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- 40% of homeless people have used squatting in empty properties as a last resort
- Squatters **do not target lived-in homes**. It was a criminal offence to do so before the introduction of new law S144 against squatters occupying residential buildings
- The new law is sending young, homeless people to prison
- Everyone arrested so far was squatting in empty properties.
- There are **over 1 million empty buildings** in the UK
- Squatting in unused commercial properties remains a necessary option for many, particularly as Britain's housing crisis worsens and cuts deepens

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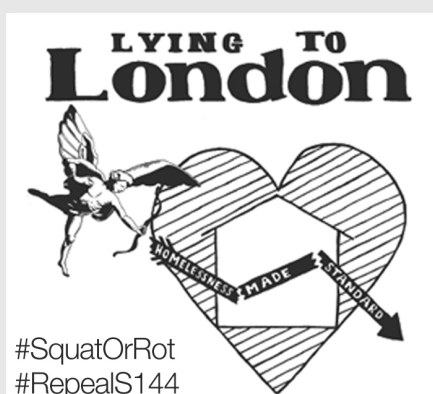
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