

## A CASE FOR BUILDING ON BROWNFIELD SITES

There are large areas of Brownfield in Birkenhead some of which were created by Council. Why not develop those? Many are in the centre of towns or close by (Birkenhead North, for example) so why not develop their street patterns? The infra-structure would not be adequate or meet modern requirements but that is small beer when taking into consideration everything that must be considered with new build. People might like to know that they are living in a modern EPC "A" Rated home on an old street named after a Crimean Battle e.g. Alma Street or a local Victorian gent e.g. Dickens Street or a Great War hero e.g. Chavasse Street.

Wherever homes are built beside water be it canal, river, sea or dock, they are sold at a premium.

Birkenhead has miles of dockside that could be developed similarly. Why is it not?

Why are our house builders so determined to build on quiet green countryside when there is so much else that is available?

According to CPRE, the Hoylake Golf Resort site has a "Tranquility Rating 2" when Hilbre Islands are rated as 1. Why destroy tranquil countryside when there is derelict Victorian dockyards, shipyards and back-to-back houses?

*(With thanks JHH)*