

Consultation questions and final results – Reducing planning regulations to support housing, high streets and growth

Consultation ran from 31 July to 29 September 2014 (as part of wider Technical consultation on planning). 943 people responded to this section of the consultation.

Consultation Question	Yes (number of responses)	No (number of responses)	Number of responses to question
Question 2.1: Do you agree that there should be permitted development rights for			
(i) light industrial (B1(c)) buildings to change to residential (C3) use, and	28% (171)	72% (445)	616
(ii) storage and distribution (B8) buildings to change to residential (C3) use?	27% (164)	73% (448)	612
Question 2.2: Should the new permitted development right			
(i) include a limit on the amount of floor space that can change use to residential	77% (367)	23% (109)	476
(ii) apply in Article 1(5) land i.e. land within a National Park, the Broads, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, an area designated as a conservation area, and land within World Heritage Sites and	43% (200)	57% (270)	470
(iii) should other issues be considered as part of the prior approval, for example the impact of the proposed residential use on neighbouring employment uses?	83% (396)	17% (80)	476
Question 2.3: Do you agree that there should be permitted development rights, as proposed, for laundrettes, amusement arcades/centres, casinos and nightclubs to change use to residential (C3) use and to carry out building work directly related to the change of use?	34% (189)	66% (374)	563
Question 2.4: Should the new permitted development right include			

(i) a limit on the amount of floor space that can change use to residential and	76% (347)	24% (112)	459
(ii) a prior approval in respect of design and external appearance?	83% (382)	17% (79)	461
Question 2.5: Do you agree that there should be a permitted development right from May 2016 to allow change of use from offices (B1(a)) to residential (C3)?	30% (182)	70% (416)	598
Question 2.6: Do you have suggestions for the definition of the prior approval required to allow local planning authorities to consider the impact of the significant loss of the most strategically important office accommodation within the local area?	41% (190)	59% (268)	458
Question 2.7: Do you agree that the permitted development rights allowing larger extensions for dwelling houses should be made permanent?	33% (159)	67% (325)	484
Question 2.8: Do you agree that the shops (A1) use class should be broadened to incorporate the majority of uses currently within the financial and professional services (A2) use class?	55% (284)	45% (235)	519
Question 2.9: Do you agree that a planning application should be required for any change of use to a betting shop or a pay day loan shop?	90% (509)	10% (57)	566
Question 2.10: Do you have suggestions for the definition of pay day loan shops, or on the type of activities undertaken, that the regulations should capture?	32% (146)	68% (316)	462
Question 2.11: Do you agree that there should be permitted development rights for			
(i) A1 and A2 premises to change use to restaurants and cafés (A3), and	46% (219)	54% (261)	480
(ii) laundrettes, amusement arcades/centres, casinos and nightclubs to change use to restaurants and cafés (A3)?	53% (250)	47% (224)	474

Question 2.12: Do you agree that there should be permitted development rights for A1 and A2 uses, laundrettes, amusement arcades/centres and nightclubs to change use to assembly and leisure (D2)?	43% (200)	57% (264)	464
Question 2.13: Do you agree that there should be a permitted development right for an ancillary building within the curtilage of an existing shop?	62% (273)	38% (168)	441
Question 2.14: Do you agree that there should be a permitted development right to extend loading bays for existing shops?	52% (220)	48% (200)	420
Question 2.15: Do you agree that the permitted development right allowing shops to build internal mezzanine floors should be increased from 200 square metres?	53% (212)	47% (187)	399
Question 2.16: Do you agree that parking policy should be strengthened in support of growth by restricting powers to set maximum parking standards?	49% (221)	51% (231)	452
Question 2.17: Do you agree that there should be a new permitted development right for commercial film and television production?	65% (246)	35% (132)	378
Question 2.18: Do you agree that there should be a permitted development right for the installation of solar PV up to 1MW on the roof of non-domestic buildings?	81% (390)	19% (89)	479
Question 2.19: Do you agree that the permitted development rights allowing larger extensions for shops, financial and professional services, offices, industrial and warehouse buildings should be made permanent?	46% (202)	54% (241)	443
Question 2.20: Do you agree that there should be a new permitted development right for waste management facilities to replace buildings, equipment and machinery?	57% (230)	43% (176)	406
Question 2.21: Do you agree that permitted development rights for sewerage undertakers should be extended to include equipment housings?	74% (281)	26% (97)	378

Question 2.22: Do you have any other comments or suggestions for extending permitted development rights?	59% (295)	41% (201)	496
Question 2.23: Do you have any evidence regarding the costs or benefits of the proposed changes or new permitted development rights, including any evidence regarding the impact of the proposal on the number of new betting shops and pay day loan shops, and the costs and benefits, in particular new openings in premises that were formerly A2, A3, A4 or A5?	30% (127)	70% (297)	424
Question 2.24: Do you agree (i) that where prior approval for permitted development has been given, but not yet implemented, it should not be removed by subsequent Article 4 direction and (ii) should the compensation regulations also cover the permitted development rights set out in the consultation?	44% (190)	56% (241)	431
	40% (162)	60% (242)	404
Question 2.25: Are there any further comments that you wish to make in response to this section?	26% (115)	74% (335)	450