

Secondary lesson plan

Citizenship

Debate cards

You are... an environmentalist

You are against the new development. You are unhappy about the added traffic the new development could bring to local roads, and you wonder whether the new homes will be as carbon neutral as they could be? You are worried that new developments are concreting over Britain's greenbelt and that areas of brownbelt, that can be valuable urban wildernesses, are being lost too. You think that it might be better to restore old houses than build new ones.



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You are... a local resident

You are against the new development. You think that it will bring more traffic to the roads, and you're worried that schools, dentists' practices and doctors' surgeries in the area are already too busy. You like to have green space around you and a new development might mean that some of it is lost. You are worried that in the short term, building work will be noisy and irritating. You know people need houses and they have to be built somewhere, but you don't think this is the right place.



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You are... a local councillor

You are in favour of the new development. You know that there is a shortage of homes and you get letters all the time from people who can't find anywhere to live. You believe that it will help the local economy to have new residents move to the area. You think that services and roads could be improved to provide for all these new people. You also think that the building work might create some new jobs for people who already live in the area.



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You are... a developer

You are in favour of the new development. Obviously it will be good for your business, and you think this benefits the British economy as a whole. But you also think it's important to provide new housing to compensate for the shortage of homes in Britain. You know a lot of people have been very happy to move into your developments in the past. You think that the new development will provide lots of jobs, and will help the local economy by bringing new consumers to the area.

