

## LOCALISM WATCH RESOURCES 1

### OPINIONS

- Westminster City Council Chief Executive Charlie Parker [argues that central government should show greater confidence in councils' ability to run their own finances](#) (18.08.14)
- Eric Pickles – [a petty dictator on green issues](#)? Damian Carrington's Guardian blog (01.08.14)
- Another plateful of Pickles: he talked of his priorities being 'localism, localism and localism', but was this just a way of devolving responsibility for the cuts? [Emma Maier in Inside Housing](#) (08.08.14):
- Alex Thomson of the right-leaning think tank Localis [calls for more localism in MJ](#): you cannot say that we don't cover all sides of the localism debate! (14.08.14)
- Catherine Staite, director of Inlogov at Birmingham University [explains why the Scottish independence referendum will fuel the localism campaign](#) (27.07.14)
- Mark Smulian [argues in the LGC for](#) 'radical decentralisation' in Scottish local government (19.08.14)
- [An interesting article by Tim Worstall](#) in Forbes Magazine defending the big supermarkets against what he describes as 'the usual crew of food campaigners' (14.08.14)

### LOCALISM AROUND THE COUNTRY

- The Welfare Reform Act exposes the [meaningless of 'localism' in Sandwell](#) (09.08.14)
- Localism [powerless to prevent dumping of nuclear waste](#)
- 'Localism was mis-sold to the public' [A view from Spalding, Lincolnshire](#) on the exclusion of a councillor from a planning debate, after he had previously expressed a view (10.08.14)
- 'Localism receives its last rites' A comment on the apparent lack of resident engagement by a district council in [West Sussex on volume housing proposals](#) (24.07.14)
- [Environment Minister Lord de Mauley](#) walks Hadrian's Wall in a suit and tie, as he praises countryside management initiatives in Northumberland as 'localism in action' (19.08.2014)
- Neil Carmichael, Conservative MP for Stroud, Gloucestershire takes his Labour district council to task for [not having a local plan in place](#) (02.08.2014)
- Easy if you can afford it. Lord Phillmore pays £400,000 [to help buy the Bottle and Glass](#), a closed pub in Binfield Heath near Henley, which was declared an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act (18.08.14)

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