

Mrs Imelda Starkings comments

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Boroughs should have a process of making exceptions to their Conversion Stress policy. My parents who have lived in the same house for 57 years are being forced to move because Lambeth will not let them convert their family home into two flats. Their house is on 3 levels and 2/3 of it is not used yet they still have to maintain it , pay council tax and heat it. Local planning authorities are going against all the statistics (51% of owner occupiers are under occupied dwellings) making two flats would enable the younger part of the family to buy one and enter the housing market (part of the 75% of 24-35 year olds who cannot afford to enter the market)

This would be an ideal solution for two parts of our community to live independently and local authorities should recognise the sense of this. More thought and less regressive planning laws is what is needed in planning at local level