

More Affordable Homes Needed in the West, Yet We Still Need to Deal With the Root Cause - Mass immigration



The Prime Minister's call to build more affordable homes in the UK has not dealt with the root cause. Theresa May's speech (5th March) aimed at addressing the UK Housing crisis, touched upon the growing anger, since the 1990s, towards spiralling house prices in the West country, yet failed to mention mass immigration, the underlying reason.

Many young people in particular find themselves trapped in rented accommodation or relying on the benevolence of friends and family. Supply and demand in housing stock has not kept up with thousands of extra people moving to the South West of England year upon year. We simply need to get a grip on mass immigration to stem the problem at its root cause, namely demand.

The ONS have published official figures showing that an extra 244,000 people (NET) moved to the UK in the year up until September 2017, missing again the government target to reduce migration to the tens of thousands. To help fill the gap in housing, in the South West, plans were announced last year for new garden villages in Culm, Devon, West Carclaze, Cornwall and a new town near Taunton, Somerset.