



# Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

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Dear Robert,

## **Future of the Planning System in England**

I would like to inform you that the Committee has launched a new inquiry into the future of the planning system in England. The inquiry will build on the Committee's previous work on land value capture and permitted development rights, as well as considering the issues raised by the recent announcements made by the department, including the consultations into the Government's white paper on planning, data on land control, and proposed alterations to the current planning system.

To ensure that we have time to gather sufficient evidence and draw robust, evidence-based recommendations, we shall not be responding directly to the Ministry's consultations. However, we do expect to publish our written evidence by the end of October and intend to produce a report following that. We hope that this will enable you to consider our work as you develop these policies and that our recommendations will make a valuable contribution to these very important issues.

**Clive Betts MP**  
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