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2018 Boundary Review initial proposals launched

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Following a decision by Parliament to reduce the number of constituencies in the UK to 600 from 650, and to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal, the BCE has been asked to make independent recommendations about where the boundaries of English constituencies should be. The BCE must report to Parliament in 2018 and, if agreed by Parliament, the new constituencies will be in use at the next scheduled General Election in 2020.

Under the proposals only 68 of the existing 533 English constituencies will remain unchanged. Figures show that there are just over 3.2 million electorate in 46 East Midlands existing constituencies, under the proposals this will reduce to 44. Additional information available includes:

- [East Midlands Initial proposals report](#)
- [East Midlands Initial proposals summary](#)
- [Full-region constituency map](#)

Consultation closes on 5 December 2016

Social value implementation and measurement project: case studies

The Cabinet Office has published a series of [case studies](#) which form part of the Social Value Implementation and Measurement Project. The case studies are from 8 providers and range from adult social care providers to forums supporting voluntary organisations. Each provider has documented their experience on how they applied social value in their projects.

Local public service reform

The National Audit Office has published a [document](#) which summarises the findings of their work and identifies sources of help that may be useful to local areas and Government departments supporting local public service reform. In early 2016 the National Audit Office undertook research to find out:

- How local public service reform is being pursued in eight places in England.
- What the enablers and barriers are.
- How the government is supporting reform at a local level.

Failing well

The Institute for Government has published a [report](#) which suggests that the system of organisation that deliver public services in the UK is complex and it is inevitable that failures will occur. The report identifies that while new models of service delivery present opportunities for improvement, the risk of failure is heightened during change and transition. In this context, the research analyses the experiences of four different organisations that endured serious failures – often over substantial periods of time – but nonetheless managed to successfully return to providing good services for citizens.

Business Improvement Districts

The House of Commons Library has published a [briefing](#) which sets out the working of Business Improvements Districts (BIDs) in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The paper provides details of the legal framework for BIDs, with recent statistics and developments. BIDs are

partnerships between local authorities and local businesses which are intended to provide additional services or improvements to a specified area. A BID must be agreed by ballot and is funded in whole or in part by a levy additional to the non-domestic rates.

Business, Innovation and Skills Committee Report on the digital economy

The LGiU has published a [briefing](#) which details The Business, Innovation and Skills Committee's inquiry into the digital economy in September 2015. The inquiry focused on the major barriers to UK business success in the digital economy and the steps government could take to help businesses overcome them. The briefing looks at:

- Measuring the digital economy.
- Business take-up of technology and digital skills.
- Regulation and compliance.
- Intellectual property and the Digital Single Market.
- The Digital Single Market.

Commons Library analysis of the Digital Economy Bill

The House of Commons Library has published a [briefing](#) which provides a general overview of the digital economy and related statistics ([digital economy: statistics and policy](#)). The Business, Innovation and Skills Committee reported on the digital economy in July 2016 (on the industry generally rather than the provisions of this Bill). The Bill is expected to be considered in the Commons and Lords in the latter part of 2016.

Supervised jobsearch pilots trial evaluation

The Department for Work and Pensions has published a [report](#) which explores the effectiveness of the Supervised Jobsearch Pilots (SJP) in improving claimants' job-search activity. The SJP were designed to test whether intensive support and supervision improved claimants' job search skills and increased their likelihood of moving off benefit and into work.

The geography of creativity in the UK

Nesta, in partnership with Creative England, has released a [report](#) which uses the latest data and official definitions to map the creative industries in the UK. The report finds that creative industries are becoming more important in local economies across the UK and recommends that Local Enterprise Partnerships and universities should consider what more they can do to address the strengths and weaknesses within their particular area.

Solving poverty in the UK

The Joseph Rowntree has published a [report](#) which sets out recommendations on how to solve poverty in the UK. The report looks at:

- What is poverty?
- Why is poverty still with us?
- Poverty over the lifetime: causes and solutions.
- Solving poverty together.
- National and local governments.
- Business, employers and providers of essential goods and services.
- Service providers and housing providers.
- Investors and philanthropists.
- Citizens and communities.
- Costs and implication.
- What next?

