



Transport for New Homes

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About us

Transport: Steve Chambers

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What do you think?

NPPF consultation: suggested comments

One last thing: Transport Knowledge Wiki



About us

- Founded by Jenny in 2017 as a project of FIT
- Became a separate non-profit company in 2021
- Three influential reports on planning and transport
- Now working on annual “State of the Nation” report

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- What has been happening?
- What are government plans?
- Threats and opportunities for new housing

Buses and mayors

- Better Buses Bill
- Removing ban on public ownership of bus companies
- Areas with devolution deals do not align with housing demand
- New housing estates have been predominately in rural areas outside combined authorities
- These areas has suffered the worst cuts in services





Restoring your railway fund

- Small pot of money (so why scrap it?)
- Tiny grants
- Very few new housing estates are near old abandoned railways
- What is needed: new lines, real investment



Nationalised railways

- Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill
- Streamlined railway governance reduces complex decision making
- Improvements no longer linked to franchise/contract renewal
- Beam Park railway station example
- Strategic approach to network expansion (?)



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