

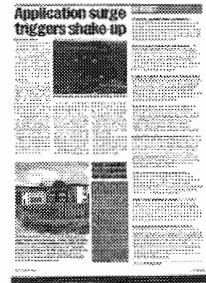
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## Poor housing held culpable for chav state

Developers are responsible for the UK's "chav" and yob culture by delivering low-quality homes and neighbourhoods, a leading designer claimed last week.

Wayne Hemmingway cited research by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment which argued that more than 80 per cent of new homes are either average or poor (*Planning*, 15 October, p2).

"We are breeding a chav culture because we are building three or four-storey houses surrounded by concrete where the kids cannot do anything," he told the Women in Property South East branch's annual dinner.

"We have more kids in jail than anywhere else in Europe and the number is an exact correlation with the quality of housing that we're delivering."