

# These disappointing proposals fall far short of what is needed – Healey

## **Labour's Shadow**

**Secretary of State for Housing John Healey MP**, responding to the government's announcement on renting, said:

"These disappointing proposals fall far short of what is needed.

"Government figures show that affordable housebuilding has fallen to the lowest level in 24 years, with the number of homes being built for social rent now at the lowest level since records began.

"Ministers continue to do next to nothing to help people who rent from a private landlord and have consistently blocked Labour's attempts to change the law to control costs and give renters security.

"Ministers even voted down Labour's efforts to ensure that private rented homes were simply fit for human habitation.

"After seven years of failure on housing, renters deserve better than this."