

Celebrating 50 years of Hellman cartoons

It's 1967. The 'Summer of Love' is over, signalling the end of the hippy dream of a world in love and peace. Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson shows the public that the devalued pound in the pocket is still worth a pound and yet another (abortive) scheme to extend the Palace of Westminster is unveiled. The following year a gas explosion high in the council tower block Roman point causes the prefabricated external walls to collapse, kills four people and one of the main (precast) planks in the modern movement's edifice of precepts starts to crumble. What better time to start publishing satirical cartoons on architecture and the built environment?

In the intervening decades I have tracked the demise of high rise, the bruising of New Brutalism, the less than spectacular Neo-Vernacular, the posturing of Post-Modernism, the thrashing from Thatcherism, the dogmas of

Docklands developments, the chagrin of Prince Charlatan, the conundrum of Community Architecture, the contortions of Conservation, the mono mania of Mock Classicism, the compulsion of computer-aided design, the decompositions of Deconstructivism, the Neologisms of New Labour neophytes, the hegemony of High-Tec and the bluster of Blobitecture.

Fifty years on history burps and repeats itself. Another tower block tragedy brings cost-cutting developers and government into disrepute, a severe economic crisis rages as Great Britain shoots itself in the proverbial 30cm, (i.e. Brexit) and the world trembles in fear of a nuclear holocaust as the US and communism rattle their missile sabres. But it's an ill wind as all this is grist to the mill of satirical cartooning and always will be.

Louis Hellman

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Extended powers for London's mayor are to be announced in the Spring following last month's government publication of options for public consultation. Planning features large with proposals to increase the scope of major projects in which the mayor should get involved and, most significantly, power for him to become proactive and give planning approvals where a borough might prefer to refuse. The options go further and suggest a role in building regulation as a means of promoting the mayor's policy aspirations on sustainable development. Deputy mayor Nicky Continues on page 9

