



To: All Parish/Town Councils
in Cornwall

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Date: 12 June 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on the new Local Validation List

Further to my last email and attachment, a couple of local councils have requested clarification of the purpose of a Local Validation List. The coalition government introduced a requirement in 2011 that Councils had to produce a list of local requirements for information to accompany an application for planning permission, if they did not they could not request surveys, assessments and other things that usually help inform the decision process. These requirements have to be specified in an adopted 'local list'. Local information requirements have no bearing on whether a planning application is valid unless they are set out on such a list, the coalition government set limitations on information that can be requested and this is sometimes not understood by those viewing application details.

Councils have to republish this guidance every two years, whether there has been a change or not. It's taken nearly a year to produce this one because of all the changes to planning introduced by the last government. If the new government keeps up the same rate as the last we will almost be in perpetual preparation of new lists. As you are aware the coalition government also published new guidance on planning in the Planning Practice Guidance of November 2014 and in April, it completely overhauled the Development Management Procedure Order and the General Permitted Development Order which required a further and complete overhaul of our previous 2012 Local Validation List. Planning agents who are the main users of the list are also being consulted.

I hope this helps to clarify the need for a Local Validation List. If you do have any comments on the document, please email them to the Customer Relations team - eee.customerrelations@cornwall.gov.uk before the end of the consultation period on 17 July 2015.

Yours faithfully

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