The Outlook for Home Building

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Question across Government

When are house builders going to increase house building, and by how much?

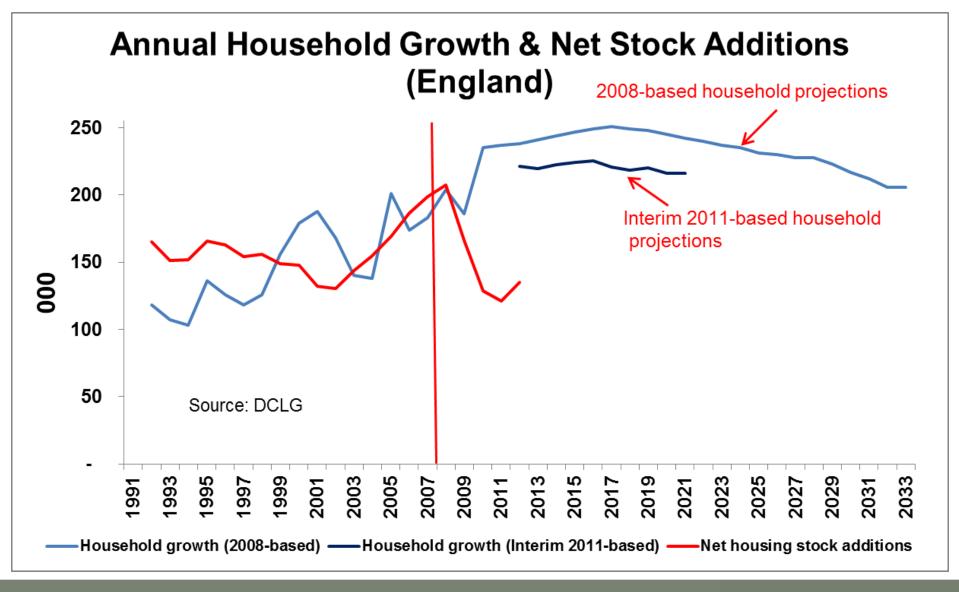
And a common accusation...

"Private house builders cannot meet our housing requirements. The only time we have ever seen high levels of home building is when the public sector played a major role."



DEMOGRAPHIC PRESSURES

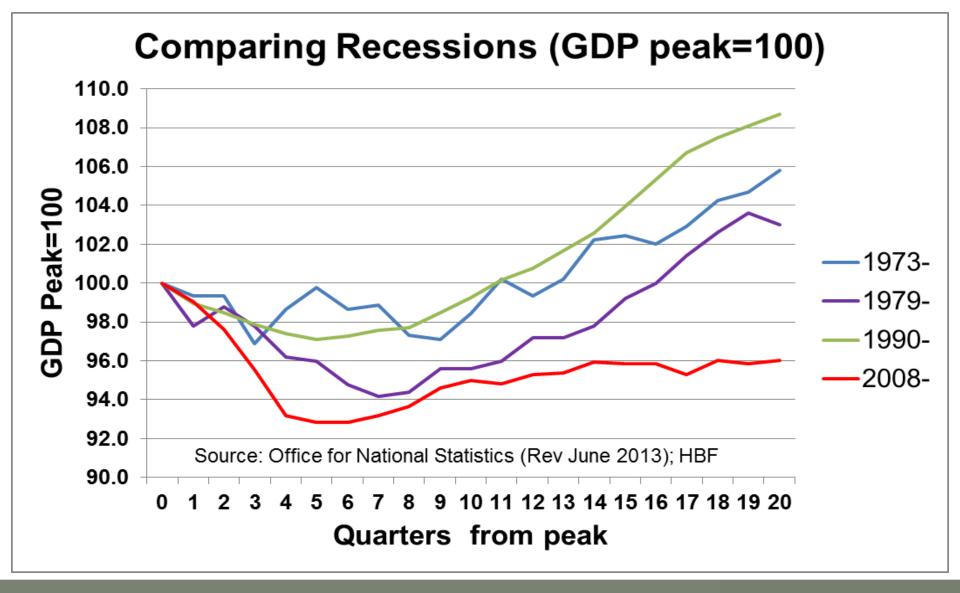






ECONOMIC BACKGROUND







Increasing private home building Demand conditions

 Demographic trends, economic conditions (real incomes, interest rates, housing market, mortgage market)

