

Reform and reassessment of the Green Belt



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Reform and reassessment: battle lines

- Public generally supportive of green belt
 - CPRE & Natural England [Green belts: A greener future](#) (2010)
 - Ipsos Mori [poll](#) for CPRE (2015)

- But pressure from industry and economic actors:
 - OECD Surveys of the UK (2011, 2013, 2015, [2017](#))
 - Policy Exchange [Rethinking the Planning System for the 21st Century](#) (2019)
 - *The Times* interview with [Sir John Armitt](#) and [editorial](#) the same day

Reform and reassessment: options

- Complete abolition
 - Adam Smith Institute [The Green Noose](#) (2015)
 - Policy Exchange?
- Redraw the lines – remove land around railway stations
 - *The Green Noose*
 - Centre for Cities [Homes on the Right Tracks](#) (2019)
 - (though note 2015 RTPI Paper on [commuting patterns](#))
- Refocus purpose
 - Monbiot et al [Land for the Many](#) (2019)

Reform and reassessment: government response

- Consistent line of green belt protection
 - Response to OECD suggestions
 - NPPF 2019
 - £8m cash boost for [“vibrant new communities”](#)
 - Esther McVey’s speeches in late 2019, e.g. to [MIPIM](#) or on the [NPPF](#)

- Recent change?
 - Robert Jenrick [speech](#) (Feb 2020)
 - [Planning for the Future](#) (March 2020)

- [Green Belt Protection Bill](#) (2019-2021)

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