

Mr David Martin-Clark comments

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I object strongly to that part of the Plan which encourages in-filling and back-garden development, in particular in areas that have already been designated as Areas of Special Local Character. Whilst the need for additional housing is recognised, this need must be met with sensitivity towards the local area and with respect for the housing plans of the London Borough of Sutton. In general, it is surely, better to encourage development of brown-field sites - if necessary by reducing remediation standards, the present costs of which are, I understand, a deterrent to developers wanting to use such sites.