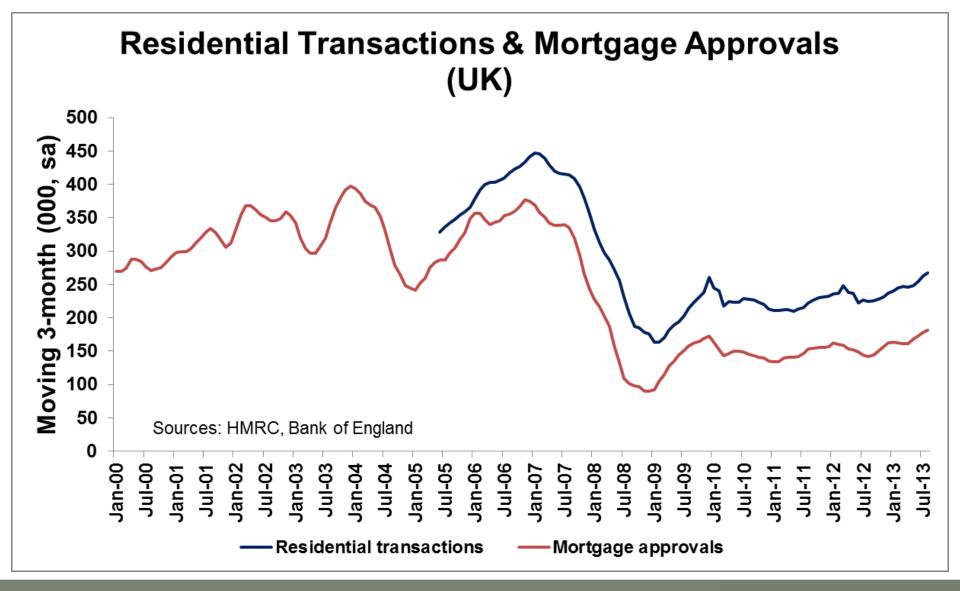
+ Length of economic upturn Supply influences

 Skills, finance, current capacity, industry structure and capacity to expand output, barriers to entry and expansion by size

