



Rural Housing

In many places the Greenbelt is "under threat" because of the belief that it is wasted space in an era when many towns and cities are overcrowded.

What is the Greenbelt ?

<http://www.politics-greenbelt.org.uk/>

Decline in provision of social housing means fewer properties available at low cost. Many young people born and raised in the countryside cannot afford to live there as young adults. Should Greenbelt land be freed to build houses for rural young families?



What is brownfield land?

<http://www.uklanddirectory.org.uk/brownfield.asp>

Do you think brownfield development helps rural areas? What problems does it not solve?

What other reasons are there for young people to leave the countryside?

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/broadband/7359999/Record-number-of-young-people-leaving-countryside-due-to-slow-internet-speeds.html>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb/blog/nurturing-resilience/201511/the-end-rural-communities-why-young-people-leave>

Villages themselves suffer when young people leave.

What problems are caused by the failure to provide housing in rural locations?

<http://www.theguardian.com/theobserver/2013/jun/23/the-big-issue-affordable-housing>

Read the following articles and then decide whether you favour urban or rural living.

<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/urban-vs-rural-living.html>

The Localism Act introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/contents/enacted>



As a group or class, design your own neighbourhood plan for where you live.

You can also search the web for Neighbourhood Plans.