Rough sleepers: access to services and support

The House of Commons Library has published a [briefing](#) which provides an overview of the support and services - including accommodation, health, welfare, training, employment and voter registration - that are available for rough sleepers, and the challenges rough sleepers can face in accessing them.

Evaluating the extent of rough sleeping: local authority form and guidance

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published [guidance](#) which is intended to help local authorities, in partnership with other local agencies, to evaluate the extent of rough sleeping in their area by carrying out a count of people sleeping rough or by estimating the number of rough sleepers on a typical night in their locality.

Pregnancy and maternity discrimination

The Women and Equalities Select Committee has published a [report](#) calling for UK women to have protections similar to those in Germany after an increase in workplace pregnancy discrimination over the past decade. The report makes several recommendations which include the following:

- Employers should be required to undertake an individual risk assessment when they are informed that a woman who works for them is pregnant, has given birth in the past six months or is breastfeeding. The Health and Safety Executive should include this requirement in its guidance to employers by the end of 2016.
- New and expectant mothers who are concerned that their health and/or the health of their baby is being put at risk by their work should have an easily accessible, formal mechanism to compel their employer to deal with such risks appropriately.
- Given the uncertainty about what Brexit will mean, a statement of the Government's intention to ensure that rights and protections are not eroded would provide welcome reassurance during this period of transition.
- The Government should work with the main organisations providing free, good-quality, one-to-one advice to women on pregnancy and maternity discrimination to monitor the uptake of and estimated unmet need for such advice.

Asylum statistics

The House of Commons Library has published a [briefing](#) which analyses asylum statistics and trends in the UK and other EU countries. Statistics on asylum seekers and refugees in the UK are published by the Home Office and contain data on the number of people applying for asylum and the outcomes of asylum applications.

Profile of migrant health data in the East Midlands

Public Health England has published Migrant Health [profiles](#) for the East Midlands which show the changing profile of the East Midlands migrant population allowing a better understanding of this population and their associated health needs. The migrant population can face barriers to accessing appropriate health services, with language difficulties and a limited understanding of the way the healthcare system works being the main obstacles.

- In 2011, 1.6% of the total East Midlands population could not speak English well or at all.
- In 2011, it was believed that 10.8% of primary school children and 8.1% of secondary school children in the East Midlands had a first language that was known or not believed to be English.
- There are specific health needs in some migrant populations that are known and other issues that are more difficult to understand because we do not have data available for specific migrant populations.

- Across the East Midlands there are good models of how local organisations are tailoring their services to meet the needs of their migrant populations

Brexit: trade aspects

The House of Commons Library has published a [note](#) which looks at possible options for the UK's trading relationship with the EU, post-Brexit. The note looks at:

- Background.
 - How does UK-EU trade work at the moment?
 - Statistics on UK-EU trade
- Possible models for UK-EU trade
 - WTO option
 - The “Norwegian option”:
 - A free trade agreement with the EU
- Statistics on UK trade with EU Member States.

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Polling on resident satisfaction with councils: June 2016

The LGA has published a [report](#) which outlines the results following the latest LGA public polls on resident satisfaction with local councils; the paper examines trends since the first round in September 2012. Key findings show:

