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John Healey MP, Shadow Housing Secretary, responding to reports that the Government is looking at giving councils limited additional flexibility to build new homes, said:

“Ministers tried tinkering with council borrowing rules four years ago and it hasn’t worked.

“Feeble measures like this will not build the affordable homes the country needs, or even make up for the nearly 200,000 council homes lost over the last seven years.

“Ministers should back Labour’s plan to let councils build by giving them the funding and full borrowing flexibility they need.”