

Mr John Murphy comments

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I am concerned that it will become much more difficult for planning permission to be refused for developments that the community regards as inappropriate, either for reasons of over-development or being out of keeping with the area's character. Examples might be new-build flats in low-rise residential streets, or backland development of individual residences against the wishes of neighbours (individually and collectively).

In such areas, particularly of very large family homes, conversion of existing buildings into flats would be preferable, would be more in keeping with the locality and would hopefully better meet the requirement for affordable homes for younger people.

Infill in areas with high-value homes already will NOT contribute to the stock of affordable housing, because builders will go for 'luxury' and unaffordable homes or apartment blocks in order to maximise profits.