- While overall satisfaction with local area as a place to live saw no significant change since the last poll (standing at 82%), there was a significant increase in the proportion of residents who were ‘very satisfied’ compared to three previous polls.
- The previous poll saw overall satisfaction with the way local council runs things council drop to its lowest ever level across all 13 polls; satisfaction rose by two percentage points in this poll (reaching 68%).
- 51% of respondents agreed, overall, that their local council provides value for money. Compared to June 2015, there was a significant increase in the proportion of residents who ‘strongly agreed’ that their council provides value for money (and also among those who gave a neutral reply).
- The proportion of respondents who said, overall, their local council acts on the concerns of local residents dropped to its lowest level in the last poll; satisfaction rose by four percentage points in this poll (reaching 61%).
- The proportion of respondents who said, overall, their local council keeps residents well informed about its services and benefits dropped to its lowest level in the last poll; satisfaction rose by two percentage points in this poll (reaching 63%).
- 63% of respondents said they trusted their council ‘a great deal’ or ‘a fair amount’ – a four percentage point increase from the previous poll.
- 72% of respondents said they trusted their local council the most (compared to ‘the Government’) to make decisions about how local services are provided in their local area – this is a significantly lower proportion than in the previous two polls (and also than polls in January 2014 and July 2014).
- 71% of respondents said they trusted local councillors the most (compared to ‘members of parliament’, ‘Government ministers’ or ‘none of these’) to make decisions about how services are provided in their local area – this a significantly lower proportion than in January 2014 when the question was first introduced.
- As in previous rounds, most respondents said they felt safe in their local area. 79% said they felt ‘very safe’ or ‘fairly safe’ after dark, which is consistent with previous rounds. Further, respondent feelings of safety during the day in their local area also remain very high, with 95% saying that they felt ‘very safe’ or ‘fairly safe’ (which is significantly higher than the previous poll).

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Adult Social Care

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Recruitment campaign launched to entice social workers back to profession

The LGA, Department for Education and Department of Health have [launched](#) a Come Back to Social Work campaign, to retrain both social workers for adults and children who have left the profession. The [programme](#) will be crucial to increasing the number of experienced social workers at a time when vacancy rates are rising.

Understanding and reducing the emergency hospital admissions for older people

The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published a [report](#) which details a new study conducted by the University of Birmingham's Health Services Management Centre and the Department of Social Policy and Social Work. The study seeks to address, in the context of an ageing population, growing demand and ongoing funding challenges that the pressures on acute hospital care are likely to continue. The report identifies that with an estimated 2 million unplanned hospital admissions per year of people aged over 65, questions are often asked such as: 'Do they really need to be there? Is there nowhere more suitable for them to go? What might prevent them coming into hospital?' The study seeks to address these questions by interviewing 104 older people, exploring their experiences of emergency admissions. The research focused on whether the older people felt it was appropriate to be admitted to hospital and whether they thought anything could have prevented their admission.

EU referendum update

The Northern Ireland Assembly's Research and Information Service has published a [report](#) which details a number of health and social care areas it feels are significant and need to be resolved following the EU Referendum result. The areas include: employment matters, procurement of goods and services, cross-border services and projects, development of medicines and research.

Children's Services

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Early years national funding formula

The LGiU has published a [briefing](#) on the Department for Education's [consultation](#) 'Early years funding: changes to funding for 3 and 4 year olds'. The consultation seeks views on the proposals on

funding the extension to 30 hours of free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds of working parents and the wider reform of the early years specific grant arrangements for local authorities.

Early years foundation stage profile: 2016 handbook

The Standards and Testing Agency has published a [handbook](#) which supports practitioners in making accurate judgements about each pupil's attainment. The handbook provides guidance to help complete and moderate EYFS profile judgements so that outcomes are accurate and consistent across all early years settings and should be used alongside the EYFS [Assessment and reporting arrangements](#).

Standards for school food in England

The Department for Education has published [guidance](#) on the standards for planning and providing food in schools. The guidance includes information on:

- Planning and provision of school food.
- The school food plan.
- The provision of milk.
- The free fruit and vegetables scheme.

Recent policy developments: grammar schools in England

The House of Commons Library has published a [briefing](#) which outlines the current position relating to grammar schools. The briefing covers the Prime Minister's announcement that the Government intends to remove the ban on the opening of entirely new grammar schools. The briefing also outlines recent support and opposition to the establishment of new grammar and provides a brief history of grammar schools.

Local analysis of teacher workforce: 2010 to 2015

The Department for Education has published a [report](#) which provides an analysis of the teacher workforce in England in the academic years 2010 to 2015. The publication provides a localised picture of the teacher workforce in England and covers:

- The composition and deployment of the school workforce.
- Trends in teacher mobility.
- Classroom and head teacher vacancies.
- Comparisons of workforce data across different types of school.

