

2040 Plan



Hi, and thanks for considering my submission.

We must do it better in future, so as to avoid the hideous planning mistakes of the past, which led to social exclusion and non attainment of potential on one side of the socio-economic equation, and reckless speculation and greed leading to the banking collapse, on the other.

Briefly, my submission concerns the accommodation issue.

How do we build enough houses, and in the correct places?

Can we consider for a moment, the existing method of building houses in this country?

Developers accumulate cheap farmland, and accrue supernormal profits when selling the reasoned land to builders, who then must charge high prices to homebuyers so as to reasonably cover their input.

My suggestion is thus.

Consider the system where sites are bought with outline planning permission, with services provided. People then build to their own preferences, within the guidelines. Not exactly perfect, so far, as there has been some supernormal profit made by the seller of the sites.

However, I consider myself lucky that I live in such a place, and we have a nice community here, with many neighbours who have built houses on land bought from farmers down through the years.

Now, applying said principle of self-develop, imagine the following :-

The local authority acquire, compulsorily or otherwise, a parcel of land, design it thoroughly in terms of social obligations, spacing, aesthetics, services, and transport links.

Sell the sites to families - I envisage little room for speculators who should be made unwelcome - and each can build within the guidelines.

Said guidelines should also allow for some larger, some smaller, some multi story units, all very possible utilising the abundance of architectural talent in this country.

A true community is eminently achievable.

No greedy speculators making supernormal profits, which must be paid for by working families. People would feel that they were getting a fair chance to build their own home and their own community.

No, it's not utopia, but a vision that is within our grasp, given the principle that everyone should be given a fair chance.

It is the responsibility of planners and government to facilitate, not hinder, these aspirations.

Thanks for reading this, I represent no party or organisation.

I am a trade union member.

Yours sincerely,

