

Mr John Chambers comments

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The huge target set for the building of new homes in Croydon is entirely unreasonable. To increase the current target from 15,000 to 30,000 dwellings will place an unsustainable strain on the borough, and the so called 'intensification' of certain areas will change the whole nature and character of the borough.

Other neighbouring boroughs such as Sutton and Bromley have much smaller targets, and the proposals for new housing do not, in any event, satisfy the demand for affordable homes. The concentration on building one-bedroom flats and apartments is producing properties that are selling at market rates of £300,000 or more - way beyond the reach of those in desperate need. This Labour policy is not helping the housing crisis, but is lining the pockets of developers and builders - and the owners of larger homes that are attracted by the prices being paid for their properties.

How is the demand for 3 and 4 bedroomed homes to be met? And what is the provision for more infrastructure like schools, GP surgeries and hospitals?