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Campaign to end homelessness

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me as part of the Crisis campaign to end homelessness.

Homelessness is not inevitable in a country as well off as ours. However, decisions made by the Conservative Government have meant that since 2010 the number of people sleeping rough has more than doubled and the UK's hidden homeless population has soared by almost two thirds. This shames us all and we need urgent action to tackle this crisis.

This month the Government unveiled its £100m strategy to tackle rough sleeping on England's streets as part of its pledge to end rough sleeping by 2027. However the Government's rough sleeping plan unravelled just hours after it was announced with it becoming clear that there was no additional money for the Housing Department to tackle the crisis of rough sleeping.

A Labour Government would go much further to tackle this crisis by building more affordable homes and producing a new national rough sleeping strategy to end rough sleeping within the next Parliament. We would also take action to tackle the root causes of homelessness, including safeguarding homeless hostels and other supported housing from Conservative cuts to housing benefit. In the meantime I will continue to do what I can to push for action on homelessness both locally and nationally.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me about ending homelessness.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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