



THE NEWS INTERVIEWS LABOUR'S HARRIET HARMAN AS SHE PREPARES TO DEFEND CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM IN GE2017

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By far the most controversial and long-running story in her constituency has been redevelopment of the Aylesbury Estate.

Harriet says she disagreed with the secretary of state's decision last September: that eight leaseholders in Phase One of the regeneration scheme would have had their human rights "contravened" by the council's attempted compulsory purchase order (CPO) of their homes (for as little as £180,000).

She calls it the "perilous" outcome of what happens when people use Right to Buy on big estates.



She “sympathises” with the affected leaseholders, but says the council **“can’t pay above market value, and the market value is affected by the fact that it’s going to be redeveloped”**.

“People can claim human rights, that doesn’t mean it’s a human right violation. I just think it’s a very difficult situation for those individuals. I think the council needs to press on with the legal processes and try and find a solution so it’s not held up.”

Whether that “solution” is for the council to continue its game of chicken with the government, or offer a more generous deal to the leaseholders, Harriet doesn’t say.

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