



PLANNING POLICY AND PRACTICE @ RTPI: 2009

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POLICY AND PRACTICE UPDATE

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To note:

The committee is asked to note policy and practice activities.

Policy and Practice

The specific projects detailed below do not, of course, give a full picture of the activities of the Policy & Practice team, who have also been engaged in significant liaison work with the RTPI's partner organisations and stakeholders, and working with the Communications team on promoting the work of the Institute, particularly through the party conference season.

The team is examining ways of recording and reporting on these very resource-intensive but highly effective activities, and it is anticipated that the Institutes new stakeholder management system will be of assistance in the future.

Practice

Practice Update

GPN6: Dealing with Discriminatory Representations. The latest RTPI good practice note is expected to be published next month. It is an update and expansion of existing RTPI guidance, Dealing with Racist Representations from 1996. See item 8 to comment on the draft.

The online compendium of examples of good practice and signposting to key guidance and sources of information on how planning can help combat change is being developed. It supports commitments 4 and 6 of the RTPI 7 commitments to climate change. Please send suggestions of examples of good practice and key guidance to practice@rtpi.org.uk

Policy

Recent and Current Consultations:

The following consultations have been responded to at a national level since the last report:

September 2009

[RTPI Response to A Sustainable Future for Transport](#). England (P2009/09/01)
Response to the Department for Transport consultation. Date: 07/09/2009

[RTPI Response to A Framework for the Development of Clean Coal](#). England
(P2009/09/02)
Response to the DECC consultation. Date: 08/09/2009

[RTPI Response to the draft Legislative Programme 2009/10](#). England (P2009/09/03)
Response to the House of Commons consultation. Date: 10/09/2009

August 2009

[RTPI Response to Consultation on the first phase of the Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England Post 2010](#). England (P2009/08/01)
Response to the Commission on Social Determinants of Health consultation. Date: 05/08/2009

[RTPI Response to Consultation on Houses in Multiple Occupation and Possible Planning Responses](#). England (P2009/08/02)
Response to the CLG consultation. Date: 07/08/2009

[RTPI Response to Greater Flexibilities for Planning Permissions consultation](#). England
(P2009/08/03)
Response to the CLG consultation. Date: 13/08/2009

July 2009

[RTPI Response to the Consultation on the Draft Order to Implement the Carbon Reduction Commitment](#) UK (P2009/06/01)
Response to the DECC Consultation. Date 04/06/2009

[RTPI Response to Environmental design principles for adult medium secure units](#). UK
(P2009/07/01)
Response to the DoH consultation. Date: 10/07/2009

[RTPI Response to Working Together to Protect Crowded Places and Safer Places: A Counter Terrorism Supplement](#). UK (P2009/07/02)

Response to the Home Office consultation. Date: 10/07/2009

[RTPI Response to A Safer Way: Making Britain's Roads the Safest in the World](#). UK (P2009/07/03)

Response to the DfT consultation. Date: 13/07/2009

[RTPI Response to draft Ecosystems Policy](#). UK (P2009/07/04)

Response to the Natural England consultation. Date: 20/07/2009

[RTPI Response to draft Flood & Water Management Bill](#). UK (P2009/07/05)

Response to the Defra consultation. Date: 24/07/2009

[RTPI Response to draft guidance on Large Screens in Public Places](#). England (P2009/07/06)

Response to the EH/CABE Consultation. Date: 27/07/2009

[RTPI Response to Draft PPS4: Planning for Prosperous Economics](#). England (P2009/07/07)

Response to the CLG Consultation. Date: 28/07/2009

Ongoing Policy work on the National Programme:

Link to Consultation Document	Body and Nation	Internal /External Closing Date
<p><u>Strengthening local democracy: Consultation</u></p> <p>This consultation explores whether local government has the powers it needs to meet today's challenges, as part of the Government's drive to renew Britain's democracy and build trust in the political system at all levels. It sets out a range of proposals to promote democratic renewal and strengthen the power and responsibility of local government</p>	CLG	14 th Sept/2 nd Oct
<p><u>Protected Landscapes: Draft policy for consultation</u></p> <p>This consultation seeks views on a draft policy that sets out the position Natural England will adopt in furthering the role of protected landscapes and related advisory and guidance activities.</p>	Natural England	7 th Aug/5 th Oct
<p><u>Planning Act 2008: Consultation on examination procedures for nationally significant infrastructure projects</u></p>	CLG	11 th Sept/5 th Oct