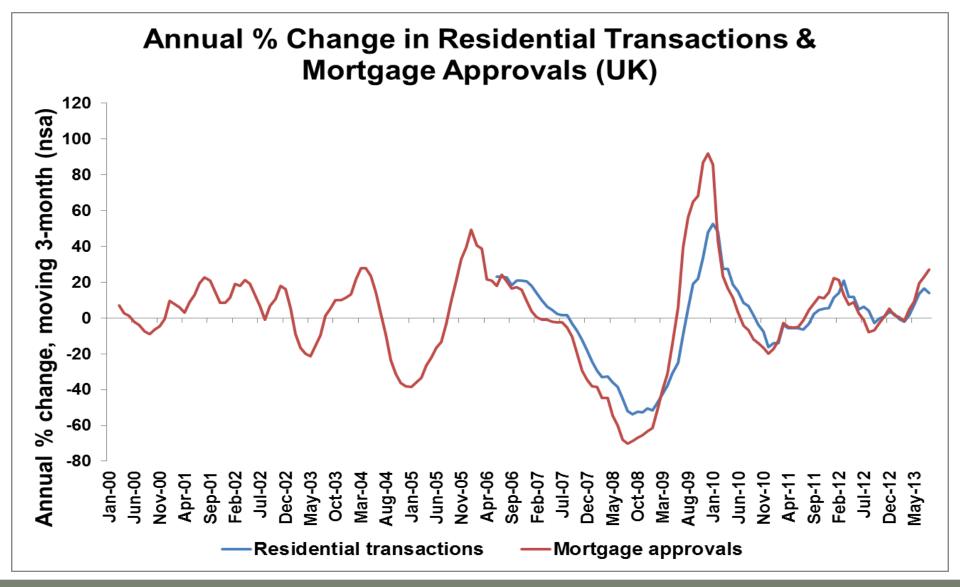


DEMAND CONDITIONS

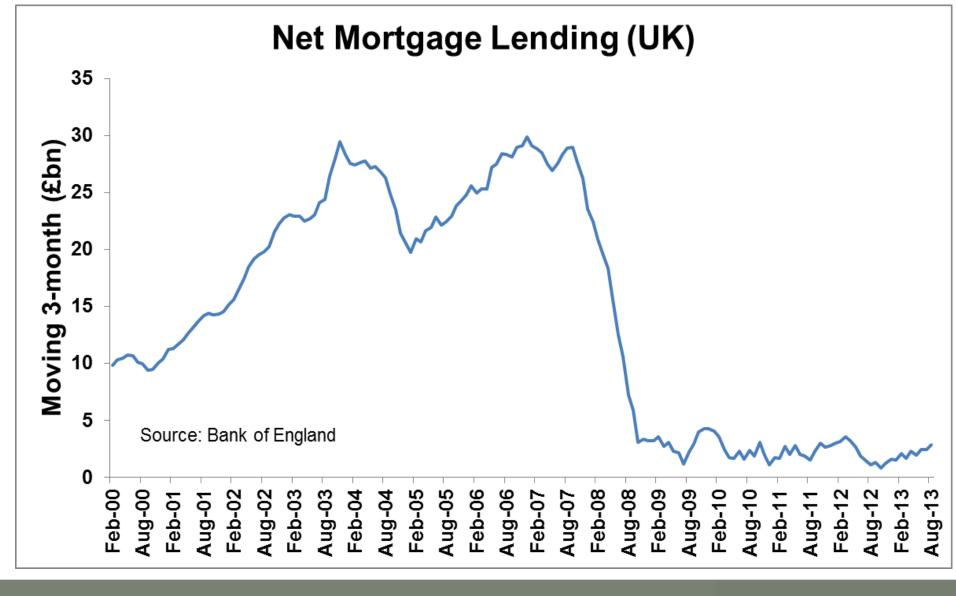




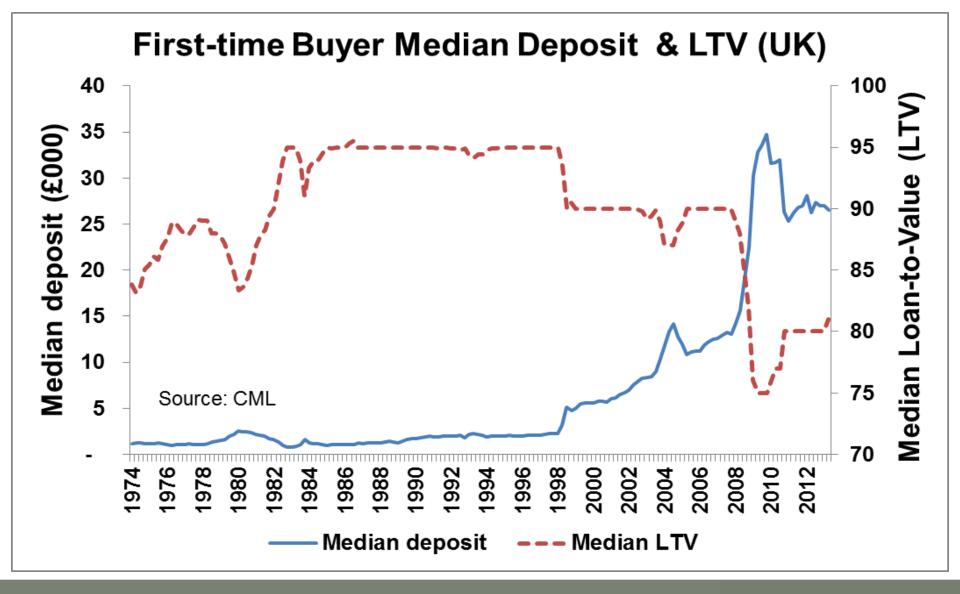




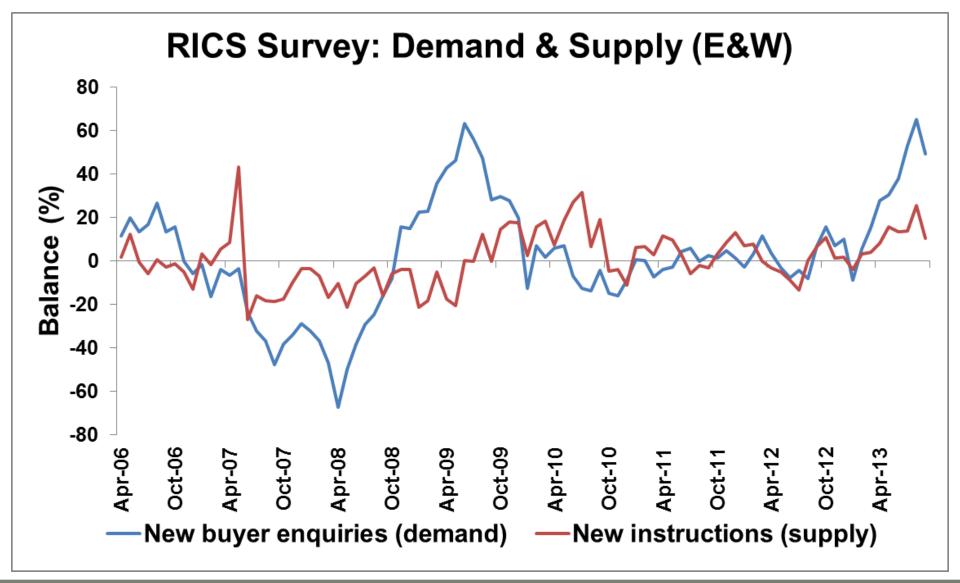




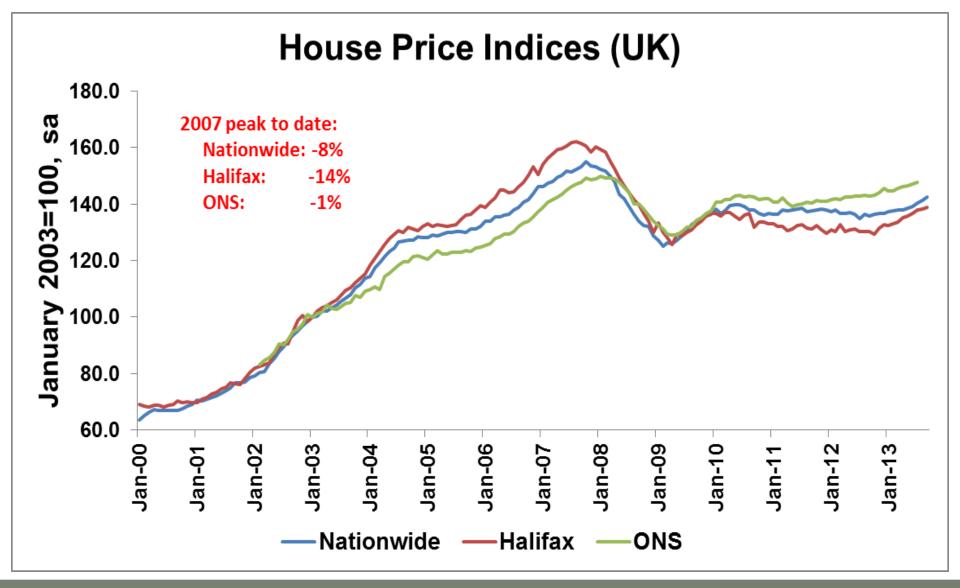




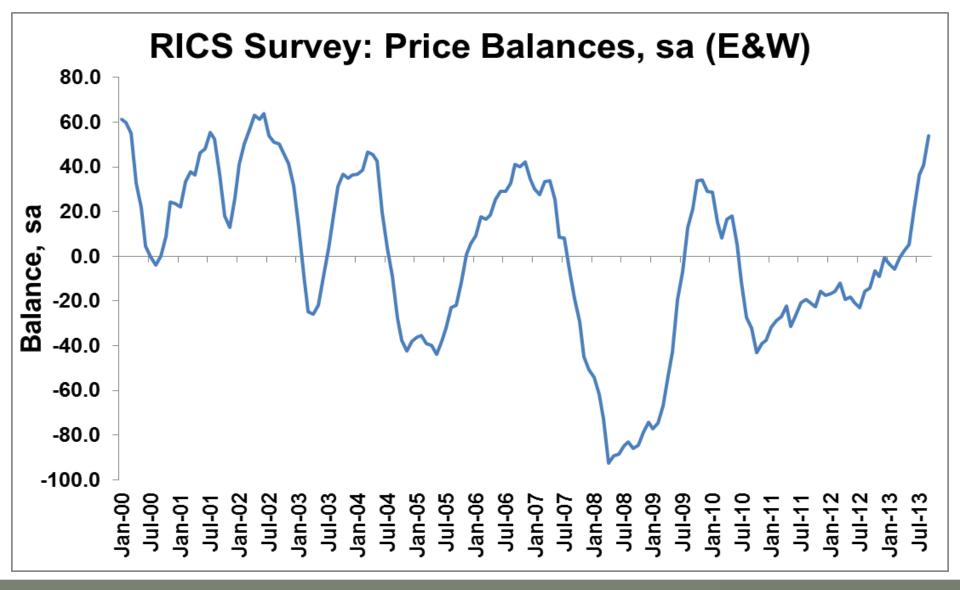




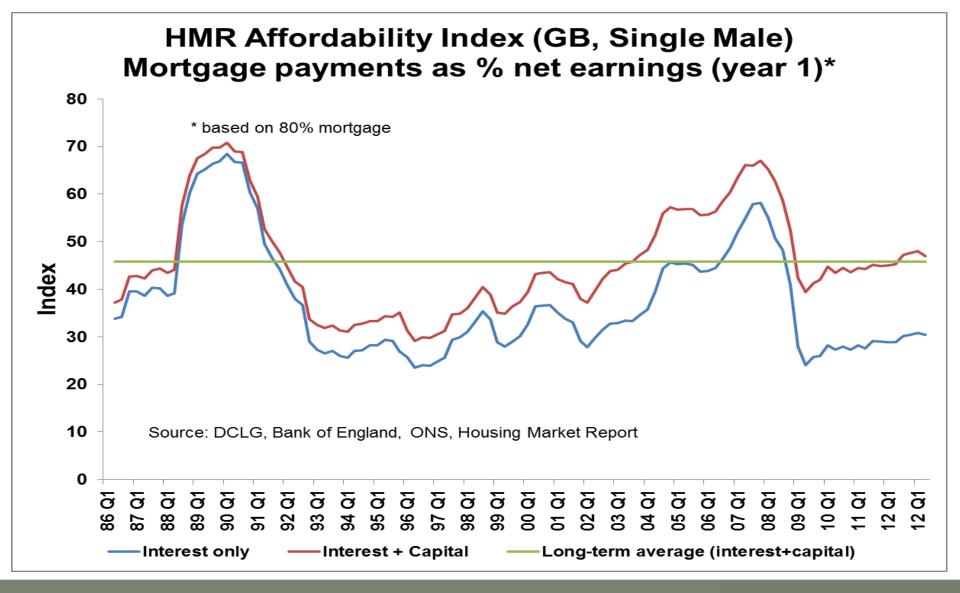




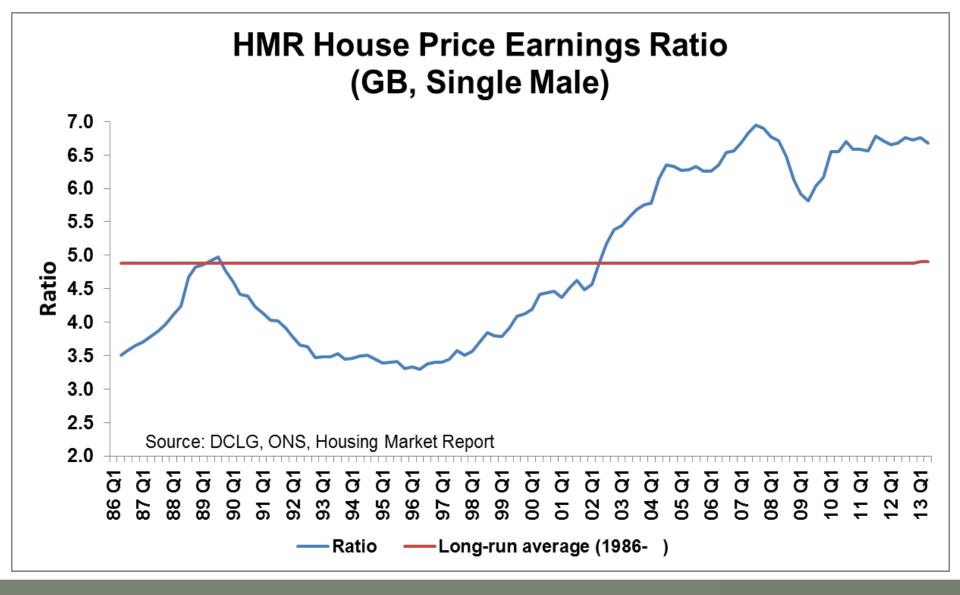














Government policy support

Demand

- Funding for Lending Scheme (FLS) Jan 2015
- NewBuy March 2015
- Help to Buy: Equity Loan March 2016
- Help to Buy: Mortgage Guarantee Dec 2016
