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C S Lewis acknowledged his own "*chronological snobbery*", which he defined as "*the uncritical acceptance of the intellectual climate common to our own age and the assumption that whatever has gone out of date is on that account discredited*". We are suffering from this in relation to Land in England today and this is what is causing the problems. English Land law and Equity have dealt with these problems numerous times before since before 1066 to Magna Carta, the Forest Charter of 1217, the Rent Act 1977 and Council Housing. The basic misunderstanding that unenlightened people have is that '*Land*' is a "*commodity*", which it is not. It is a Common Resource over which a civilized society *agrees* 'Rights'. English Land law and Equity still support this but developers and planning authorities are either unable, or unwilling to see it and so misunderstand or misapply the Law - And Local and Central Government are supporting them in this. Sadly even Chancery Lawyers have now been contaminated by this view which has already led to a breakdown in civilisation. The Good news is that London can easily Heal this breakdown in civilisation by understanding the historic context in which it has arisen.