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Staying Put...



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The worries in the current financial market have left some home-owners anxious about selling their homes right now. For some the answer has been not to sell and instead, just sit tight.

If you had hoped to sell because you need more room, there may be another solution. Extensions, loft and garage conversions are an obvious way of adding more floor space to your home.

Alternatively look at using your existing floor space more productively. The basic layout of a house often remains static, yet the way we live in and use our homes has changed enormously

over the last few decades. A house constructed in the 60's rarely meets the needs of a modern family without some re-organisation.

Open plan living, discrete areas for study and a bedroom for each child are much sort after now. Knocking through a lounge and dining room or creating a kitchen / diner can often result in more space than just the removal of the wall would suggest.

By changing the way rooms are accessed, moving thoroughfares and even windows, furniture can be re-distributed and new areas of light and space become accessible.

Dividing large bedrooms may be the answer to siblings currently having to share.

If re-organising your home is something you would like to consider, do ensure you turn to a reputable local builder to discuss your ideas. It could be that you require planning permission or building regs. A reputable builder should be able to offer advice on this.

Carrying out any work on your home without the necessary permissions or regulations could lead to difficulties when you come to sell your home in the future.



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