



Consultation Response
Improving the use of planning conditions
Department of Communities and Local Government
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Planning Committee Response

Dear Matthew

In response to your consultation on the use of planning conditions, I would make the following comments:

- The overall message coming through is centric rather than in the spirit of Localism
- LPA's should be trusted to apply appropriate planning conditions that suit the locality
- Any legislation that takes control away from LPAs means that aggressive developers may have more opportunity to put in hostile applications
- We agree that houses need to be built, but they MUST be built in the right places. A one size fits all centric approach is not the way to achieve this
- Neighbourhood Development Plans should be able to set out pre-commencement conditions for particular sites which would set an expectation early in the process
- It is fair that an applicant should be able to negotiate pre-commencement conditions with the LPA and that their agreement to the conditions is sought for the purpose of clarity and efficiency
- Conditions which protect Conservation Areas, important landscapes and the character of historic places are strongly enforced locally

I can expand on any of these points if necessary.

Kind regards

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