

12 JULY 2007

NOTICE OF MOTION

INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT IN THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND

“This council notes the remarks made by the new Prime Minister after his appointment as Labour Leader on 24 June:

“Now, housing will be a priority. The Housing Minister will attend Cabinet and will lead the national debate on the new homes we must build. And this time the promise of a property owning democracy must be open to all those wanting to get on the housing ladder for the first time.”

This council notes that, while it supports the notion of a property-owning democracy, the new homes to which the Prime Minister refers will be concentrated in the south east of England, and will bring considerable infrastructure pressures with them.

This council is pleased that the city of Brighton & Hove is so attractive to new businesses and new residents and welcomes inward investment and development in the community. However, it finds the lack of investment by Central Government into the infrastructure required to support new development deplorable.

This council notes with concern that the infrastructure deficit across the south east of England was £8 billion in 2005, according to a report by Roger Tym and Partners, and that since that time, the lack of Government support for residents' quality of life has continued.

This council therefore calls on the new Prime Minister and the Secretaries of State for Transport and Communities to make infrastructure improvements a priority for the South East Region and instructs the Chief Executive to write to them setting out the views expressed in this Notice of Motion.”

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