

Planning in the Future

What will Planners do in 2050?



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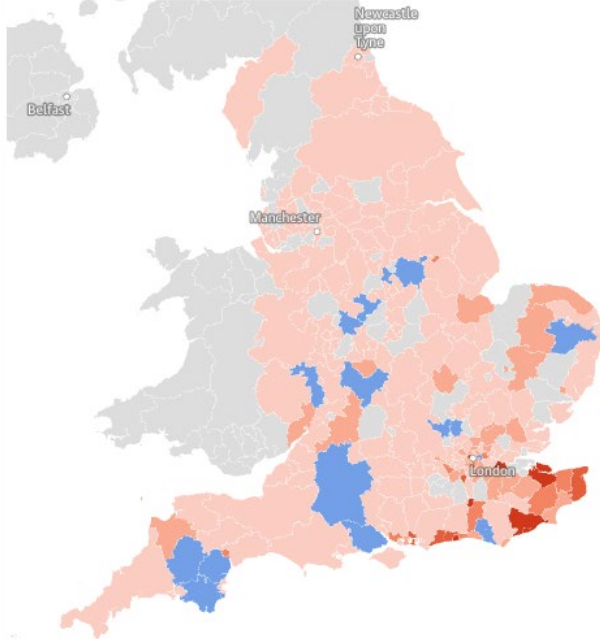


Where are we now?

Council budgets are strained by temporary accommodation costs

Net temporary accommodation spending as a proportion of core spending power 2023/24

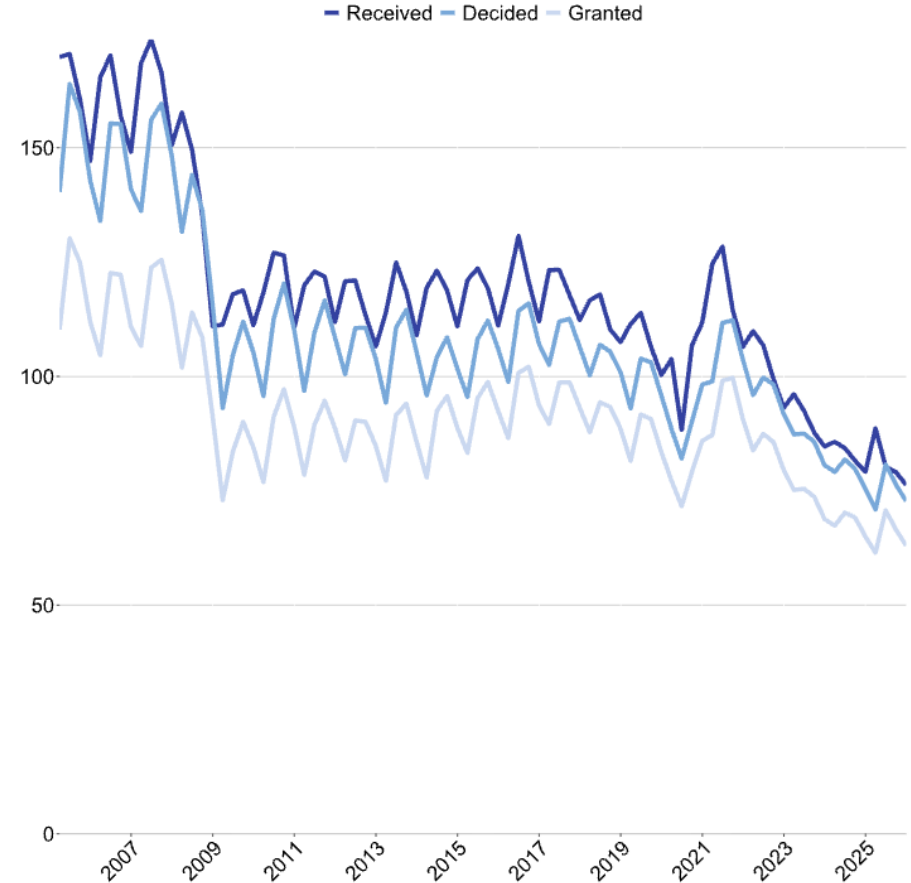
■ Surplus ■ 0.1% to 5% ■ 5 to 10% ■ 10 to 15% ■ 15 to 20% ■ 20% and above



Guardian graphic. Source: MHCLG Local authority revenue expenditure and financing, MHCLG Tables on homelessness, ONS Price Index of Private Rents. Map data: © Crown copyright and database right 2023

Figure 1: Number of planning applications received, decided and granted (thousands)

England, quarter ending June 2005 to quarter ending December 2025



Who is Planning for?



Time for a System Upgrade?



Follow
the
money...

