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Dear Madam.

The London Green Belt Council regards Planning as being of such importance that it should be left to the state to oversee developments and not give local planners a clear run .

The present system is very cost inefficient as local authorities have to pay for any appeal, and they have to bear the costs of enforcement!

As the developer is clearly applying for something which will return a

profit so he should pay for all the costs ,

It is estimated that there are 870,000 empty homes in Britain and 400,000

empty office blocks it repairs to existing buildings and no VAT on green sites.

We are pleased that this report will acknowledge that social and environmental choices are also worthy of consideration.

Planners must take

into consideration pollution and environmental degradation

The views of organisations such as CPRE and the local green belt councils

such as the London green belt council should also be taken into

consideration as they are not financially involved in the planning applications as greedy .developers will always go for prime sites

Jobs and transport needs together with the necessary water and sewage can

only be regulated by a consensual government if it wishes to remain in

power. Therefore the emphasis of your report should

argue in favour of growth be concentrated where workers are already

available and transport links are already in place

, water is in abundance

which is in the North -East and Scotland.

I ,repeat there are according to the BBC 's empty homes
web site 870,000
empty homes in Britain which can be made habitable for a
very reasonable
cost.

The Governmment has a responsibily to house the homeless
but please use
eisting stock first.

That is return housing to accountable councils.

Thank you

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