

## Another viewpoint?

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Holiday is a time for reflection. After ignoring current affairs for a few days, and even wondering why I just don't retire and go birdwatching for good (which I probably could in the next year or so if I really wanted to), my thoughts returned to the world I want to improve. Now more refreshed, I realise I am not going anywhere anytime soon.

However, that does not mean that everything needs stay the same. Having already written about the need for appropriate innovation this week, I realised that this blog has changed quite a lot this year. I am not sure that process has ended, as yet. Responses to the questions I asked a week ago have been rattling around in my head whilst binoculars have been pinned to my eyes, and some possibilities have emerged.

The strongest of these is a tangential response to the strong opinion offered that the comments on this blog add considerable value to it. This has led me to wonder whether some of those who comment more regularly, and maybe some others who I know, might become regular contributors of posts to the blog.

I stress, I have asked no one as yet if they want to do this. Nor am I doing anything more than floating an idea at the moment.

There are a number of things to add before asking for opinions. First, I would not expect there to ever be more than one such post a day.

Second, the posts would all be subject to an editorial oversight by me.

Third, they would all have to fit the broad themes of this blog.

Fourth, they would also have to, if addressing technical issues, need to do so in accessible ways.

Fifth, decorum would be required. Writing a column is very different to writing comment pieces.

Sixth, the fact that the column was not by me would be highlighted. They would all

have that made clear in the title. I suspect they would be called 'Viewpoint' articles.

Seventh, if the idea does not work it would not be continued.

So why do this? The plus for me is that I am under less pressure to think something up every day (although that is rarely a problem). The downside is having to edit what is offered.

The upside for everyone else should be a variety of opinions, adding to the overall strength of the blog, I hope.

The risk is a loss of continuity.

Logically, I would post some polls at this point to ask for opinions, but for reasons I cannot yet comprehend the polling software did not work this morning. So, might you comment on this idea instead?