

## Cambridge Sub Regional Housing Board Consultation Register – April 2007

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<b>Ended</b>			
Consultation on investment themes within Eastern Region	Sent sub regional response by the deadline. Feedback to April CRASH.	30 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>To be added</i>
Consultation - Planning Policy Statement: Planning and Climate Change - Supplement to Planning Policy Statement 1	It sought out views and comments on a draft Planning Policy Statement (PPS) which set out how planning, in providing for the new homes, jobs and infrastructure needed by communities, should help shape places with lower carbon emissions and resilient to the climate change now accepted as inevitable.	The consultation ran from 13 December 2006 to 8 March 2007.	<a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1508623">http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1508623</a>
Consultation on Investment between regions (national)	Hunts did a response but none from CRASH specifically	Consultation from 24 November 2006 to 16 February 2007	<a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1504702">http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1504702</a>
<b>Live</b>			
Gold Awards - Future Themes Consultation	The Housing Corporation is looking to the future of the Gold Awards and considering themes for future rounds. “We are very interested in suggestions from you or your organisation and would be grateful if you could let us have any thoughts. If you wish to respond, please let us have: A title for the theme(s) [maximum of ten words], a brief description of the area(s) of practice the theme would concern and the reasoning behind your suggested theme(s). A Word template, designed to simplify your response to this consultation, is available for download.	Thoughts to HC by end of April 2007.	<a href="http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/server/show/nav.3633">http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/server/show/nav.3633</a>
Allocation of Accommodation: Choice Based Lettings - Code of Guidance for Local Housing Authorities	The Government invites comments on its draft statutory code of guidance. This provides information about those factors local authorities should take into account when framing their allocation scheme to offer a choice of accommodation to housing applicants.	Closes 10 April.	<a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1505526">http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1505526</a>
Disabled Facilities Grant Programme: The Government's proposals to improve programme delivery	This consultation provides a response to the findings and recommendations in the independent Bristol University report,	Closes 13 April 2007	<a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1505528">http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1505528</a>

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	<p>published October 2005. The paper provides the Government's proposals to improve the DFG Programme.</p> <p>Using findings and recommendations of the Bristol report, the paper identifies short term and long term plans and asks for comments on the proposals.</p>		
Supporting People strategy - Cambridgeshire	<p>Consultation on strategy circulated in February 2007</p>	<p>Deadline 13<sup>th</sup> April</p>	<p><i>To be added</i></p>
Commission on Integration and Cohesion - Your chance to tell us what you think	<p>The Commission on Integration and Cohesion is inviting national organisations, local organisations and individuals in communities across the country to say what integration and cohesion means to them - and what practical steps can be taken to make our communities more cohesive and integrated places to live.</p> <p>The Commission's document called - <i>Your chance to tell us what you think</i> - is a chance for a wide range of people to influence its report.</p>	<p>The closing date has been extended from 19 January 2007 until <b>May 2007</b>.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1504314">http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1504314</a>                      For further information about the Commission on Integration visit  <a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/coic">http://www.communities.gov.uk/coic</a></p>
The Callcutt Review of Housebuilding Delivery	<p>Led by Former C.Ex of English Partnerships and Crest Nicholson, the Callcutt Review of Housebuilding Delivery was announced in December 2006 by Ruth Kelly MP. It has made its first call for evidence from the country's housebuilding industry and other stakeholders.</p> <p>The Review headed by John Callcutt aims to examine how the supply of new homes is influenced by the nature and structure of the housebuilding industry, its business models and its supply chains. The review will consider the use of land, materials and skills within the housebuilding industry.</p> <p>John Callcutt said: "In essence this review will make recommendations on how we can improve the delivery of new homes to reach the Government's target of 200,000 new homes per annum by 2016 while also</p>	<p>Evidence to be submitted by 20 April</p>	<p><a href="http://www.callcuttreview.co.uk/default.jsp">http://www.callcuttreview.co.uk/default.jsp</a></p>

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	<p>achieving high standards of energy efficiency and sustainability.</p> <p>“We will look at the factors which influence that delivery including the supply of land, materials and skills and the way the housebuilding industry operates.”</p> <p>The Review is expected to report in the Autumn.</p>		
<b>Ongoing / not in our hands anymore</b>			
Changes to Planning Obligations: a Planning-gain Supplement consultation	<p>It set out proposals for a new system of planning obligations in England.</p> <p>Now there’s a Planning Gain Supplement (preparation) Bill, with 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in House of Lords on 5 March. Awaiting further enlightenment, Gordon Brown’s budget speech said it would be implemented, if only a suitable exemplar could be found. (!)</p>	The consultation ran from 6 December 2006 to 28 February 2007.	<a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1508448">http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1508448</a>
<b>Responses published</b>			
Hill Review	<p>An independent review, commissioned by the government and published 20 February, calls for urgent debate and major reforms to ensure social housing meets its aims.</p> <p>The report, by Professor John Hills of the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion at the London School of Economics, concludes that while social housing plays a crucial role in the lives of nearly four million households, much more needs to be done to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase the attention given to existing homes and current tenants;</li> <li>○ Create a better income mix in areas dominated by social housing;</li> <li>○ Address worklessness and support the livelihoods of tenants; and</li> <li>○ Offer a wider range of choices to tenants and others in housing need, but without removing security of tenure.</li> </ul>	“Ends and Means: The future roles of social housing in England” published 20 February	<a href="http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/cr/CASEREport34.pdf">http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/cr/CASEREport34.pdf</a>
The Cave Review of Social Housing Regulation	Ruth Kelly announced the launch of the independent Cave Review of Social Housing	The review team issued a call for evidence with a deadline of 16 February 2007.	<a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1504947">http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1504947</a>

