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To: Mayor
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Dear Mr Khan

I was most concerned to hear you say recently that house building (or should I say flat building) in the London suburbs would be encouraged with a return to high rise developments, a more relaxed approach to building in gardens etc.

I live in sunny Bromley. We could be viewed as part of the affluent suburbs, despite having FOUR Foodbank outlets and a winter night shelter for homeless people in central Bromley.

Currently a developer is seeking planning permission to knock down our successful takeaway Chinese food outlet (and home to a large family of Chinese origin) and build EIGHT flats on a constricted site.

Bromley council has refused permission on a number of grounds and this is being considered on appeal. I suspect approval will be granted in the light of your policies. My cynicism is based on a development less than 500 metres away where the site that contained a small bungalow is to have six flats on it- again after appeal.

Will these places be affordable and available or even suitable for families? NO. Recently local 'studio apartments' have been sold for £250,000. The people who will benefit from all this are the developers.

I also have concerns that the infrastructure required to support these strategies has not been considered. The town of Bromley has no access to the city of London. Indeed, from my local station we have no direct access to London at all. Underground, overground, cross rail and dlr have not just passed us by they haven't even reached us.

I hope you will reconsider the broad brush statements that have been reported and find a way to make more housing available without giving fatcat developers even more opportunities to become even richer.

Yours sincerely
Jenni Mogridge

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