

The Chief Planning Officer
Local Planning Authorities in England

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Chief Planning Officer Letter:

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

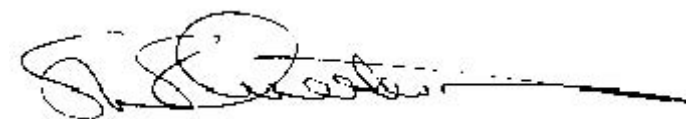
I am pleased to let you know that the draft National Planning Policy Framework has been published for consultation today. We are keen to hear views from all interested parties on the draft and how it might be improved.

National Planning Policy has grown to more than 1,000 pages in recent years, becoming far too complex and inaccessible. The Coalition Government has committed to produce instead one clear, tightly focused document, setting out national priorities only where necessary to do so. This is a key part of the proposed reforms aimed at getting the planning system right for current and future generations and to promote sustainable growth.

I would encourage you to read the draft Framework as a whole and let us know your views. As well as inviting written comments, a number of consultation events have been arranged across the country. The draft Framework, consultation document, draft impact assessment and details of the consultation events are all available on the Department's website at:

<http://communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningsystem/planningpolicy/planningpolicyframework/>

I very much hope you will take this opportunity to help shape our future planning system. Should you need further information, please contact Alan Scott on alan.scott@communities.gsi.gov.uk



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