

A crisis for everyone

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My agenda for today

- **A bit about Shelter**
- **The national emergency**
- **Shelter's view on housebuilding**
- **So what?**

About Shelter

- **Why do we exist?**
- **Accountability**
- **Independence**
- **Future strategy**

The national emergency

- **300,000 homeless people**
- **128,000 homeless children**
- **5 million people whose right to a home is denied or at risk**
- **Impact of welfare reform and loss of public services**
- **Public awareness: very few people are unaffected**
- **Political awareness: an opportunity for change**

Shelter's view on housebuilding

- **The market will never be the solution to the crisis**
- **We need more social housing and other affordable homes**
- **The cost of land drives out affordable housing**
- **Nimbyism is overstated**
- **The green belt is over-rated**

So what?

- **We need all the big players to be part of the solution**
- **Let's work together where we agree, particularly on government actions**
 - Building social housing
 - Ending the Housing Benefit freeze
 - Seeing the Fitness for Human Habitation Bill through
- **Let's keep an open mind where we disagree**

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Until there's a home for everyone