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## QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM MR MICK BARNARD

Given the council's own statistics show under-occupation to be an acute housing problem why does planning promote larger houses as the priority need when the provision of suitable properties for the elderly under-occupiers could double or even treble the number of households that would benefit?