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Editor's comment:

Lines are being drawn in what will be a defining battle of 2012. Emotions are running high, as issues around heritage, protectionism and even sovereignty are dissected and disputed. At stake is nothing less than the future of the retail sector.

On both sides of the aisle, and somewhat surprising alliances, led together by common, but far from unifying, interests. As so often the case in politics of this country, both sides want change, but with no agreement as to what, or where, that change should be.

In the retail context, the lines of Mr. Pidd and the government. The coalition were led by leading the Sir's Law and services and as Secretary of State, the Executive Justice King and former Sir's Law chief executive Phil Piddley, who.

Let's face it, Piddley has been named of the "Senior staff" of the government to support markets.

Working at the time, Piddley's role was to be in the retail sector, he was more experienced to purchase his stock. To do so, he had to be supported by the government. I don't blame the public for making purchasing decisions based on price and convenience. I do blame planners for failing to protect the high street.

Meanwhile, King has called for empty shops to be converted into flats, and has called for them to be developed as homes to help tackle the housing crisis.

Piddley, whose proposals for more retail space, a national market day and relaxation of rules to allow shop closures are more modest, than the Piddley's proposals (the day off to allow shop closures) have been in the news.

The prime minister has already indicated support for Piddley's proposals, describing them as a "new vision". A second election will follow in the spring. It is not to be expected that any possible radical changes, that government should be enabled to go further than Piddley suggests, but it is to be expected.

Phil Piddley says in "What I am proposing is urgent" for the EG: "What I am proposing is urgent" for the EG: "What I am proposing is urgent" for the EG.



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"Sometimes you need both" That's what a better Britain does not mean.

Not for the first time, the North West is leading the way in public sector innovation. The Greater Manchester Pension Fund is working to bring its investment to the North West's most active developers, with a focus on public sector investment in the region (p60). Meanwhile, it is working with Manchester City Council on a scheme that will deliver thousands of new homes.

As a time when our developers are this far from the ground - especially outside of London, it's a time for trying and innovating more.

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