- Private rented sector Loan Guarantee, Build to Rent fund, PRS Taskforce



Help to Buy: Equity Loan Scheme

- England, new homes, £3.5bn, 74,000 sales
 Apr 2013-Mar 2016
- *But*: What if budget exceeded? Exit? **To date...**
- 12,500 reservations April-August
- 750 registered builders (many SMEs)



Help to Buy: Mortgage Guarantee Scheme

• UK, new & SH homes, £12bn (£130bn mortgages), 190,000pa, Jan 14-Dec 16

But: Exit? House price bubble? Treasury vs Bank of England? Market conditions by third year? Life post-HtB?



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2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June	April	January	January	Dec
• FLS starts	 HtB: Equity Loan starts 	 HtB: Mtg Guarantee starts 	 FLS ends March NewBuy ends 	 HtB: Mtg Guarantee ends
			May • General Election	
			Q3 Bank rate starts rising?	



SUPPLY CONDITIONS



Who will fill supply gap?

• House builders (65%):

Majors (~40%)

[Top 3: 32% GB private completions, 25% GB total completions; Top 25: 66% NHBC GB registrations]

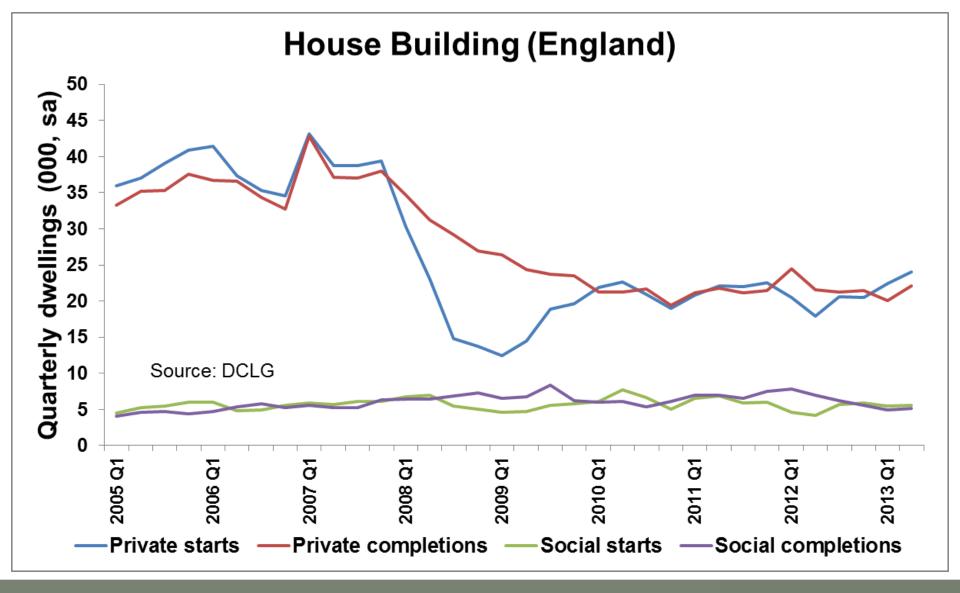
SMEs (1-100 per year: <16% NHBC registrations 2012) New entrants

