

Regarding employment we are not taking the advantage of our technology.

I consider 3 million unemployed to be an achievement!

Technology as replaced the need for Labour, we could of course cut the hedges with swops or clean the ditches with spades or even deliver the milk with a pair of yokes. That would create employment.

So on a more practical note; we should not have nearly 3 million doing nothing while the rest of us work all hours to keep them unemployed.

More part time jobs are required that can not be achieved on an economy where the higher rate becomes the going rate.

Market housing is a good example. And so are private rents.

There was a report some time back which said house prices were going up in Hastings so things were getting better, what a load of rubbish, there are folk who can't afford a loaf of bread, yet are told everything is fine if your property increases in value.

In the event the council select some land for industry one should not allow an investment company to walk in and build which I can only describe as sheds and let them out at market rents that in the main end up with the occupant going bankrupted.

The local council should take control of these sites to build real work places, some could be sold on at the cost of building them, have a lease on them that can't be sold on, only back to the council.

We some years ago had a regeneration plan with the compulsory purchase of land when the government wanted to use Hastings as a overspill from London, that never happened as planned, Hastings council had that capital from the land for regeneration, then we had the town centre with cash from the cricket ground used as regeneration, now they are saying Hastings needs regeneration?

Where does it all end, what has happened to the cash from the London overspill that never happened?

Do we have a bottomless pit, we still have many problems in Hastings, the Strategy plan as it stands will not do anything to make Hastings a better place.

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