

Local Planning Regulations

Consultation questions

We are seeking your views on the following questions on the Government's proposal for new local planning regulations. If possible, we would be grateful if you could respond by email. Alternatively, we would be happy to receive responses by post.

Email responses to: lpregsconsultation@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Written responses to:

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(a) About you

(i) Your details

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(ii) Are the views expressed on this consultation an official response from the organisation you represent or your own personal views? - Organisational response

(iii) Are your views expressed on this consultation in connection with your membership or support of any group? If yes please state name of group.

Yes

Name of group: London Forum, as above.

(iv) Please tick the one box which best describes you or your organisation:

Private developer or house builder

Housing association or RSL

Land owner

Voluntary sector or charitable organisation

Business, consultant, professional advisor

National representative body

Professional body

Parish council

Local government (i.e. district, borough, county, unitary, etc.)

Other public body (please state)

Other (please state)

(v) Would you be happy for us to contact you again in relation to this consultation?

Yes

(b) Consultation questions

1(a) - Do you agree that the revised regulations effectively reflect the changes proposed in the Localism Bill?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

1(b) If you have any comments please enter these below

2(a) Do you agree with the list of bodies included in the duty to cooperate?

Agree

Neither agree or Disagree

Disagree

2(b) If you have any comments please enter these below

The duty to cooperate should include the electricity, gas and water utilities suppliers.

3(a) Do you agree the revised regulations effectively consolidate the 2004 regulations with the revisions in 2008 and 2009?

Strongly agree

Agree

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Neither agree or Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

3(b) If you have any comments please enter these below

4(a) Are there any ways in which the regulations should be changed in order to improve the process of preparing local plans, within the powers set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Localism Bill?

Yes

4(b) If 'Yes', please specify below.

A clear public statement is required to clarify the implications of forthcoming Inspectors' report following local plan examinations conducted on whether or not the recommendations are binding.

The Authorities Monitoring Report should be produced no longer than one year from the previous report to ensure up to date data is available to assist community response to planning applications, development control decisions and DPD/SPD preparation.

Explanation is required to clarify the removal of references to Local Development Framework, Sustainable Community Strategy, Core Strategy and Area Action Plans. There should be more guidance on how spatial and topic DPDs relate to each other.

It should be made clear that some London borough DPDs are required to be prepared on topics specified in the policies in the London Plan.