RPs (23%)

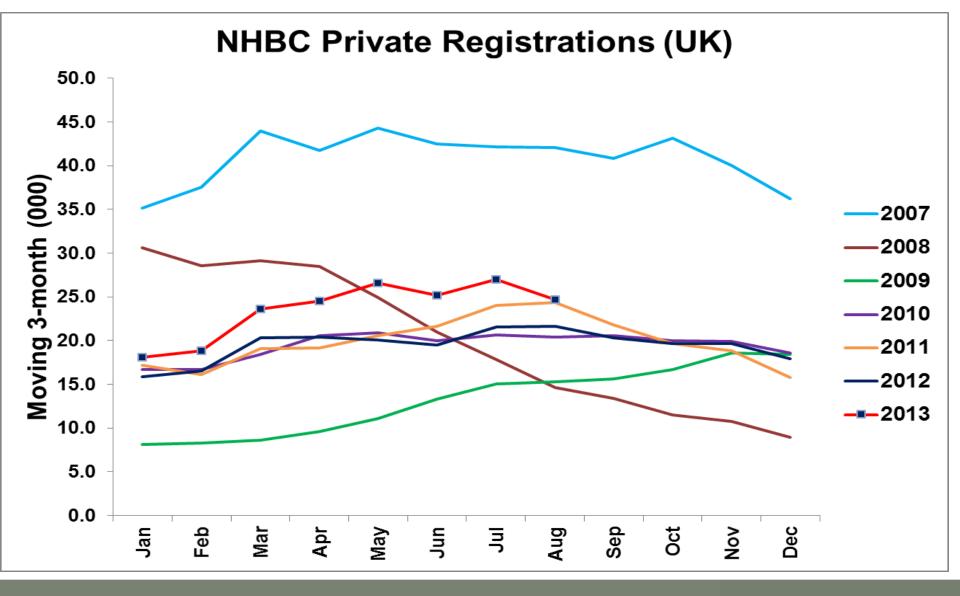
- Local authorities (2%)
- Custom/self builders (10%)

