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## Mixed communities

Policy Exchange's proposals for selling off high value social housing to fund new building hasn't proved popular with supporters of mixed communities (similar arguments were made wrt to changes to housing benefits).

Perhaps a useful moment then to remind ourselves that the evidence for the benefits of mixed communities is, shall we say, mixed. In addition, these policies are certainly not costless (even for poorer residents who are supposed to benefit). If you want to read more on the evidence, take a look at our SERC [policy paper on the effects of mixed communities](#).

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