How safe are our children? 2016: overview of child protection in the UK

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has published a [report](#) which analyses the most robust and up-to-date child protection data across the four nations in the UK for 2016. The report sets out 20 different indicators with each looking at the question of 'how safe are our children?' from a different perspective. The report also includes historic data, to help track progress over time.

The case for early support

Barnardo's has released a [report](#) which outlines how greater investment in early support might be achieved. Ahead of the 2015 general election, Barnardo's linked with four other children's charities to lead the "A Stitch in Time Campaign," highlighting the importance of prevention and early intervention in public services.

Sexual harassment and sexual violence in schools

The Women and Equalities Committee has published a [report](#) which seeks to understand the scale of sexual harassment and sexual violence in schools, as well as its causes and effects. The report examines how adequately schools and other stakeholders are currently dealing with the issue and make practical, evidence-based recommendations to improve the situation. The report also focuses on prevention, and the most effective strategies to ensure children develop the ability to form healthy, consensual relationships. The report looks at:

- The scale and impact of sexual harassment and sexual violence in schools.
- Current strategies for dealing with sexual harassment and sexual violence in schools.
- Recording data and monitoring good practice.
- Educating children and young people.
- Parents have a central role.
- Tackling the impact of pornography.

Keeping children safe in education

Department for Education has published [statutory guidance](#) for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment. The guidance sets out the legal duties that must be followed to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people under the age of 18 in schools and colleges. Statutory guidance sets out what schools must do to comply with the law.

Reporting and acting on child abuse and neglect

The LGiU has released a [briefing](#) which looks at the Home Office and Department for Education's current [consultation](#) on placing a duty on relevant organisations and professionals to report and act on child abuse and neglect and suspected child abuse and neglect.

The cost of being care free: the impact of poor financial education and removal of support on care leavers

The Children's Society has published a [report](#) which explores the financial support and advice that care leavers receive prior to leaving care and the outcomes they face if they haven't had the relevant support. The report suggests that:

- Young people leaving care, alone and with no family to support them, are falling into debt and financial difficulty due to insufficient financial education from local authorities.
- Almost half of local authorities in England fail to offer care leavers financial education support and debt advice, leaving vulnerable young people unprepared for the realities of adult life and at risk of falling into dangerous financial situations.
- Nearly 4,000 benefit sanctions have been applied to care leavers in the last two years, leaving them in desperate situations with no money and without a family to support them.
- Out of the few care leavers who appealed against their benefits being stopped in the last two years, 60% were successful and the sanction was overturned, revealing a worrying trend of vulnerable care leavers being unfairly treated.
- Many care leavers only receive any financial advice once the situation has reached crisis point. Such dangerous financial situations could be prevented through financial education and advice.
- The situation is even worse for young people who came to the UK alone as a child and were taken into care, who are subject to immigration control. On leaving care, many of these young people lose all support from their local authority leaving them at high risk of destitution and homelessness.

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Research on measuring the wellbeing of children in care (in England)

The National Children's Bureau's (NCB) are currently undertaking [research](#) on what measures, tools or indicators are used to assess the wellbeing of children in care in England and are interested in finding out more about how such information is collected and used by those working with children in care, including foster carers, counsellors and residential home managers.

The NCB are asking for anyone interested in contributing thoughts and experiences of measuring the wellbeing of children in care to take part in a ten minute survey.

Widening participation in higher education, England, 2013/14 age cohort

The Department for Education has published [statistics](#) which provide information on young peoples' participation in higher education in England, including their social background and occupation after graduating.

Children missing education

The Department for Education has published statutory [guidance](#) for local authorities and advice for other groups on helping children who are missing education and how to get them back into it.