Note: percentages are % total UK new build completions unless otherwise stated

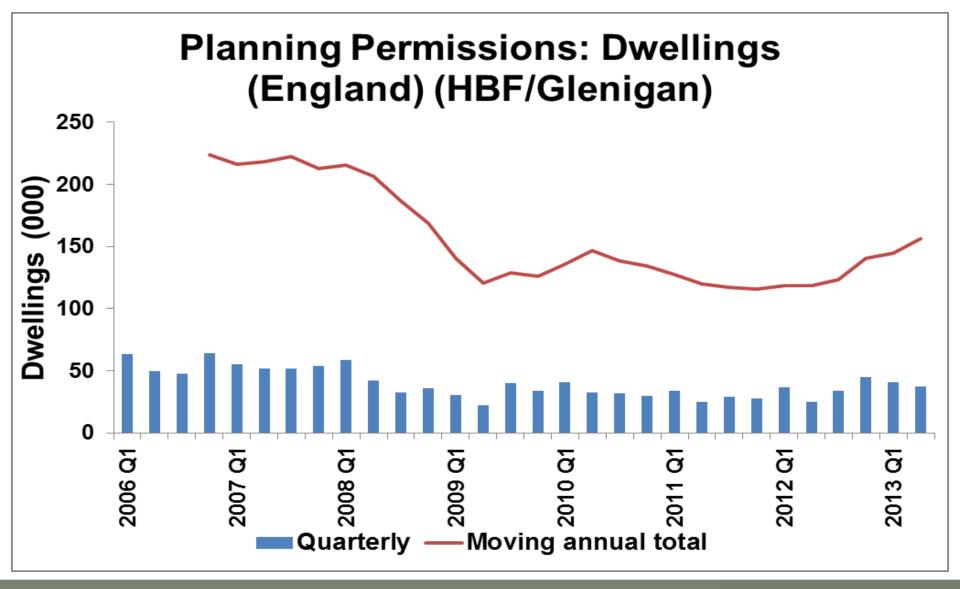














Government policy support Supply

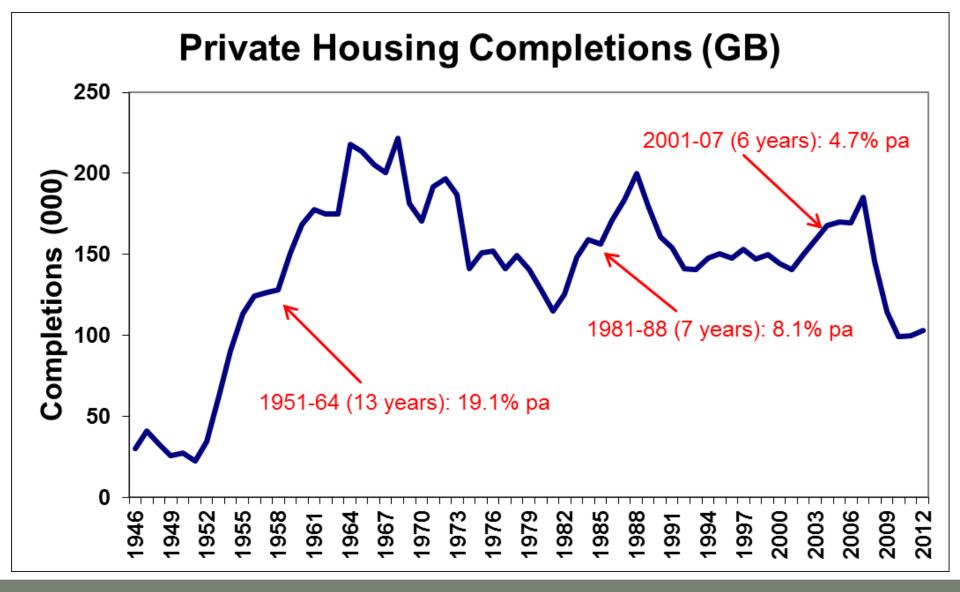
- NPPF & other planning reforms
- Regulatory burden regulation, standards, planning
- Get Britain Building (GBB)
- Private Rented Sector
- Affordable Housing
- Public sector land
- Custom build



Supply influences

- Skills: trades, professions, management
- Finance: SMEs, Regionals, Majors
- Capacity: industry structure, barriers to entry and expansion (by size), willingness/ability to expand





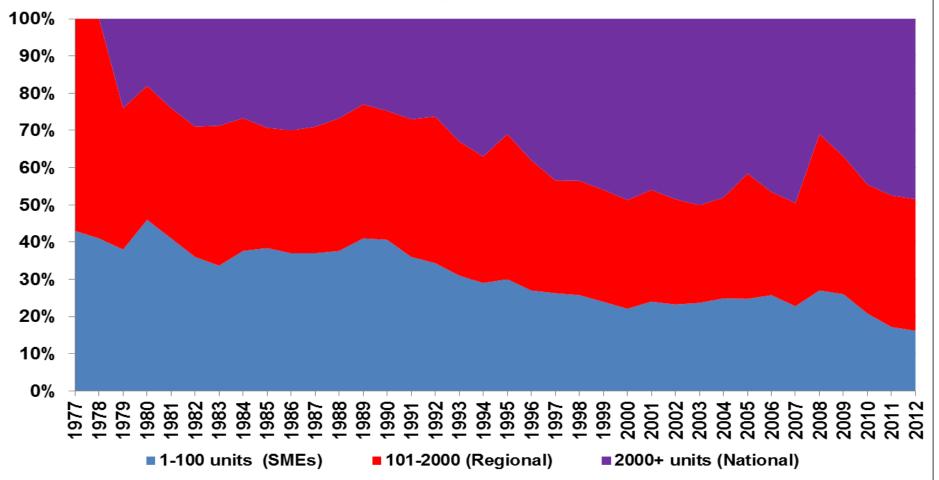


So who will meet demand? Primarily private sector

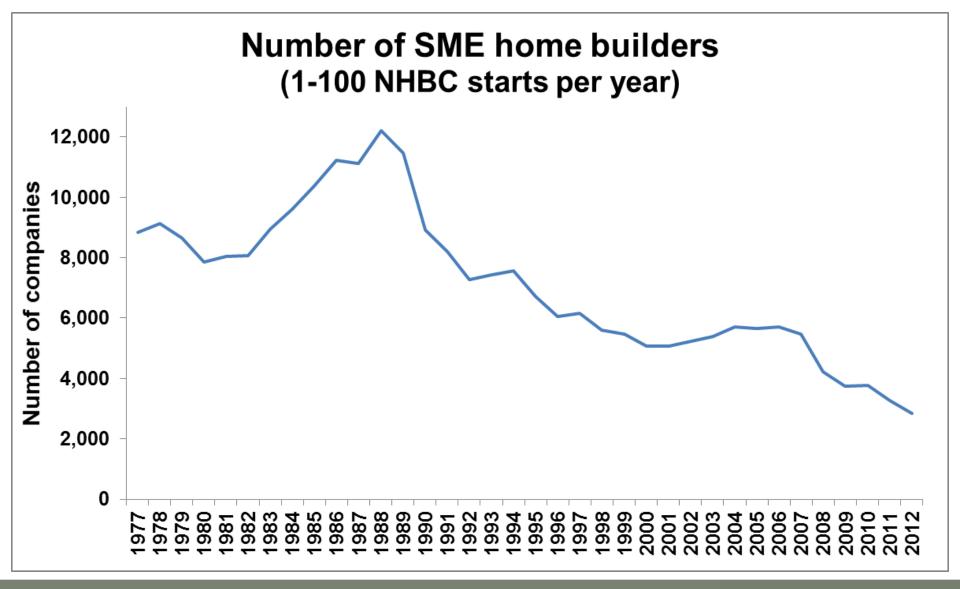
- SMEs, regional companies, nationals?
- Pro rata to today's shares?
- Through increased production per company and/or more companies?
- New entrants?



