

Email to Council re Ministerial statement of 250315

From: Tony Blackburn
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To: Andrew Marshall
Subject: FW: Written Statement to Parliament
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Andrew

The Inspector draws attention to the attached Written Ministerial Statement to Parliament (dated 25 March 2015) outlining steps the Government are taking to streamline the planning system, support economic growth and assist locally-led decision-making. He draws particular attention to the sections dealing with Housing Standards: streamlining the system and Plan making, noting that the Government are bringing in a new system of housing standards, with new optional Building Regulations on water and access, and new national technical standards covering housing space standards, following the assent of the Deregulation Act 2015. This may have implications for policies in the submitted Local Plan relating to housing space standards and references to the Code for Sustainable Homes. He also draws attention to the section on Parking: helping local shops and preventing congestion, noting that local authorities should only impose local parking standards for residential and non-residential development where there is clear and compelling justification that it is necessary to manage their local road network. It would be helpful if the Council could review any policies in the Local Plan relating to parking standards in the light of this new statement.

Would you please confirm receipt of this e-mail and let me have details of any amendments the Council wishes to make to the current policies and accompanying text in the submitted Local Plan as soon as practicable.

Thank you.

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