

Consultation: 'Planning for the Future' White Paper.

The **ITPAS** Committee seeks your help in **RESPONDING** to this latest Consultation, which will affect our Local Plan, all Planning Applications and our greenspaces for years to come. This Consultation relates to the longer-term proposals to fundamentally change the Planning System. We must act **NOW**, and your Response will help.

We have appraised and distilled the 85-page Consultation Document, the similar length Hansard Record of the House of Commons Debate of 8th October 2020 ('Planning and House Building'), and several other contributions into a 4-page document, which starts with a half-page Summary (but it is hoped that the rest is of interest, too).

Once again, proposed changes are a mix of **GOOD** and **BAD** ideas, only this time the bad measures must be changed as they are intended to be in place for the foreseeable future and would lead to unintended but permanent harm to the character of our Country, where we all live, our environment, ecology, wildlife and even our wellbeing.

This may seem dramatic but the White Paper has united against these proposals most MPs across the political divide, Councillors and Council Officers, Groups like ITPAS and WGSA across the Country, Business and other organisations, and even some Government Consultants and Developers. Despite this clamour, **PLEASE don't leave it to others to RESPOND.**

RESPONSE DEADLINE is **Thursday, 29th October 2020** so please don't delay.

You may respond to all Questions by going online - the LINK is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future> **BUT the simplest way** is to send an email Response with your thoughts and concerns - the Email Address is:

planningforthefuture@communities.gov.uk

You could attach or just refer to the attached **ITPAS** Notices (one for this White Paper Consultation and the previous one which is still relevant), saying it has your support and represents your views (if it does). It need only take the form:

" I am a Member of **ITPAS** (Irby, Thurstaston & Pensby Amenity Society) and, having read and considered the White Paper '*Planning for the Future*', I wish you to record my Consultation Response as the same as the comments expressed in the attached **ITPAS** Notices.

In short, there are some good suggestions for changes but the measures for achieving the stated AIMS seem heavily flawed, produce unintended and alarming targets, unnecessarily further threaten Green Belt and Ecology, and are in need of a thorough rethink.

Kind regards, **add Your Name(s) and own email address** "

You could refer to the work of WGSA's statistical experts, Prof. Gregg and Graham Stevens, whose detailed technical reports demonstrate that the proposed **algorithm** (formula), changing the 'Standard Method', results in even higher 'Additional Housing Need' targets, is unscientific, fails to follow expert advice, and would not have the stated desired effects of (i) representing housing need more accurately; (ii) directing investment and 'levelling-up' in the North; or (iii) smoothing out and stabilising results.

Whatever form of Response you choose, please also copy in your Local Councillors, Local MPs, and even the Housing Minister and Secretary of State - contact details are:

Local Councillors: LINK: <https://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1> (then follow instructions)

Local MPs: LINK: <https://members.parliament.uk>

Housing Minister: **Rt Hon Christopher Pincher MP**, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
Email: christopher.pincher.mp@parliament.uk

Secretary of State: **Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP**, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
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Please beat the Deadline, and help protect our Green Spaces, Ecology and Heritage and send me a copy of your Response. Many thanks.

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