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#### Summary

We have published the draft National Planning Policy Framework for consultation. This is a key part of our reforms to make the planning system less complex and more accessible, and to promote sustainable growth. We are keen to hear views from all interested parties on the draft and how it might be improved.

Please find below the consultation document which explains how you can send us your comments. It includes a link to the internet questionnaire we have set up. There is also a link to the draft National Planning Policy Framework itself, and to the consultation stage Impact Assessment.

This consultation will close on **17 October 2011**. It would be helpful if you could respond to this consultation using the online form. However, you can also email or post written comments to the address below under 'Have your say'.

**Update:** The Government has consulted on a draft planning policy for traveller sites. The consultation period ended on 3 August, and a new Planning Policy Statement for traveller sites will be published as soon as possible following due consideration of the consultation responses. The new Planning Policy Statement for traveller sites will be reviewed in the light of all comments received and incorporated into the final *National Planning Policy Framework*.

As part of this consultation on the *National Planning Policy Framework*, the Government would welcome responses to the following question:

Do you have views on the consistency of the draft Framework with the draft planning policy for traveller sites, or any other comments about the Government's plans to incorporate planning policy on traveller sites into the final National Planning Policy Framework?

#### Planning policy for traveller sites and National Planning Policy Framework

**Oral hearings and consultation workshops:** To increase the accessibility of the consultation for traveller communities we are organising a series of oral hearings. For more information visit the [Oral hearings and workshops](#) page.

**Easier to read summary:** We have also published a short easier-to-read summary of the National Planning Policy Framework. You can download this as a PDF or MP3 file below.

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