



House of Lords Built Environment Committee The Grey Belt in England

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Name of school	Carmel College
How many students took part in the discussion?	16
Do you give permission to share the name of the school with the Committee?	Yes
Do you give permission to publish the name of the school within the summary, on the Committee's webpage?	Yes
Question 1: Do you understand what the Government is trying to achieve? Do you think it makes sense?	<p>Our students separated into two discussion groups to consider these questions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group One thought that the government was wanting to build on land that was already developed and built on and that they were aiming to build more social housing. ▪ Group Two – we understand what the government is trying to achieve and we also somewhat agree that it is a good idea.
Question 2: What infrastructure and amenities would be needed to make new housing developments on Grey Belt land reasonable and desirable communities in which to live, and who should ensure it is in place?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group One wanted these new developments to be able to provide employment for local workers. • They also wanted projects to be integrated and sustainable. • They wanted housing that was cheaper. • Better quality housing. • They thought that these schemes could make use of old factories and houses.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was particular concern shown about second homes. Many were worried about the amount of local housing being bought up and converted into student flats. These flats were expensive and denied families of these homes. They felt that there should be more incentives for the universities to provide more accommodation options for their students rather than it being provided by private landlords. ▪ Group Two wanted infrastructure focused on hospital, social/affordable housing, hotels and public transport links.
<p>Question 3: How important is it that developments built on Grey Belt land should contain affordable housing? How much of the housing should be affordable?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group One wanted affordable housing and social housing to be built – they wanted more than is currently provided but they did not give a specific figure or proportion. ▪ Group Two thought that the housing built should be generally more focused on affordable housing, some should be luxury homes and some should be at a commercial price.
<p>Question 4: How important is it that developments on Grey Belt land have local amenities in place? Please rank, from most important to least, the amenities that should be in place already, or provided as part of the new development?</p>	<p>Group One</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Houses 2. Community centres 3. Schools 4. Emergency services 5. Local business 6. Places for religious worship <p>Group Two</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hospitals 2. Schools 3. Fire department 4. Police/other services 5. Public services such as post offices 6. Parks 7. Leisure centres
<p>Question 5: What is most important when decisions are taken to develop Grey Belt land? For example, the current contribution</p>	<p>Group One</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affordable/social housing



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<p>the land is making to Green Belt aims? The infrastructure or amenities that are in place? Local people's need for affordable housing? Please rank your suggestions in order of importance.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Amenities3. Provision of jobs in the local community. <p>Group Two</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Affordable homes.2. Homes that are likely to be inhabited and not left empty/unsold.3. Make use of already existing public transport.4. Maximise as much housing as possible on to Grey Belt areas.5. Provide and protect significant green areas to ensure that the complaints from NIMBYs will be limited.
<p>Any other information or comments you would like to share.</p>	<p>One of our discussion group has written to his local MP about this issue. The response of the MP is included below.</p>

