

Appendix 1: Consultation questions as part of the Planning White Paper consultation

Question
Response options are yes/no/not sure + box for supporting statement unless otherwise stated.
Q1. What three words do you associate most with the planning system in England?
Q2. Do you get involved with planning decisions in your local area?
Q3. Our proposals will make it much easier to access plans and contribute your views to planning decisions. How would you like to find out about plans and planning proposals in the future?
Q4. What are your top three priorities for planning in your local area? (Please select only three answers) Building homes for young people / Building homes for the homeless / Protection of green spaces / The environment, biodiversity and action on climate change / Increasing the affordability of housing / The design of new homes and places / Supporting the high street / Supporting the local economy / More or better local infrastructure / Protection of existing heritage buildings or areas / Other
Q5. Do you agree that Local Plans should be simplified in line with our proposals?
Q6. Do you agree with our proposals for streamlining the development management content of Local Plans, and setting out general development management policies nationally?
Q7(a) Do you agree with our proposals to replace existing legal and policy tests for Local Plans with a consolidated test of “sustainable development”, which would include consideration of environmental impact?
Q7.(b) How could strategic, cross-boundary issues be best planned for in the absence of a formal Duty to Cooperate?
Q8.(a) Do you agree that a standard method for establishing housing requirements (that takes into account constraints) should be introduced?
Q8.(b) Do you agree that affordability and the extent of existing urban areas are appropriate indicators of the quantity of development to be accommodated?
Q9(a). Do you agree that there should be automatic permission in principle for areas for substantial development (Growth areas) with faster routes for detailed consent?
Q9(b). Do you agree with our proposals above for the consent arrangements for Renewal and Protected areas?
Q9(c). Do you think there is a case for allowing new settlements to be brought forward under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime?
Q10. Do you agree with our proposals to make decision-making faster and more certain?
Q11. Do you agree with our proposals for digitised, web-based Local Plans?
Q12. Do you agree with our proposals for a 30 - month statutory timescale for the production of Local Plans?
Q13. (a) Do you agree that Neighbourhood Plans should be retained in the reformed planning system?
Q13 (b) How can the neighbourhood planning process be developed to meet our objectives, such as in the use of digital tools and reflecting community preferences about design?
Q14. Do you agree there should be a stronger emphasis on the build out of developments? And if so, what further measures would you support?
Q15. What do you think about new development that has happened recently in your area? Not sure or indifferent / Beautiful & well-designed / Ugly & poorly-designed / There hasn't been any / Other (please specify):
Q16. Sustainability is at the heart of our proposals. What is your priority for sustainability in your area? Less reliance on cars / More green or open spaces / Energy efficiency of new buildings / More trees / Other (please specify):

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Q17. Do you agree with our proposals for improving the production and use of design guides and codes?
Q18. Do you agree that we should establish a new body to support design coding and building better places, and that each authority should have a chief officer for design and place-making?
Q19. Do you agree with our proposal to consider how design might be given greater emphasis in the strategic objectives for Homes England?
Q20. Do you agree with our proposals for implementing a fast-track for beauty?
Q21. When new development happens in your area, what is your priority for what comes with it? More affordable housing / More or better infrastructure (such as transport, schools, health) / Design of new buildings / More shops and/or employment space / Green space / Don't know / Other (please specify):
Q22. (a) Should the Government replace the Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 planning obligations with a new consolidated Infrastructure Levy, which is charged as a fixed proportion of development value above a set threshold?
Q22. (b) Should the Infrastructure Levy rates be set nationally at a single rate, set nationally at an area-specific rate, or set locally? Nationally at a single rate / Nationally at an area-specific rate / Locally
Q22. (c) Should the Infrastructure Levy aim to capture the same amount of value overall, or more value, to support greater investment in infrastructure, affordable housing and local communities? Same amount overall / More value / Less value / Note sure / Please provide supporting statement
Q22. (d) Should we allow local authorities to borrow against the Infrastructure Levy, to support infrastructure delivery in their area?
Q23. Do you agree that the scope of the reformed Infrastructure Levy should capture changes of use through permitted development rights?
Q24. (a) Do you agree that we should aim to secure at least the same amount of affordable housing under the Infrastructure Levy, and as much on-site affordable provision, as at present?
Q24. (b) Should affordable housing be secured as in-kind payment towards the Infrastructure Levy, or as a 'right to purchase' at discounted rates for local authorities?
Q24. (c) If an in-kind delivery approach is taken, should we mitigate against local authority overpayment risk?
Q24. (d) If an in-kind delivery approach is taken, are there additional steps that would need to be taken to support affordable housing quality?
Q25. Should local authorities have fewer restrictions over how they spend the Infrastructure Levy?
Q25 (a) If 'yes', should an affordable housing 'ring-fence' be developed?
Q26. Do you have any views on the potential impact of the proposals raised in this consultation on people with protected characteristics as defined in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010?