

Consultation questions

Question 1: Do you agree that local planning authority performance should be assessed on the basis of the speed and quality of decisions on planning applications?

Question 2: Do you agree that speed should be assessed on the extent to which applications for major development are determined within the statutory time limits, over a two year period?

Question 3: Do you agree that extensions to timescales, made with the written consent of the applicant following submission, should be treated as a form of planning performance agreement (and therefore excluded from the data on which performance will be assessed)?

Question 4: Do you agree that there is scope for a more proportionate approach to the form and content of planning performance agreements?

Question 5: Do you agree that quality should be assessed on the proportion of major decisions that are overturned at appeal, over a two year period?

Question 6: Do you agree with the proposed approach to ensuring that sufficient information is available to implement the policy?

Question 7: Do you agree that the threshold for designations should be set initially at 30% or fewer of major decisions made on time or more than 20% of major decisions overturned at appeal?

Question 8: Do you agree that the threshold for designation on the basis of processing speeds should be raised over time? And, if so, by how much should they increase after the first year?

Question 9: Do you agree that designations should be made once a year, solely on the basis of the published statistics, as a way to ensure fairness and transparency?

Question 10: Do you agree that the option to apply directly to the Secretary of State should be limited to applications for major development?

Question 11: Do you agree with the proposed approaches to pre-application engagement and the determination of applications submitted directly to the Secretary of State?

Question 12: Do you agree with the proposed approach to supporting and assessing improvement in designated authorities? Are there specific criteria or thresholds that you would propose?

Question 13: Do you agree with the proposed scope of the planning guarantee?

Question 14: Do you agree that the planning application fee should be refunded if no decision has been made within 26 weeks?