

Mr Malcolm Rothera comments

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I disagree with the overall aims of the plan. I believe the time has come to say 'no more'. The current density of people in London is already too great. We should not be aiming to house more people in this city. Building more accommodation will simply encourage more and more people to come here, with no end in sight. The more people who come here, the worse the general environment becomes for everybody, with overcrowded infrastructure at every turn. The only way to control the population of this city is by market forces - if people realise that there is simply nowhere available for them to live here, they will have to think more carefully about whether they should come in the first place. In the same way that, nationally, we need to control the number of people coming here according to what skills and ideas they bring to contribute to our community and economy, locally we should be aiming to control the number of people who come to London on a similar basis. The more we seek to prop up an unrealistic influx of unskilled workers, the more problems we store up for ourselves in the long term. That will result in the capital eventually becoming an unattractive place to live and a 'ghettoisation' of our city as all those who can afford to move out to escape the over-crowding. I urge you to think again about a massive house-building scheme in London, as controversial as it may sound.