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	<p>Regulation on 14 December 2006.</p> <p>The review, headed by Professor Martin Cave, was tasked with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ establishing a clear set of objectives for the regulation of social housing to underpin any new regulatory system</li> <li>○ present options for reform and</li> <li>○ make recommendations about institutional arrangements.</li> </ul> <p>The review team thank all who responded. This feedback has been published containing all the evidence received by that deadline or in the following week.</p> <p>If you have any comments on evidence sent in by any other person, the team encourages you to comment on our forum at:  <a href="http://forum.communities.gov.uk/cavereview">http://forum.communities.gov.uk/cavereview</a></p> <p>Further evidence or comment that is longer or for the Cave team's attention only, should be sent to: <a href="mailto:cavereview@communities.gsi.gov.uk">cavereview@communities.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Responses were published: 29 March 2007</p>	<p>Housing Corp response:  <a href="http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/upload/pdf/Final - Cave Review HC 20-2.pdf">http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/upload/pdf/Final - Cave Review HC 20-2.pdf</a></p> <p>Also, June 2006 HC and CIH report "The future of regulation of the affordable housing sector in England"  <a href="http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/upload/pdf/FutureRegulation.pdf">http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/upload/pdf/FutureRegulation.pdf</a></p>
<p>Summary of Responses - Definition of the term 'gypsies and travellers' for the purposes of the Housing Act 2004</p>	<p>The Department for Communities and Local Government received 38 responses to its consultation paper, 'Definition of the term 'gypsies and travellers' for the purposes of the Housing Act 2004'.</p> <p>The consultation exercise ran for 12 weeks from 2 February 2006 until 28 April 2006 although late responses were accepted after this date.</p>	<p>Published 29 January 2007</p>	<p><a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1505823">http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1505823</a></p>
<p>Barker Review</p>	<p>The Barker Review's final report sets out a range of policy recommendations for improving the functioning of the housing market:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government should set out a goal for improved market affordability.</li> <li>• Additional investment building-up to between £1.2 and £1.6 billion per annum will be required to deliver additional social housing to meet projected future needs.</li> <li>• Introduction of a Planning-gain Supplement to capture some of the development gains that</li> </ul>	<p>Published</p>	<p><a href="http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consultations_and_legislation/barker/consult_barker_index.cfm">http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consultations_and_legislation/barker/consult_barker_index.cfm</a></p>

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	<p>landowners benefit from, to ensure that local communities share in the value of development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of a Regional Planning Executive to provide public advice to the Regional Planning Body on the scale and distribution of housing required to meet the market affordability target.</li> <li>• Introduction of flexibility at the local level through the allocation of additional land in Local Development Frameworks, with the release of this additional land triggered by market signals.</li> <li>• Establishment of a Community Infrastructure Fund to help to unlock some of the barriers to development.</li> <li>• Local authorities should be allowed to “keep” the council tax receipts from new housing developments for a period of time to provide incentives for growth and to meet transitional costs associated with development.</li> </ul>		
<p>Lyons Inquiry into Local Government</p>	<p>Sir Michael Lyons has published the much anticipated final report from his independent Inquiry into the future role, function and funding of local government - <i>Place-shaping: a shared ambition for the future of local government</i>.</p> <p>Overall conclusions...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local government is an essential part of our system of government. Its place-shaping role - using powers and influence creatively to promote the well-being of a community and citizens - is crucial, particularly to improve satisfaction and well-being through local choice and flexibility, and economic prosperity through close working with business.</li> <li>• Central and local government need to work more closely together as part of a single system. Local people need to greater clarity about who is responsible for what, and should have a greater say</li> </ul>	<p>Published 21 March 2007</p>	<p><a href="http://www.lyonsinquiry.org.uk/">http://www.lyonsinquiry.org.uk/</a>            CIH response:  <a href="http://www.cih.org/news/view.php?id=715">http://www.cih.org/news/view.php?id=715</a></p>

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	<p>in setting local priorities to enable authorities to manage pressures on public expenditure and improve satisfaction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no golden key to reform - a mosaic of reforms is needed in the short term to address the most urgent problems, paving the way for more radical reforms in the longer-term. Sir Michael concludes that council tax is not 'broken', but that it is under too much pressure, is seen as unfair, and has some limitations in that it is not a naturally buoyant source of revenue.</li> </ul>		
<b>Current discussion topics on the CLG website</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">New-look Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) post-consultation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cave Review on social housing regulation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">New Firefighters' Pension Scheme</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Local Government White Paper - Implementation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Future of 2008 Fire &amp; Rescue Service National Framework</a></li> </ul>			
<b>Forthcoming / rumoured</b>			
<p>CLG consultation on likely powers of Communities England</p>	<p>On 17th January, Secretary of State Ruth Kelly announced proposals to create Communities England; a new housing and regeneration agency for England. See also the Communities and Local Government News Release of 17 January 2007. Communities England will join up the delivery of housing and regeneration, bringing together the functions of English Partnerships, the Housing Corporation, and a range of work carried out by the Department, including delivery in the areas of decent homes, housing market renewal, housing PFI,</p>	<p>No consultation started yet</p>	<p><a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1506002">http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1506002</a></p>

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	<p>housing growth and urban regeneration. Communities England will pioneer innovative and more efficient ways of working with key partners in the public, private and voluntary sector to get better outcomes from public investment in places.</p> <p>Communities England will be a new delivery partner for Local Authorities; supporting them in strategic place-making and helping to create and shape prosperous and cohesive communities.</p> <p>The Department will consult later this year on Communities England, with a view to legislating at the earliest opportunity.</p>		