

Dear Sir/Madam,

I live in a small village. I understand because housing developments here seem to be small such as infilling, or ten houses say, there is no requirement to build any affordable housing. The builder has to put money into an affordable housing fund instead. If this is correct, then it seems to result in every new house being a large luxury family house for professionals to the detriment of young people wishing to stay in the village. There may not be supposed to be development of the village in the local plan but infilling does regularly happen.

Can I suggest that the planning rules are altered so that a certain percentage of any new houses built, even by different developers have to include affordable ones e.g. if five luxury houses are the last ones built, no more are allowed until five smaller more affordable ones have been built. If this is not possible, perhaps the size of a development which requires affordable housing to be included could be reduced to a five house development. Otherwise villages are taken over by the very affluent, and young people are excluded. Additionally a small amount of social housing could be added to the village to replace all the council houses sold off.

The village is Torphichen, but the comments presumably will apply to any small village.

I will attach the information form but couldn't manage to get the check boxes to stay checked. Perhaps you could put hints of how to do this on the form.

Yours sincerely,

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