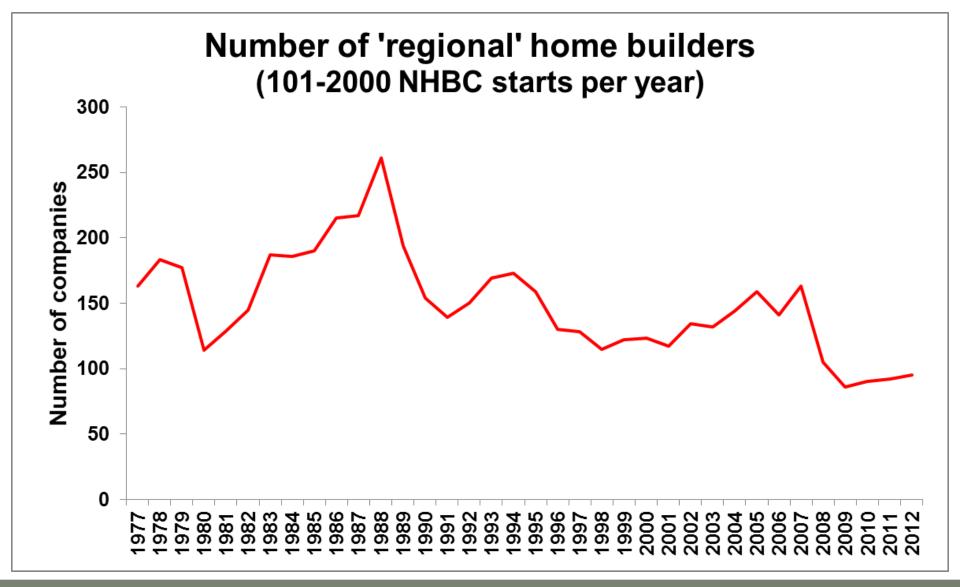
Home Building Industry Structure (Size bands by % NHBC starts)



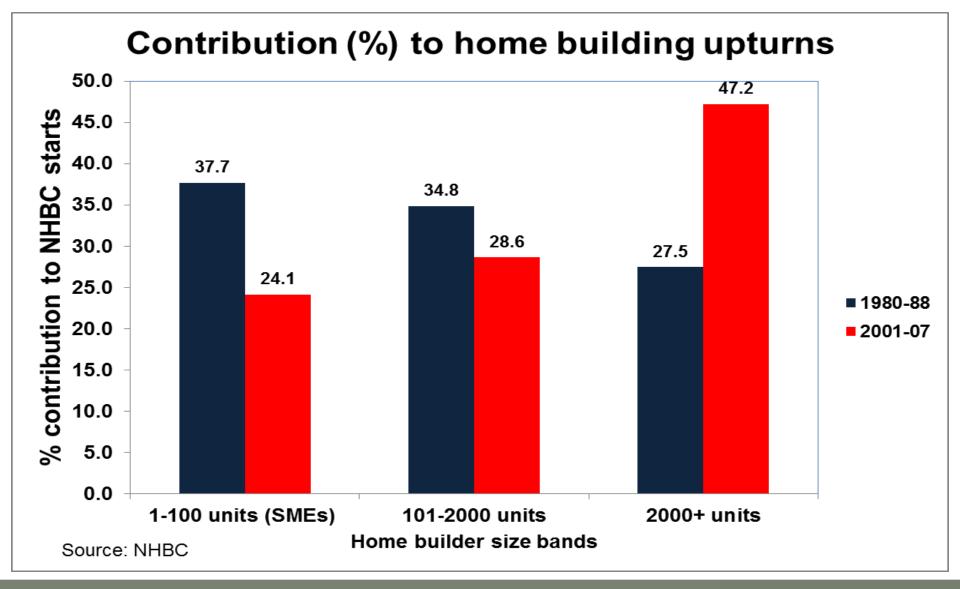














KEY ISSUES FOR NEXT 5 YEARS



Key Issues...

- How much will industry increase production?
- Who will produce the increase?
- Withdrawal of policy supports to 2016
- Post-election Government & policy focus
- Economic life beyond 2016: economy, interest rates, real incomes, housing market, mortgage market (and high LTVs), house building, market vs policy support for new home sales
- Affordability and house prices



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