

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

24 July 2024

Notice of Motion No. 2024-04 - Housing

From Cllr Nick Botterill and Cllr Allison Bucknell

To consider the following motion submitted in accordance with the constitution:

Motion

This Council expects Housing Associations which own homes in Wiltshire to be putting their social purpose first and foremost, as is the case with those homes owned by Wiltshire Council. There is a desperate need for social and affordable properties for rent in Wiltshire and we are concerned by the recent reports of future property sales by GreenSquare Accord as well as a number of cases where Aster tenants have been removed from their homes so that demolition can take place before properties are rebuilt for sale on the open market.

Selling social and affordable homes in our towns and villages will undermine the social fabric of the area. We therefore call on Housing Associations to invest in their older stock in Wiltshire and not be disposing of it on the housing market in the anticipation of buying cheaper replacements in our towns or in other local authority areas.

We request the Director responsible for housing write to all Housing Associations in Wiltshire setting out this motion.