

Property industry insiders reveal what they would do if they were in charge, from cracking on with planning reform and cutting Stamp Duty to clearing up the Building Safety Act.

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Marco Previero, Head of Research
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“Across the UK, the issues surrounding infrastructure need to be addressed as a matter of urgency. Creating connected and vibrant neighbourhoods should be at the top of the agenda, and local councils can be supported with extra funding to help improve certain areas and enhance existing communities. Transport within these neighbourhoods also requires investment, as in my opinion, the London Underground specifically is due for a huge overhaul.

“I would also seek to increase housing supply by streamlining planning permission and I would make better use of data to drive clear plans for future housing strategies. Sustainability is also of key importance for this new housing stock and the government could incentivise the building and / or retrofitting of sustainable new homes with grants or low interest loans.

“SDLT thresholds should be adjusted to make purchasing a property easier for first time buyers and downsizers, which will always help to ensure market growth. Additionally, encouraging investment in prime central London areas by offering reduced SDLT and capital gains tax incentives for property investors and developers could be the tide that raises all boats. In the last three months, we've seen economic growth of 0.7%, but work needs to be done to see that this increases at a faster pace.”

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