DESCRIPTION

The location of new housing development has become one of the most intractable controversies of modern times. This book provides a powerful critique of the growing tendency to reduce the debate on the development of new housing to a mere choice between greenfield and brownfield locations. It calls for full account to be taken of such factors as the structure and organisation of the housebuilding industry, supply and demand pressures in the housing market, the contested nature of sustainability and the political character of the planning process if a truly effective housing land policy is to be devised.

Drawing on theories from economics and political science, this book will provide an important reference point on the institutional context within which residential development takes place and on the concerns of planning authorities, environmentalists, housebuilders, and their customers in relation to the apparent choice between greenfield and brownfield development.

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* Analyses social, economic and political influences on public policy and private investment in relation to housing development

* Places current controversies on the location of new housing development within a strong institutional context

* Evaluates recent changes in the housebuilding industry and examines its capacity to switch production increasingly to brownfield development

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* Analyses greenfield and brownfield development potential and recent achievements

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