



Homes First is a Scottish Greens campaign to resist the uncontrolled expansion of short-term tourist letting, at the expense of homes.

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Control the spread of holiday flats



The growth in short-term holiday lets is out of control in Edinburgh

More and more flats are being converted from homes to commercial holiday lets, with no effective regulation or oversight, causing a loss of homes in central Edinburgh and significant distress to remaining tenants.

What the Greens are doing

City Centre Green Councillor Claire Miller has pushed to set up a working group in Edinburgh Council and is working to bring in stronger enforcement while Lothian MSP Andy Wightman is pushing the Government to amend planning legislation to give councils the powers to act on this issue.

What you can do

If you've been affected by short-term lets, we want to know about it: **Share your story on greens.scot/homesfirst**

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Cllr Claire Miller

Put the brakes on rocketing rents

What's fuelling Edinburgh's sky-high rents?

Rent controls were scrapped in the 1980s and social housing was sold off.

Home ownership has declined as house prices soar.

Consequently, more and more people are forced into the private rented sector.

The price of renting in the private sector has skyrocketed

Since 2010 the cost of renting a two bedroom property in Edinburgh has increased nearly 40%. At the same time, wages for most workers have only gone up by about 8%. Edinburgh now has the most expensive private rented housing in Scotland.

What can Edinburgh Council do?

With rents rising so rapidly and the hardship this causes tenants, the council can apply to the Scottish Government to create a Rent Pressure Zone. This would limit rent increases within existing tenancies to inflation plus 1% - a real help to struggling tenants. Green Councillors have already persuaded the Council to investigate a Rent Pressure Zone covering the whole city.

What you can do

Write to the Convenor of the Housing & Economy Committee in support of an Edinburgh-wide Rent Pressure Zone:

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Write to your Councillor in support of a Rent Pressure Zone.

Find out more: edinburghgreens.org.uk/site/blog/rpz-report



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