



# Press Release

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## **CPRE WELCOMES PLANNING REFUSAL ON BROWNFIELD LAND**

CPRE[1] has welcomed the refusal by Communities Secretary Ruth Kelly to allow a major housing development on brownfield land at Corys Wharf, Purfleet, in the Thames Gateway. The refusal was made on the grounds of poor design.[2]

Support for Ruth Kelly's decision is offered by CPRE's Thames Gateway group[3] despite the fact that CPRE recognises the urgent need for more housing to be built in the Thames Gateway, and recognises the fact that the development would have been built at high density and on a brownfield site.

Nigel Kersey, CPRE's Thames Gateway project leader said:

'We're delighted to see DCLG flexing its muscles in this way. Developers in the Thames Gateway - as elsewhere - need to know that they can't get away with squandering the urban renaissance for a quick profit. For the Thames Gateway to succeed economically and to remain an attractive place to live into the longer term, quality must be non-negotiable.'

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The Campaign to Protect Rural England exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country.

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## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

- [1] CPRE London is the London Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. CPRE exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country. We promote positive solutions for the long-term future of the countryside to ensure change values its natural and built environment. Our Patron is Her Majesty The Queen. We have 59,000 supporters, a branch in every county, nine regional groups, over 200 local groups and a national office in London. CPRE is a powerful combination of effective local action and strong national campaigning. Our President is Sir Max Hastings.
- [2] More information can be found on the Planning Portal website at:  
<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/news/?1115314565682>
- The Secretary of State's decision letter can be found at:  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1503570>
- [3] CPRE's Thames Gateway group comprises CPRE's London, Essex and Kent branches, and National Office.