



# North West Responding to Climate Change Supported Learning Group

**Managing Competing Demands**

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# balancing priorities

- Economic needs v environmental concerns
- Homes where people want them v social exclusion
- Long term strategies v today's pressures
- “Brownfield” development v “town cramming”
- Retail “market forces” v viability of town centres
- Individual v public interest
- Responding to climate change
- Deliverability in current economic climate





# decision making

- uncertain times
- robustness
- allowing flexibility
- scope for adjustments
- places which are suitable now, may become unsuitable in the future as a result of the changing climate





# adaptation to climate change

- Social response
  - Human behaviour can be reactive, concurrent or anticipatory, spontaneous or planned ...
  - short-term and tactical or longer-term and strategic



See “Rapid Climate Change UK: Towards An Institutional Theory of Adaptation”

<http://www.rcc.rures.net/documents/awardreport.pdf>



# adaptation to climate change

- Economic factors
  - Is there a finite sum for additional costs without impacting on development viability?
  - Will the costs of additional environmental measures add significantly to sales prices?
  - In current market conditions will developers struggle to cope with added costs?
  - What is the developer's approach ?





# adaptation to climate change

- Political response:
  - Will the reconstruction of the global economy be positive for mitigating climate change?
  - Is the move toward energy security at odds with a low-carbon society?
  - Do we need the return of state planning to overcome the climate change challenge?
  - How can the response to climate change be socially just?



See “Building a low-carbon future: the politics of climate change”  
<http://politicsofclimatechange.wordpress.com>



# adaptation to climate change

- Political response **further information:**
  - *what do the latest climate projections mean for you ?* LGA, Jan 2010  
<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/7904638>
  - *small change, big difference are there votes to be had in climate change?* LGA, Aug 2008  
<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/895168>
  - *sustainable energy and climate change: a survey of local authorities* LGA, June 2004  
<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/1097144>

