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Responding

to the announcement of a call for evidence on improving the home-buying process, **John Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Housing Secretary, said:**

"Another

week and another call for evidence on failings in the housing market, but these

feeble proposals show that Ministers just don't get the scale of the problems facing homebuyers.

"This

smacks of a political diversion from the hard facts of the Tories' housing record. Home-ownership is at a thirty year low and the number of younger home-owners is in freefall, but Ministers can only come up with a 'call for evidence' on improving the home-buying process.

"Compare

the Tories' feeble gesture to Labour's plans – 100,000 discounted homes for first-time buyers, a cut in stamp duty, first dibs on new homes for local people and new protections for home-owners.

"This

is a government out of touch and out of ideas. Conservatives know housing was a big part of why they did so badly at the election but after seven years of failure Ministers still have no plan to fix the housing crisis."