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Headline news

Civil Society Strategy promotes community involvement in planning for economic growth

In its new report, 'Civil Society Strategy: building a future that works for everyone' that was published on 9 August, HM Government defines the term 'civil society' as referring to 'all individuals and organisations, when undertaking activities with the primary purpose of delivering social value, independent of state control'.

While the Localism Act 2011 has already 'created new rights for communities, giving them an opportunity to take into local ownership community assets, shape planning and development in their area', the Strategy states that with the intention of improving the use of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, the Government will explore whether 'social value' principles should be applied to specified areas of public decision-making that include planning.

The Strategy also states that the Government aims to strengthen the right for communities to bid for the ownership of local assets and will be issuing revised guidance on the issue.

Elsewhere, the document confirms that resident involvement has been lacking in many regeneration projects to date and promises to give communities a greater say in the future.

Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Greg Clark said:

'Growing the economy and strong communities are mutually reinforcing and I very much welcome the steps which this new Civil Society Strategy takes to build on the Industrial Strategy approach, particularly to involve communities more strongly in local planning for economic growth, prosperity and employment.'

HM Government, 'Civil Society Strategy: building a future that works for everyone'

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Quote of the month



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Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Greg Clark,
introducing the Government's new Civil Society Strategy

Planning Portal to charge for application submissions

From 10 September, the Planning Portal will charge £20 for every application submission, regardless of its type.

In addition, application fees will be paid to the Planning Portal and not to the local planning authority (LPA). As soon as the fee payment is received for an application submitted via the Portal, both will be transferred to the LPA so that the validation process can begin. If an application fee is paid by cheque, this has to also be sent to the Planning Portal where it will take 7 working days to clear.

[Planning Portal, Launch date confirmed for new financial transaction service in England](#)

[Planning Portal, New payment service for IApp in England](#)

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Review of application and effectiveness of planning policy for sustainable drainage systems

On 23 August, MHCLG published a review that examines:

- how national planning policies for sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) are reflected in local plans; and

- the uptake of SuDS across a range of commercial and housing developments in England.

The review was undertaken during 2016 and 2017, with the support of Defra and the Environment Agency.

According to the review, 80% of adopted local plans contain policies that reflect requirements in the 2012 NPPF for SuDS to be prioritised in areas with a high risk of flooding.

Although 87% of the sample of approved planning applications explicitly stated that SuDS would be part of the proposed development, for 70% of applications it was not clear who would be responsible for their maintenance.

The review states that this autumn, the Government will update the PPG on SuDS to reflect the changes made to the 2012 NPPF in the 2018 version of the Framework.

MHCLG, A review of the application and effectiveness of planning policy for sustainable drainage systems

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Listing entries reach 400,000 following 4 new listings

The National Heritage list for England reached 400,000 listings on 22 August, with the Grade II listing of four new buildings (the Howitt Building, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham; the Elmdon terminal building, Birmingham Airport; Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, Plymouth; and the Birches 'Squatter's cottage', Cleeton St Mary, Shropshire).

Historic England, Raleigh Bicycle Company Head Office listed as National Heritage List reaches 400,000 entries

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New programme for funding garden communities

On 15 August, Communities Secretary James Brokenshire announced a new programme for assisting with progressing garden communities.

Parties having the support of local authorities for 'new garden communities at scale' can apply for a place on the Programme.

According to the accompanying Prospectus, proposals for new Garden Towns (with more than 10,000 homes) will be prioritised but MHCLG

will also consider proposals for Garden Villages (having 1,500-10,000 homes) 'which are particularly strong in other aspects'.

Winning bids can choose to receive/ benefit from: resource funding; delivery advice (e.g. on creating development corporations) and support; cross-government brokerage; and peer learning and networking opportunities.

The period for submitting proposals ends on 9 November.

[MHCLG, James Brokenshire plans increase in garden towns](#)

[MHCLG, Garden Communities: prospectus](#)

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The Lichfields perspective



The Civil Society Strategy is intended to set a direction for government policy, it being just the beginning of a process of policy development and collaboration. The Government's vision is one of better connected, technology-enabled strong UK communities, and businesses which 'strengthen society'. More neighbourliness plays a strong part in the Strategy too. Planning is to play its part in the Strategy too, and while there is already a raft of legislation that promotes neighbourhood planning and community assets, there is clear scope for communities to do more in developing businesses, creating jobs and boosting local economies

Margaret Baddeley, Planning Director

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