Re: Benhill Estate, Sutton, Surrey,

The residents on the Benhill Estate have had to live with the threat of having their much loved homes regenerated for the past few years. Now it transpires that the Mayor has rejected the London Borough of Sutton's plan and wants many more homes, mainly 1 and 2 bedroom flats built in Sutton.

I have been a resident on Benhill since 1971, when it was a brand new Estate. My late husband and I purchased the Lease in 1988 from the Council. Sadly my husband passed away in 1994 and I have had to pay huge major works bills the highest being £20,000 which I managed to pay off before my retirement as a Medical Secretary working for the NHS. My late husband had no life insurance, and I was left to struggle on my own to pay all the bills but I was happy to do this as I love my home.

We have a terrific community on Benhill, mainly to the efforts of the Benhill Residents Association and the Benhill Social Club, the founder of which Gwen Turner is still able to keep going despite being quite elderly. She organises multiple day trips, holidays abroad each year on top of which we have Bingo every Friday and Quiz nights regularly. She also organises multiple theatre trips each year. Nobody living on Benhill needs to be lonely and the community look out for each other.

We have had this black cloud hanging over our heads, that we may lose our beloved homes. It amazes me that perfectly good homes should be destroyed, and people's lives turned upside down because of decisions made by the hierarchy. Whilst I don't disagree that new homes need to be built, I do not agree that it should be at the expense of people who have made their homes in Sutton, some including myself who have lived here for 47 years or more.

Surely there must be land elsewhere where new homes can be built without ruining people's lives.

I sincerely hope and pray that the draft plan that is in place to build 1 and 2 bedroom flats in Sutton will be reconsidered. Sutton has changed already beyond recognition since I and my family moved here in 1971. High rise flats have been built at the top and bottom of Sutton already. Does the Major really want to turn Sutton into a concrete jungle?? I sincerely hope not.

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It is essential that affordable housing is built especially for the first time buyers to enable them to get a foot on the housing ladder.

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It is a well known fact that overcrowding causes a lot of problems. If the Mayor proposes building 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and doubling the quota and plan as set out by the London Borough of Sutton (which the Mayor has rejected) but instead going ahead with doubling the amount of properties in Sutton to be built each year, then I can foresee a Sutton that I have lived in for the past 47 years and where there is a very strong community disappearing. It will be turned into a concrete jungle.

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