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Healey home repossession comments 'outrageous'

Keighley and Ilkley Conservative Parliamentary Candidate Kris Hopkins has accused John Healey of making "outrageous and callous" comments after the Housing Minister sought to justify news that repossessions in 2009 had soared to a 14-year high by claiming in a BBC Radio 5 Live interview that, *"for some people home repossession can be the best option."*

Cllr Hopkins, who is also chair of the Yorkshire and Humber Regeneration and Housing Board, commented:

"John Healey's comments are not only outrageous and callous, but they clearly highlight how incredibly detached he and his Labour colleagues have become from real people struggling to cope with the economic mess created by this wretched Government.

"It is absolutely right for individuals and couples to aspire to own their own homes and Mr Healey should be seeking to help those who are struggling rather than coldly brush aside the tragic circumstances which have affected so many homeowners under his watch.

"I note that Mr Healey has recently been appointed as the Minister for Pubs.

"Perhaps he should spend less time basking in the excitement of his new hobby and more time helping people who may be struggling to scrape together the price of a pint."

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