

Planning White Paper

Guidance to responding

The consultation on the [Planning White Paper](#) ends at 23:45, on Thursday 29 October so don't delay!

We are urging people to respond to the [consultation](#) with these suggested points as guidance (please use your own words):

1. Planning should have an overarching purpose to promote sustainable development, including environmental enhancement and public health and well-being
2. Land allocations must be primarily based on a site having, or able to have, economically viable good sustainable transport links (not just an occasional bus or a rural train station with few services)
3. Developers should have to show that their proposals would help lower carbon emissions from transport and have higher levels of sustainable transport use than existing nearby communities
4. Oppose the focus on high numbers of housing in rural areas which will drive up car use and emissions.
5. Oppose the loss of people's rights to scrutinise and challenge local developments
6. Oppose larger developments becoming part of a national planning process which would undermine democracy and could force unsuitable developments onto local communities
7. Planning needs to focus on building communities not just housing
8. Planning should support the delivery of other government priorities such as to reduce carbon emissions, promote active travel, healthier lifestyles, reduce air pollution, reduce pressure on the NHS, and regenerate town centres and local economies. (The current proposals undermine all of these)
9. Concerned about the lack of an assessment to understand how these proposals will impact on inclusivity and democracy

People can send their response to: planningforthefuture@communities.gov.uk or respond directly to the [consultation questionnaire](#).

[Transport for New Homes](#) has produced some [guidance](#) to help people respond to the consultation as has [The Town and Country Planning Association](#)