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Please take note Middlesbrough Borough Council and Regeneration Head Mr Tim White..... Hot off the press.....

Time to reconsider your proposals for MASS DEMOLITION – it is not too late to think again!!!

‘Putting People First is Putting Their Homes First’

The Regeneration Budget is better spent on renovating existing homes ALL of which are structural sound.

Kelly rejects homes renewal clearance application

The government today intervened to stop a council from demolishing homes in a housing market renewal pathfinder for the first time.

Communities secretary Ruth Kelly said she was backing a report by a planning inspector who recommended denying an application for a compulsory purchase order.

The application, covering 152 homes, was made by Blackburn with Darwen Council in the East Lancashire housing market renewal area.

A letter to the council from a government official said: "(Kelly) considers that a convincing case, especially in economic terms, for the acquisition and demolition of the remaining dwellings in the Order area has not been made.

"Overall, she takes the view that clearance action must be fully justified in all circumstances."

The inspector, however, rejected suggestions that the homes covered under the application were still habitable.

The government denied that the decision signalled a tougher approach to demolitions under Kelly.

A spokesman said: "This decision relates to this particular proposed Compulsory Purchase Order, and is without prejudice to any future similar proposals elsewhere in the East Lancashire HMR Pathfinder area, which will be assessed on their own merits."