

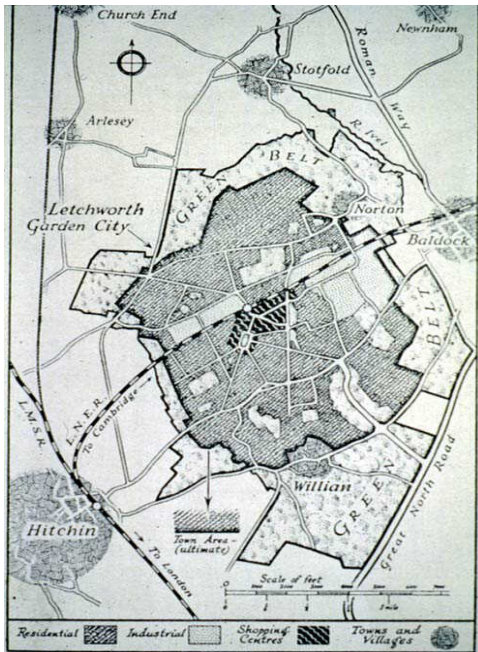
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***Planning is the problem more than the
answer***

Opposing the motion

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The Visionaries



Where things started to go wrong?



The 1960's



Let's review the system

- Planning Advisory Group “The Future of Development Plans” 1965
- 1968 TCP Act – single authority responsible for broad strategic structure plan, detailed local plans and development control
- 1972 Local Government Act - creation of Districts and Counties
- 1977 Expenditure Committee report “Planning Procedures”: system too slow; plans too long; too many policies; concerns about effectiveness

Again ...

- Jobs locked away in filing cabinets (Heseltine 1979)
- “Lifting the Burden” 1985 White Paper
- “Building business not barriers” 1986
- 1986 “The Future of Development Plans”
- 1991 Planning and Compensation Act introduced:
 - District wide Local Plans
 - Section 54A – presumption in favour of the plan

And Again!

- Planning Green Paper 2001 “Delivering a fundamental change”
- 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act:
 - abolished Structure Plans
 - made RSS part of development plan
 - introduced the concept of a suite of LDDs comprising the LDF – core strategy, AAPs etc
- Planning White Paper 2007 – “Planning for a Sustainable Future”
- Planning Act 2008: new arrangements for major infrastructure
- “Open Source” Planning – all change again!

Planning is the Answer not the problem

“The reason we embarked on [this strategy] is not because we are anti-planning .. its precisely because *we recognise the role that a good planning system can play in delivering economic growth that the country needs* that we are moving swiftly.

Bob Neill “Building Tension” The Guardian 23 June 2010