THE GARDEN CITY: ENDURING VISION, ALTERNATIVE INTERPRETATIONS
Response to the Highbury Group

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Ebenezer Howard 1850-1928

- *To-Morrow: A Peaceful Path to Real Reform* 1898
- 2nd edition *Garden Cities of To-Morrow* 1902
- Vision partly lost
- Letchworth 1903-
- Welwyn 1920-
Garden City: Green Spaces, Compact Housing
Howard’s Vision: A 90% Green City
Social City: “Towns against a Background of Open Country”
How Howard Did It:
No Land Value Problem!
1903-1907: The Great Debate: “Garden Suburbs are (almost) all right”
Brentham: First Garden Suburb
Greater London Plan: Green Belt and New Towns

Figure 4.3 The London green belt, 1944–64. Earliest of the postwar green belts to be established around Britain’s urban areas, the metropolitan green belt has increased in size since Abercrombie’s original 1944 proposals. The green belt has several purposes, including urban containment, agricultural protection and the reservation of land for recreation.
1960s New Town: Milton Keynes
1960s New Town: Peterborough
Sustainable Communities 2003: Growth Corridors

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Green Belt Land and the Growth Areas

- Milton Keynes & South Midlands
- London, Stansted, Cambridge
- Thames Gateway
- Ashford

Source: National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty designated by Countryside Agency. Green Belts by Local Plan
Models from Europe: (1) Freiburg
Freiburg: Vauban
Vauban
Vauban ctd.
Lessons from Europe (2) Ypenburg