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## . The Scotsman



[Olivia Monikar](#) • 4 days ago

I tend to think a mega size city would attract more business ventures. More people, more cash flow, I should think. Our leaders should be working on that anyway, and not on useless things. It's jobs and lots of cash we want in Scotland, not imaginary old fashioned ideas and arguments.



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They may merge eventually, but I doubt the result will be super.



[Ian Tully](#) [HarveyMushman](#) • 7 days ago

Patrick Geddes was a forerunner of the urban planning movement. From the 1930s onwards urban planning has been based on ideas derived from him and people like him. Livingston New Town incorporated several of his precepts.

A planned conurbation is rather different to an unplanned one, and that is what is emerging. Planning allows a proper balance between built-up areas and green spaces, access to services, and efficient transport links. Just letting things grow where ever developers can get a piece of land is simply wasteful in the long term, and often spoils the very features that attract first-comers. (See the history of inadequate planning in Edinburgh).

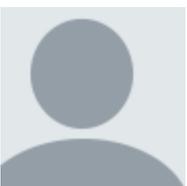
Thirty miles is not a great distance in travelling time, in fact it can take as long to cross Edinburgh as it does to take the coach or train to Glasgow.

You do not need a single administrative authority, but you do need a co-ordinated planning authority. Even within the Lothians the loss of proper planning coordination between the city of Edinburgh and the surrounding areas was a detrimental consequence of the loss of the Regional Council. I am surprised that the article only mentioned Edinburgh and Glasgow / Clydeside since the fork through Falkir, Stirling, Perth and Dundee is clearly part of the greater conurbation.



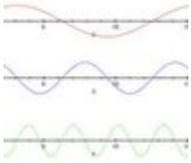
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Anyone with half a brain knows that Scotland's economy is going nowhere under the useless SNP, and if the economy ain't going anywhere, neither is this daft idea of a 'Scottish Megacity' Now if he'd said Manchester & Liverpool merging under the 'Northern Powerhouse' then that might be more believable.



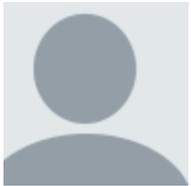
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If you look far enough into the future and population growth is not checked then most of lowland UK could be a housing estate. One or two natural rock formations might get in the way of the formation of this mega city. What would they call it, Edingow or Glasburgh?



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It will end up like the Dutch Randstad



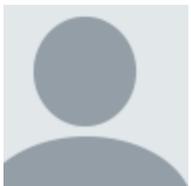
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More chance of Liverpool and Manchester, or Manchester and Leeds filling the distance gap between them, and that ain't gonna happen.



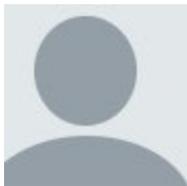
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To those of us who live outwith it, the Central Belt is already some large metropolis to where our taxes disappear, that hogs the best of everything, and to where control disappears.



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Can I suggest that the new name should be Livingston?



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No



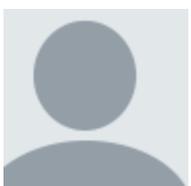
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"I have too much time on my hand along with a massive grant. Here's some mad ramblings to get the public worked over nothing."



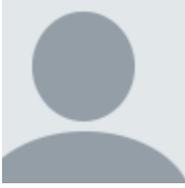
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Another example of inadequate thought. There is of course a strong case for developing a science and engineering corridor between Glasgow and Edinburgh - one which will at the same time benefit from the competition between the two cities and present a more balanced Scottish view to those outside the country. However for anyone to somehow think that they might merge without acrimony is utterly daft. Worse than that there is the question of who is paying the author of this idea?



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Glasgow would have left Scotland by then.



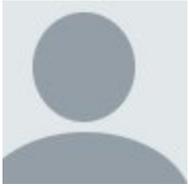
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We live in hope.



[Boabby Barman](#) • 7 days ago

A fine theory if the earth was flat. The topography around Blackhill/Shotts surely rules out the chances of a true conurbation.



[oneworld72](#) • 7 days ago

Q: Why do Weegies despise Edinburgh?

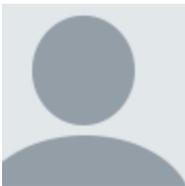
A: Because we work, we create opportunity and make a success of things; eg financial services, IT, tourism etc.

Weegies sit in front of their 55 inch TVs , vote for Sturgeon and demand the SNP screws Edinburgh to support the parasite lifestyle to which they have become accustomed.



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We should build a wall. Now.  
Keep them in the West.



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Wall at the Maybury (Roadhouse)...



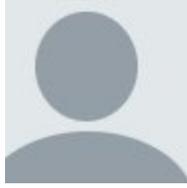
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Hardly a 'super city', that's somewhere like Shanghai or Mexico City. Given the shrinking Scots population, even with the much vaunted population replacement programme, the large housing scheme it would become would probably only have a population of around a million.