UK GOVERNMENT AI FUNDING INITIATIVE: ACCELERATING SOLUTIONS



HM Government

MHCLG

Ministry of Housing,
Communities & Local Government

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The Future is Already Here

(just not evenly distributed)

1. Digitisation



Converting analog data into digital format.

2. Cleaning & Preparation



Removing errors, standardizing, and structuring data.

3. ML/LLM Program



Training models and processing data.

4. AI Augmented Recommendation



Generating insights and suggested actions.



Two Tier System?

COMMUNITY
INPUT

REGULATION

DEBATE

SLOW PROCESS

REGULATION

DEBATE

COMMUNITY

AUTOMATED
APPROVAL

EFFICIENCY

NEEDS
RESULTS

EFFICIENCY




Delivering What Matters

“You can’t manage what you don’t measure”



An Evolving Toolbox

The right tool for the right job



Hammer: Driving & removing nails, shaping metal.

Screwdrivers: Tightening & loosening screws.

Tape Measure: Measuring distance & length accurately.

Adjustable Wrench: Gripping & turning nuts/bolts.

Hand Saw: Cutting wood or other materials.

Pliers: Gripping, bending, & cutting wire.

Utility Knife: Precise cutting & scoring.

Spirit Level: Determining horizontal & vertical alignment.

Power Drill: Drilling holes & driving fasteners.

Clamps: Holding workpieces securely.



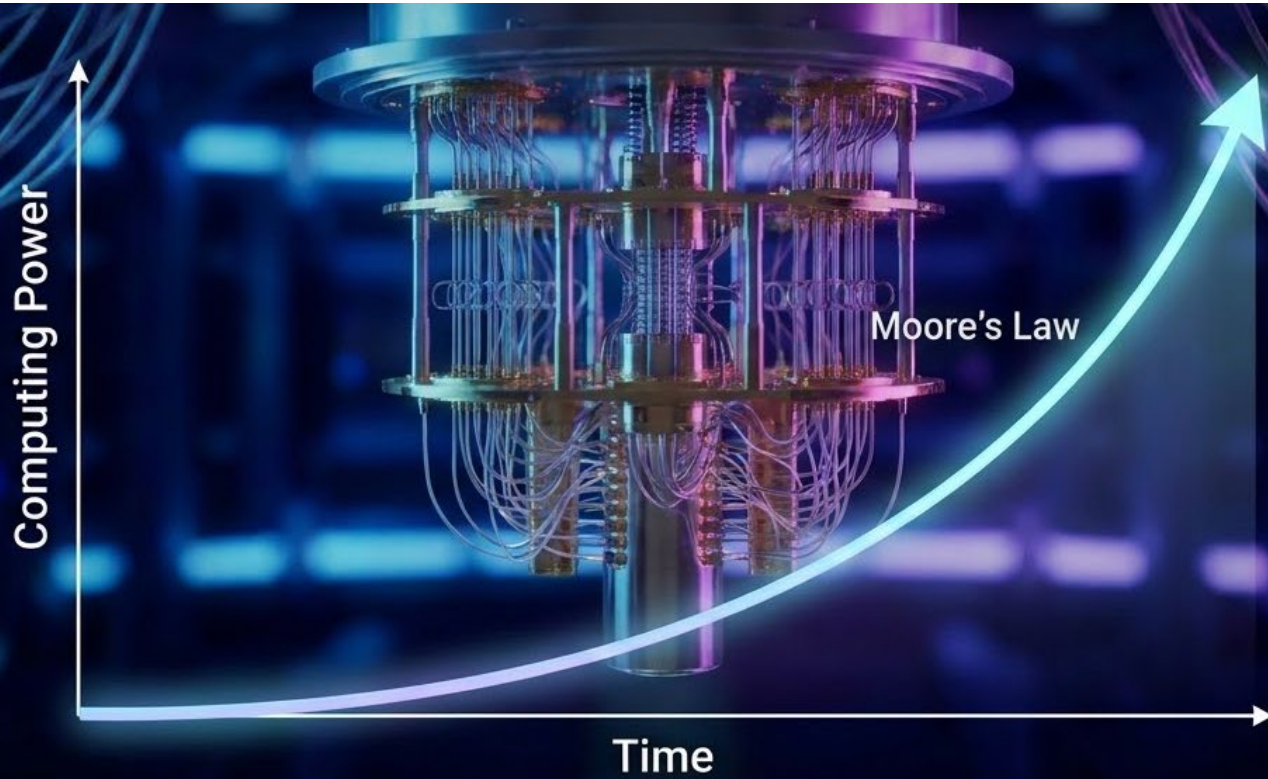
Live data and decision inputs

Setting the standards and getting the 'plumbing' right



Moore's Law

Quantum Computing is on its way



The Ethical Choice

Who is accountable?



The Political Choice

Are we brave enough?





Thank you

