

## **Consultation on changes to planning policy and regulations**

MHCLG's accompanying document "[Changes to the current planning system: Consultation on changes to planning policy and regulations](#)", is the subject of a shorter consultation period, until 1 October and is proposed to be implemented before the end of this calendar year. It proposes:

- Changes to the standard method for assessing local housing need:
- Securing of First Homes through developer contributions in the short term until the transition to a new system
- Supporting small and medium-sized builders by temporarily lifting the threshold for provision of affordable housing
- Extending the current Permission in Principle to major development

**Next Steps** Officers will work carefully through the detail, and the questions posed within the consultation, drafting a reply for consideration prior to submission.