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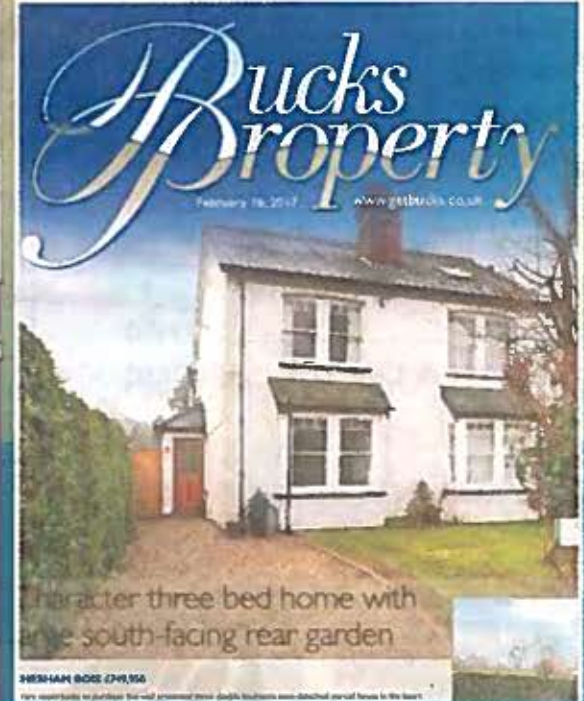
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CALL TO RELEASE GREEN BELT LAND FOR INDUSTRY

Developer argues sites needed for more than housing

SECTIONS of the green belt should be made available for development to help tackle more than just the housing crisis.

That's the view of Beaconsfield developer Andy Jansons, who intends to put his case to industry professionals at a conference next week.

In an area where residents have campaigned against the release of green belt land for much-needed housing, Mr Jansons takes the debate one step further and will argue that land should also be released for industry.

Mr Jansons, founder of Beaconsfield-based Jansons Property, said his key message will be the severe shortage of land for industrial and distribution schemes while councils prioritise housing.

He said: "Local authorities are un-

der big pressure to release precious land for the housing supply but there is a big message to get across about a major shortage of land for manufacturing and distribution.

"I think it's only going to come from releasing land from the green belt."

Mr Jansons, who has operated both an agent and later, a developer in over 30 years in the Thames Valley will be the opening speaker at the Five Counties Conference at Wycombe on February 22.

He added: "The overall message for the whole area is that there is a drastic shortage of land for industrial, warehousing, manufacturing and distribution - and a huge demand in the area.

"There is a dwindling supply of brownfield land but it is being taken for other uses. There needs to be a

lobbying process."

Despite Brexit uncertainties, Mr Jansons sees a positive outlook for the property sector. He believes few have lost business since the referendum although decision making stalled after June 23.

And Brexit he says, could offer the chance to reduce red tape and tax, to generate wealth and employment, a process which is beginning in the US.

Mr Jansons said: "In running your own business you spend a lot of time on admin and filling in forms. In the Brexit scenario, we could embrace this. It could be a great thing."

Around 400-600 property professionals are expected to attend the conference.

More details can be found at <http://3cpd.co.uk/events/five-counties-conference-2017>.

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