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Event: Minister for Decentralisation, Greg Clark MP, Speech to Conference

Venue: GMEX conference centre, Manchester

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In a short speech to the Tory conference today, Minister for Decentralisation Greg Clark slammed Labour's record on delivering new homes, stressing 'Their Shadow Minister for State described home ownership as "The English disease!"'

Clark went on to stress how first time buyers are now practically middle aged with the average first time buyer being almost 40. He continued to describe the serious ramifications '6 months notice on a let' has on family life and relationships.

He claimed that 'yes, we are going to build more homes and in the right places' - suggesting that the Government are the stewards of the countryside.

'Of course we will build on brownfield before greenfield land; we'll insist on excellent design not legotowns and we'll make sure that planning decisions are taken by local people who know and love where they live, not by those regional bureaucracies or visiting inspectors.'

Clark stressed, with reference to the recent National Trust and Telegraph campaign, that "there is no charity, no campaign, no concerned citizen who feels more strongly about cherishing our countryside than we do."

The Minister ended by saying they are going to give power away from Westminster and Whitehall to cities and local people.

'We are the party of the next generation.'

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