



EXETER YOUNG GREENS

RENTERS' CHARTER

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TOUGH ON DEVELOPERS

Planning conditions on developers ensuring new developments are **affordable, accessible** and integrated into the community, with high environmental standards such as **passive house design**.

A version of the **Empty Homes Scheme** aimed at private student properties, especially large single occupancy blocks, requiring private developments to be more open about occupancy rates so that student rooms/properties can be **brought back into use** if left empty for a certain period of time.

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RENTERS' UNION

Collaboration between renters and community groups, supported by the City Council.

A **forum to discuss issues** in rented properties, providing advice on legal issues in renting.

Develop a **database** and search engine for **rented properties**, with in-house accreditation for accessibility, environmental standards, affordability and community impact.

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HOUSING FIRST

Adopt a '**Housing First**' strategy for homelessness, where residents in vulnerable situations are given permanent accommodation straight away, rather than moving them through different stages of accommodation in a precarious manner. This has already taken place in pilots in a number of UK cities including London, Glasgow and Newcastle.



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WORKING TOGETHER

Work with other urban local authorities to share best practice on tackling large developers and on seeking an end to the **exploitation of young people** in the rental sector through high rents, poor living conditions and hefty up-front fees.

Set up a working group with groups at the University to develop a full plan on **integrating the student population** into the wider population of the city. Encourage **greater distribution of the student population** and look at what all groups currently do to engage the student body in local communities and how this could be improved.

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EDUCATION

Outreach into sixth form **colleges and schools**, and communication with Exeter University Student's Guild, on what support the council can provide for **first time renters** and what legal rights young people would have going into renting.

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REFRESH

Campaign to encourage **modernisation of rented properties** for higher living standards.

Support for landlords to **retrofit out of date and low quality housing** that needs major reconstruction work, through the development of a seed fund.



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