

## Greater Flexibility for Planning Permissions: Consultation

### The Questions:

#### EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF THE PLANNING PERMISSION

**Question 1 – Do you agree that extensions of the time limits for implementing existing planning permissions for major schemes should be permitted for a temporary period?**

**Yes**

**Question 2 – Do you think it would be desirable to introduce a similar procedure which could be used to extend the time limits for implementation of a listed building consent or conservation area consent?**

**Yes**

**Question 3 – Do you agree with the proposed approach to information requirements associated with an application to extend, and that applications for extension should be exempted from the requirement to provide design and access statements?**

**Yes**

**Question 4 – Do you agree that the fee associated with an application to extend should be in line with the fee chargeable for a s.73 application, i.e. a flat fee of £170?**

**Yes**

**Question 5 – Do you agree that extensions should only be possible for major development schemes?**

**Yes**

**Question 6 – Do you agree that, except where the application for extension is an EIA application, local planning authorities should have discretion to decide which statutory consultees should be consulted?**

**Yes**

#### MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENTS

**Question 7 – What are your views on the WYG Options 1-3? Do you have any other suggestions for feasible options?**

Option 1: A unified procedure for non-material amendments and minor material amendments

Option 2: A fast-track procedure for minor material amendments

Option 3: A 'minor matters' application

***Options 1 or 3 are favoured. Option 2 is not realistic in that it is almost impossible to reconcile MEANINGFUL public consultation AND making a decision in 28 days. Option 2 brings a risk of a high refusal and appeal rate which is surely a perverse outcome.***

**Question 8 – Do you agree that, except where the application under s.73 is an EIA application, local planning authorities should have discretion to decide which statutory consultees should be consulted?**

**Yes**

## **NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENTS**

**Question 9 – Do you agree with the proposed approach on notification and representations for non-material amendments?  
Information requirements**

**Yes**

**Question 10 – Do you agree with the proposed approach on information requirements for an application for a non-material amendment?**

**Yes**

**Question 11 – Do you agree that, for non-material amendments, a decision should be made within 28 days of receipt of the application?**

**Yes**

**Question 12 – Do you agree that the fee associated with an application for a non-material amendment should be a flat fee of £170, with the exception of non-material amendments to householder applications, where it should be a flat fee of £25?**

**Yes**