<p>Consultation on the third package of statutory instruments to implement the Planning Act 2008. This concentrates on the procedures which must be gone through during the examination and decision phases. In particular, this consultation sets out the detail of the procedures to be followed for examinations by the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) of applications for development consent, the detail of application fees that will be payable to the IPC, matters relating to how the IPC decides such applications, and matters relating to development consent orders which give effect to a decision to authorise an Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).</p>		
<p><u>Consultation on the Transposition of the Revised Waste Framework Directive in England and Wales</u> The requirements of the revised WFD on which views are invited as part of the stage one consultation are set out in the consultation document's Executive Summary; and each requirement is discussed in more detail in Chapter Two.</p>	Defra	4 th Sept/9 th Oct
<p><u>Consultation paper on a new planning policy on Development and coastal change</u> This consultation invites views on a new draft policy setting out a planning framework for the continuing economic and social viability of coastal communities. The policy aims to strike the right balance between economic prosperity and reducing the consequences of coastal change on communities.</p>	CLG	7 th Sept/12 th Oct
<p><u>Development of Indicators for a Sustainable Food System: Consultation</u> This consultation seeks views on a suite of indicators that will measure progress towards a sustainable food system. <u>Food 2030: An online discussion</u> This is an online discussion document inviting comments about the future of food and what the food system might look like in 2030.</p>	Defra	11 th Sept/16 th Oct
<p><u>Detailed Proposals and Draft Regulations for the Introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy: Consultation</u></p>	CLG	17 th Sept/22 nd Oct

<p>This consultation seeks views on the Government's detailed proposals for the introduction of the community infrastructure levy, which will be a new charge that local authorities in England and Wales will be empowered, but not required, to charge on most types of new development in their area.</p>		
<p><u>Improving Permitted Development: Consultation</u> This consultation seeks views on proposals to remove the need for a full planning application for some small-scale non-domestic development.</p>	CLG	18 th Sept/23 rd Oct
<p><u>Streamlining Information Requirements for Planning Applications: Consultation</u> This consultation seeks views on proposals to make the requirements for information to accompany planning applications clearer, simpler and more proportionate.</p>	CLG	18 th Sept/23 rd Oct
<p><u>Publicity for Planning Applications: Consultation</u> This consultation seeks views on whether changes should be made to planning legislation in relation to publicising planning applications.</p>	CLG	18 th Sept/23 rd Oct
<p><u>Consultation on developing a strategy for integrated and smart ticketing</u> This consultation document explains the concepts of smart and integrated ticketing, summarises the current smart and integrated ticketing schemes in England, outlines the department's vision for the future of smart and integrated ticketing and seeks to learn the consultees' views on the subject and how much involvement they feel the Department should have in implementing such schemes going forward.</p>	DfT	30 th Sept/28 th Oct
<p><u>Consultation paper on a new Planning Policy Statement 15: Planning for the Historic Environment</u> This consultation invites views on a new Planning Policy Statement (PPS) replacing Planning Policy Guidance 15: Planning and the Historic Environment (PPG15) and Planning Policy Guidance 16: Archaeology and Planning (PPG16).</p> <p><u>Consultation on PPS15 Practice Guide</u> Consultation on practice guidance to accompany PPS15 (see above)</p>	CLG & English Heritage	25 th Sept/30 th Oct

<p><u>Policy Statement on Regional Strategies and Guidance on the establishment of Leaders' Boards: Consultation</u></p> <p>This consultation seeks views on a new policy statement on the process of preparing, revising, implementing and monitoring regional strategies, draft regulations to support the implementation of part five of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill, draft guidance on the preparation of schemes for the establishment of leaders' boards and draft supplementary guidance on undertaking sustainability appraisal of regional strategies.</p>	CLG	25 th Sept/30 th Oct
<p><u>Consultation on proposed amendments to Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk</u></p> <p>This consultation seeks views on proposed amendments clarifying aspects of the spatial planning policy on development and flood risk.</p>	CLG	29 th Sept/3 rd Nov
<p><u>Consultation on Draft Noise Action Plans</u></p> <p>This consultation seeks views on draft noise action plans for agglomerations, major roads (outside agglomerations) and major railways (outside agglomerations). These plans fulfill obligations under the Environmental Noise Directive and the Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006 (as amended).</p>	Defra	30 th Sept/4 th Nov