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It is clear from the projections that Braintree, in particular, will have reduced housing needs from the original projections.

The effects of covid 19 have yet to be assessed but the deaths, particularly to the older population , will free up housing at greater rate than expected.

We therefore, need fewer new homes and those that are required should be more carefully focussed upon affordable homes for those in the countryside areas. By this I mean not a few tagged on to massive estates but really affordable cottages on an infill basis near village centres . This will not be popular with developers but their needs are not those of the locality.

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