

THE PLANNING CONTEXT OF RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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- Planning can deliver**
- Sustainable communities**
- Housing is people**
- Innovation**



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- ❑ 60th Anniversary
Planning System
- ❑ Place Shaping not
new
- ❑ Current system
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- Bad press
- “Language problem”
- Priorities differ
- Barrier or facilitator
- Speed of delivery
- Planning in the portakabin

- ❑ Integration of strategies
- ❑ Wider socio-economic responsibility
- ❑ A vision of sustainable communities
- ❑ Bigger issues
 - climate change
 - infrastructure provision
- ❑ National policy statements
- ❑ Place shaping at the heart of Local Government Activity





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Homes for the future:
more affordable, more sustainable



- ❑ Planning is of fundamental importance to the quality of peoples lives
- ❑ Housing is critical to Britain's future – the decisions we make today make a crucial difference to the lives of generations to come





- ❑ Welcome this view of Planning
- ❑ Cultural change
- ❑ Partnership working
- ❑ Streamlining LDF process
- ❑ Spatial representation of community aspirations



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Planning for a Sustainable Future
White Paper



Communities and Local Government
Department for the Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs
Department of Trade and Industry
Department for Transport



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“To ensure that everyone has the opportunity of living in a decent home, which they can afford in a community where they want to live”.



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- HIGH QUALITY HOUSING**
- WITH A MIX OF TENURES**
- OF THE RIGHT QUANTITY**
- IN THE RIGHT LOCATIONS**
- USING LAND EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY**



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“Sustainable communities are places where people want to live and work, now and in the future”.

The government’s definition of a sustainable community is:

‘sustainable communities are places where people want to live and work, now and in the future. they meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents, are sensitive to their environment and contribute to a high quality of life. they are safe and inclusive, well planned, built and run, and offer equality of opportunity and good services for all’



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- Thriving
- Local participation
- Safe, clean and green
- Good public transport
- Flexible and sustainable buildings
- Decent homes
- Quality public services
- Pride in place
- Everywhere is somewhere



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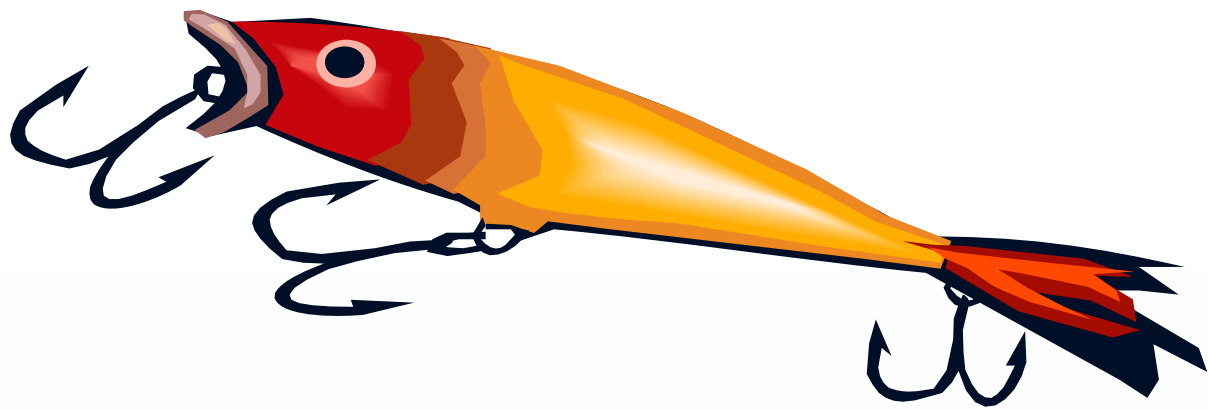


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“deliver patterns of urban growth and sustainable rural developments that help secure the fullest possible use of sustainable transport for moving freight, public transport, cycling and walking and, which overall, reduce the need to travel, especially by car”



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Rural Exception Site - South Walsham





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Lingwood development



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Earth dwellings - Honingham



- ❑ **PLANNING CAN DELIVER**
- ❑ **A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY IS MORE THAN WHERE THE KEY SERVICES ARE**
- ❑ **PLANNING IS ABOUT PEOPLE NOT JUST PLACES**
- ❑ **RURAL HOUSING CAN LEAD THE WAY IN TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE**



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