



# Abolition of regional spatial strategies

## Communities and Local Government Select Committee

The Communities and Local Government Committee has launched an inquiry into the abolition of regional spatial strategies. Interested parties are invited to submit evidence by Wednesday 15 September 2010.

### Terms of reference

The Committee has decided to undertake an inquiry into the revocation and abolition of regional spatial strategies. The Committee will be focussing particularly on the implications for house building, especially:

- the implications of the abolition of regional house building targets for levels of housing development; and
- the likely effectiveness of the Government's plan to incentivise local communities to accept new housing development, and the nature and level of the incentives which will need to be put in place to ensure an adequate long-term supply of housing.

The Committee understands that the Government intends to announce further details of its plans for incentives "shortly", and would welcome comments on the adequacy and appropriateness of those incentives when the details are available.

The Committee will also be considering:

- the arrangements which should be put in place to ensure appropriate cooperation between local planning authorities on matters formerly covered by regional spatial strategies (eg. waste, minerals, flooding, the natural environment, renewable energy, &c.);
- the adequacy of proposals already put forward by the Government, including a proposed duty to co-operate and the suggestion that Local Enterprise Partnerships may fulfil a planning function; and
- how the data and research collated by the now-abolished Regional Local Authority Leaders' Boards should be made available to local authorities, and what arrangements should be put in place to ensure effective updating of that research and collection of further research on matters crossing local authority boundaries.

The Committee is inviting written submissions, addressing any or all of the points above, in accordance with the guidelines stated below by **Wednesday 15th September 2010**.

Please note Each submission should:

- (a) be no more than 3,000 words in length;
- (b) begin with a short summary in bullet point form;
- (c) be in Word format (no later than 2007) with as little use of colour or logos as possible;  
and
- (d) be accompanied by a covering letter containing the name and contact details of the individual or organisation submitting evidence.

A copy of the submission should be sent by e-mail to [clgev@parliament.uk](mailto:clgev@parliament.uk) and marked "abolition of regional spatial strategies"

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