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Secret Sleepers

London's problem with 'Beds in sheds'

Unauthorised buildings on existing property causes financial loss for councils. Additionally, these structures are often rented out by unscrupulous landlords as a substandard form of accommodation, with safety and fire risks. However, the Mayor's new draft London Plan introduces a new policy that effectively promotes new dwellings in back gardens. Unless this is reviewed, it could lead to new beds in sheds being established. This report lays out the problems and solutions of unauthorised building in the Capital.