[John McNab](#) Alan McGunley • 6 days ago

That's as maybe, but the thrust of this article is projecting forward, when the depopulation and internal movement of people from north to south will be more acute.



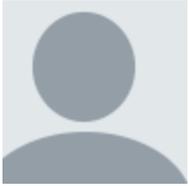
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a big "what if" John



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So lets list all cities less than 44 miles apart in the UK and start on about them amalgamating. Then start on about all the Area Councils that should amalgamate with the city they are close too. What a load of of tosh. For example Inverness has long wanted its own City Council and out of Highland while on the other hand Aberdeenshire Council surrounds the city of Aberdeen and the Last thing Aberdeenshire would want is to be controlled from Aberdeen.



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Oh I really don't think so!



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And they shall have one football team, Mids of Hib Sevcodise!



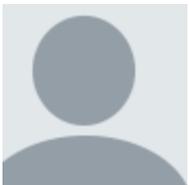
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Otherwise known as Mids of Hib Sevcodise Nil ;-)



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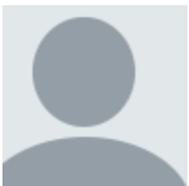
Rainbow Brazil?



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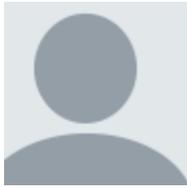
Glasburgh?

Edingow?



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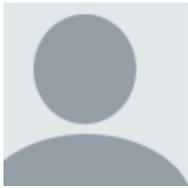
Clearly this is another academic with plenty of time on his hands.



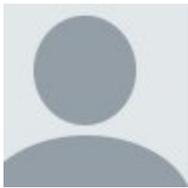
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By "plenty" you mean too much.....



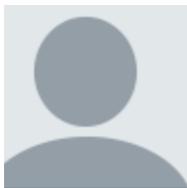
[Apollo 21 Pilot](#) 7 days ago "Glasgow and Edinburgh will merge to form supercity 'within decades'" Crickey, it'll be like two tartan galaxies in collision!



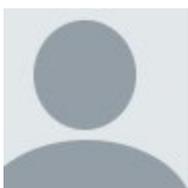
[Peter Mcgrouter](#) • 7 days ago  
Ridiculous Idea!!! There's a big bloody thirty-forty mile gap between the two, and Glasgow's a hole, don't think Edinburgh folk will take kindly to the Idea, in fact I know they wont, being from Edinburgh myself, ( and there's far too many nationalists over there ). Chalk and Cheese, two different countries really, no, stupid idea!!!



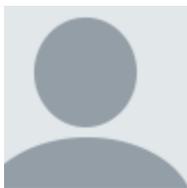
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"Edinglow"? "Glasburgh"? "Weegie-reekie"? ("Cumberston"? "Livingnauld"? ) etc  
The potential list is endless - LOL!!!!



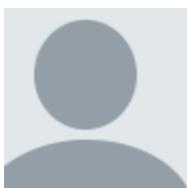
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I actually quite like the sound of Glasburgh.



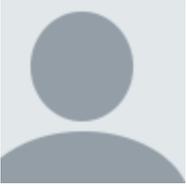
[Oldyun](#) • 7 days ago  
With Glasgow population shrinking, and Edinburghs population static, the Super city idea is unlikely in decades.  
A bit like Indy Ref 2



[Peter Mcgrouter](#) Oldyun • 7 days ago  
Och, Indyref 2 will never ever happen but his madcap Idea might come to fruition...



[Auld Reekie](#) oneworld72 • 7 days ago  
We need to stop any chance of places like Govanhill spreading east.



[West's Awake](#) • 7 days ago

Professor Space Cadet thinks cities will expand.....



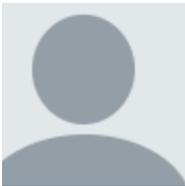
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Craiglang more like



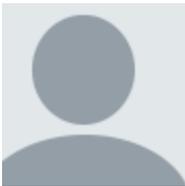
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Surely some kind of wall is in order....



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Consultation with Trump would be called for



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To keep the Weegies in, you mean?



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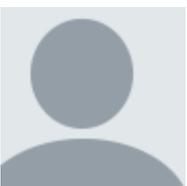
Depends what you mean by 'in'.

To keep them in Weegie land ..... and out of Edinburgh



[Bob Wallace](#) • 7 days ago

By the time this ever happens, the people who would be upset will all be dead. The remaining citizens will have seen so many huge changes over their lifetime that this will be just be another blip.



[Stuart L](#) [Peter Mcgrouter](#) • 7 days ago

**I dont think you get it. This is not an 'idea' as in a 'proposal' - this is what is happening dumb ass.**