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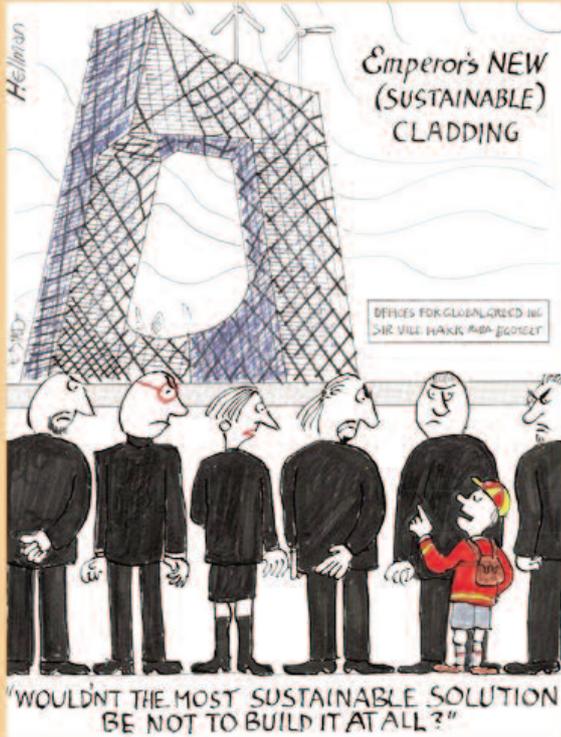
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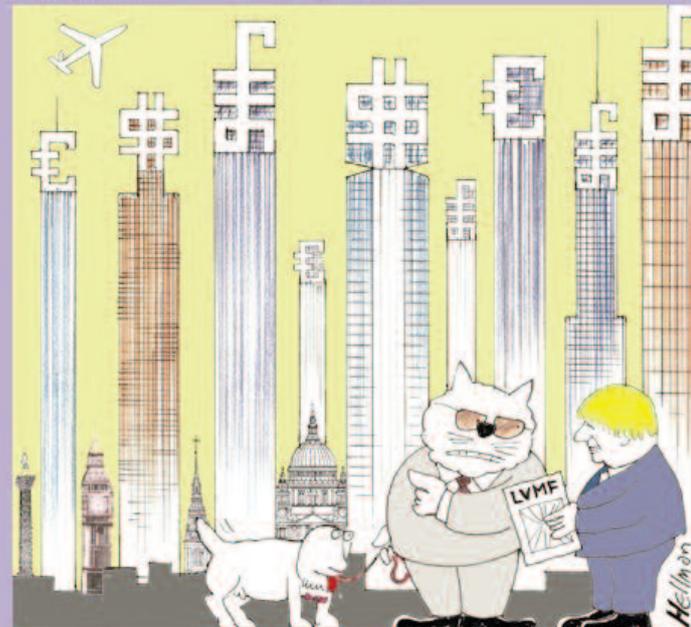
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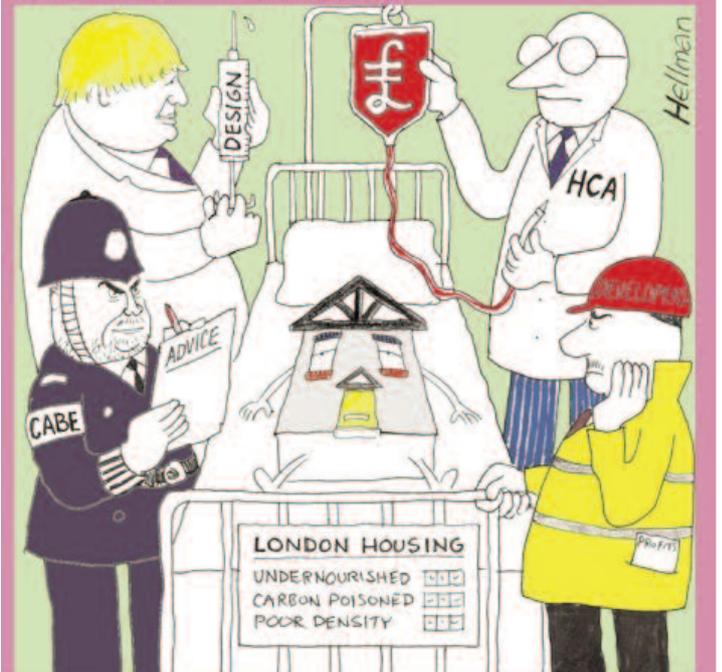
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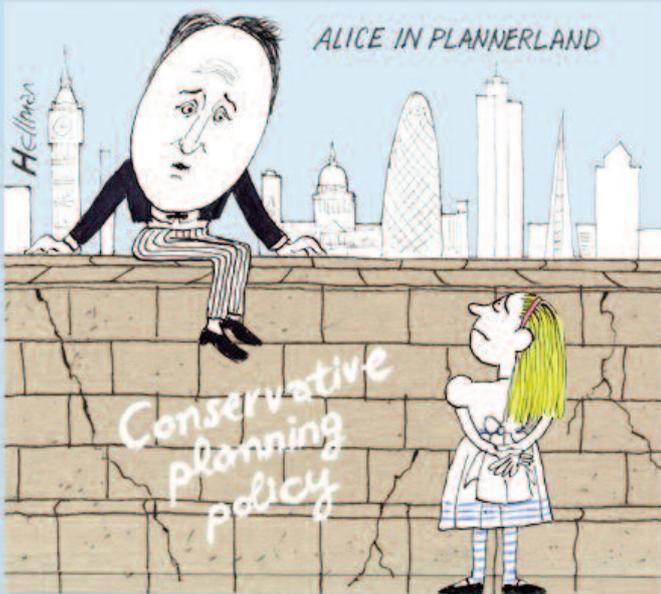
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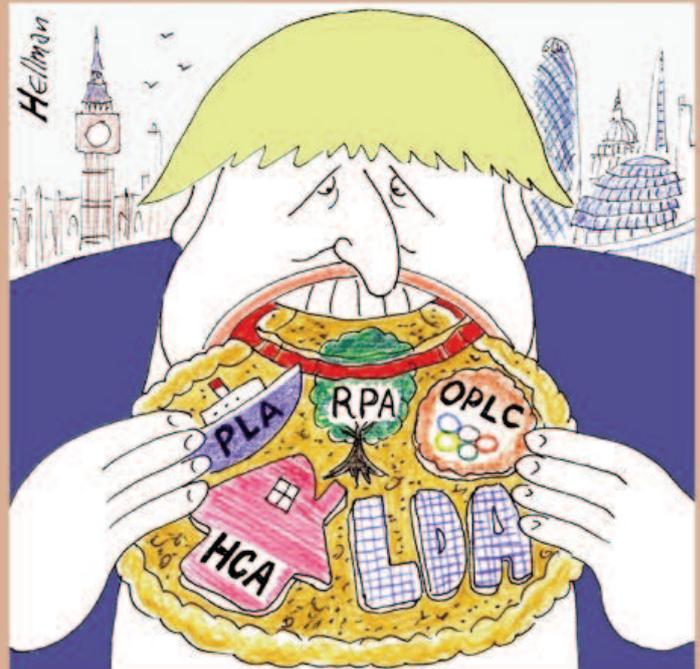
"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, "it means just what I choose it to mean, neither more nor less"

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"THIS IS A LOCAL SHOP, FOR LOCAL PEOPLE!"

