

Annex B

Council Motion approved 2nd April 2009

“This Council believes that the both the sub-division and amalgamation of homes should be regulated to reduce the harm they can cause to the City's housing stock and neighbouring residents.

This Council believes that the sub-division of homes should be stopped due to its detrimental effect on the City's housing stock. Council calls upon the Director of City Strategy to bring forward a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on the ‘Sub - Division of Terraced and Semi Detached’ properties in the City of York Council area.

The SPD should address:

- the impact sub-division has on starter and family homes in the City, including their supply and affordability,
- the housing needs of the City as set out in the 2007 City of York Council Strategic Housing Market Assessment, and
- should clearly state minimum floor space, as practiced in a number of other Local Authorities.

The drafting of the SPD should take place as a matter of urgency so that it can be adopted during September 2009.

Council also requests that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary for State to request that Government brings under planning control the conversion of two dwelling houses into one as the longstanding exemption contributes to the loss of 'more affordable' terraced houses particularly in conservation areas and York's rural fringe.”