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An emperor's new clothes variation. Mayor Johnson promotes high rise offices and apartments which may claim to be "sustainable", a meaningless term much used by politicians. Vastly more energy and carbon would be saved by not building these megoliths. This cartoon annoyed architects.

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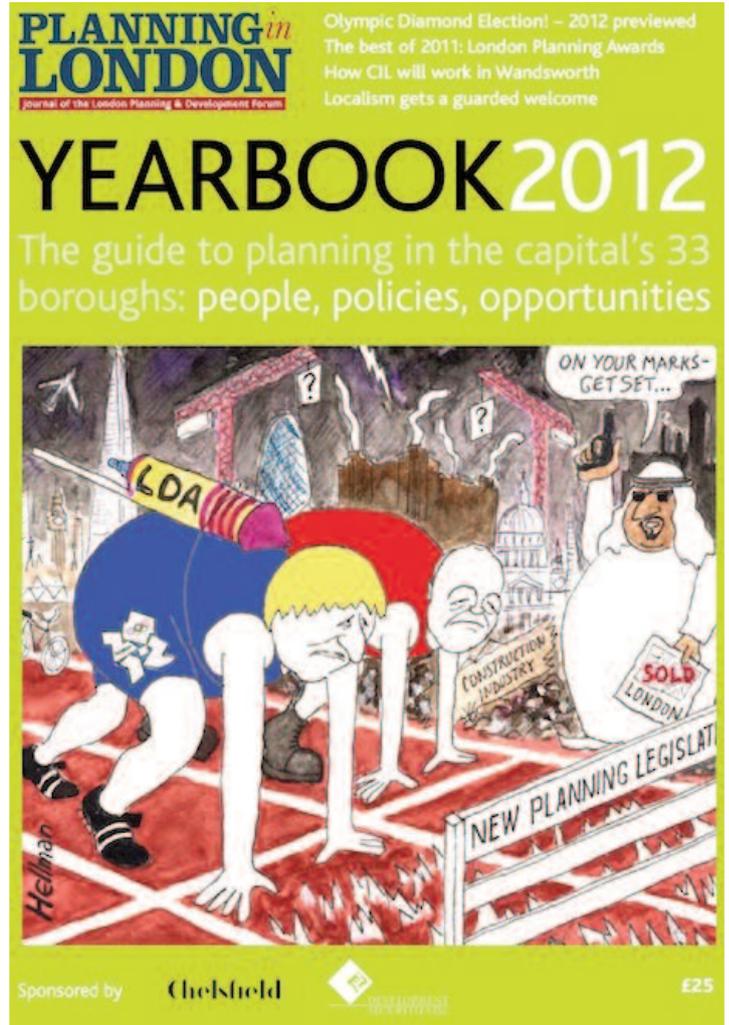
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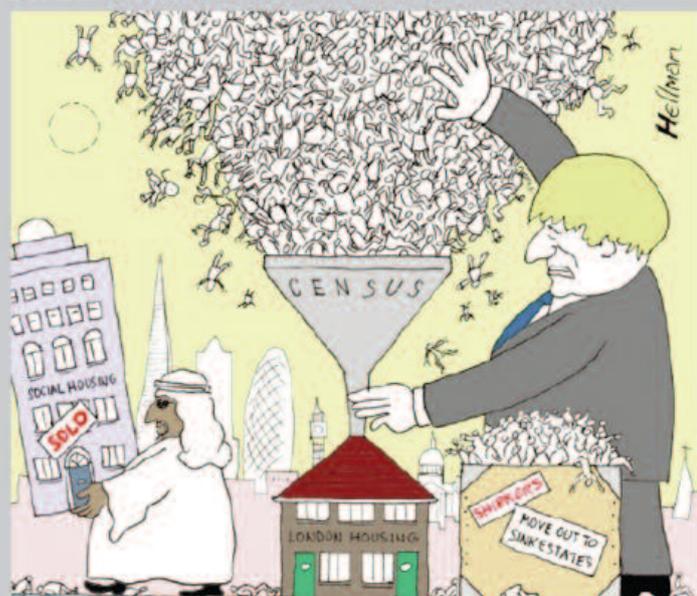
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