The statutory guidance sets out key principles to enable local authorities in England to implement their legal duty under section 436A of the Education Act 1996 to make arrangements to identify, as far as it is possible to do so, children missing education (CME). Local authorities should be able to demonstrate that they have considered this statutory guidance and where it is not followed, the local authority should have reasonable grounds for not doing so. This advice is not exhaustive and local authorities will need to take into account the circumstances of individual cases. This guidance replaces the January 2015 version.

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Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs): what we know so far

The Nuffield Trust has released a [report](#) which sets out how, in early 2016, NHS England published a map of 44 Sustainability and Transformation 'footprints'. These were geographical areas under which local health and social care organisations are expected to come together to draw up regionally specific plans to improve services and finances in an efficient and co-ordinated way over the coming five years. This discussion paper reflects the work in progress from one third of STP areas, as captured in July and August 2016 and also points to some important trends, ideas to be explored, issues that need to be resolved and steps that will need to be taken to ensure success.

Community-centred approaches for health and wellbeing

Nesta has published two reports as part of the NHS England-funded 'Realising the Value programme', which seeks to develop person- and community-centred approaches for health and wellbeing. The programme is doing so by building the evidence base and developing tools, resources and networks to support the spread and impact of these approaches. The reports include:

- ‘Supporting self-management: A guide to enabling behaviour change for health and wellbeing using person- and community-centred approaches’, is a [report](#) which outlines how the science of behaviour can help people to self-manage their health and wellbeing.
- ‘Spreading change: A guide to enabling the spread of person- and community-centred approaches for health and wellbeing’, is a [report](#) which outlines how behavioural science can help spread the take-up of person- and community-centred approaches to health and wellbeing.

Understanding quality in district nursing services

The King’s Fund has published a [report](#) which investigates what ‘good’ district nursing care looks like from the perspective of people receiving this care, unpaid carers and district nursing staff and puts forward a framework for understanding the components involved. The report also looks at the growing demand, capacity gap in district nursing and the worrying impact that this is having on services, the workforce and the quality and safety of patient care. The report makes recommendations to policy-makers, regulators, commissioners and provider organisations as to how to start to address these pressures.

Transition between inpatient mental health settings and community or care home settings

NICE has released [guidance](#) which covers the period before, during and after a person is admitted to, and discharged from, a mental health hospital. The guidance aims to help people who use mental health services, and their families and carers, to have a better experience of transition by improving the way it’s planned and carried out. The guideline includes recommendations on:

- Overarching principles for good transition.
- Planning for admission and discharge.
- Out-of-area admissions.
- Support for families and carers.

Lightning Review: children's access to school nurses to improve wellbeing and protect them from harm

The Children’s Commissioner for England has published a [report](#) which highlights concerns raised about the amount of time that school nurses are spending on paperwork and bureaucratic child protection duties such as case conferences. The report looks at the impact on the wider role to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people in England.

Childhood obesity: government response

The Department for Health has published the Government’s [response](#) to the House of Commons Health Select Committee report on childhood obesity. The Government’s [Childhood obesity: a plan for action](#) aims to reduce levels of childhood obesity, improve the health and wellbeing of children, and contribute towards reducing future pressures on the NHS and society.

Prescribing exercise outdoors could reduce obesity

The LGA is [calling for](#) a similar model to the “green prescription” in New Zealand that gets people outdoors, to be introduced in England and Wales. In New Zealand, where the scheme has been running since 1998, eight out of every 10 GPs have issued green prescriptions to patients. These are forwarded to a patient support person who encourages the patient to be more active through phone calls, face-to-face meetings or a support group. Progress is reported back to the GP. A recent survey of patients given green prescriptions in the country found 72% noticed positive changes to their health, 67% improved their diet and more than half (51%) felt stronger and fitter.

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Health profiles September 2016 update

Public Health England has released updated [health profiles](#) which are presented by County and district in five domains:

- [Our communities](#)
- [Children's and young people's health](#)
- [Adults' health and lifestyle](#)
- [Disease and poor health](#)
- [Life expectancy and causes of death](#)

The Health Profiles provide a snapshot of health and wellbeing for each local authority in England using a range of charts and text. They pull together existing information in one place and contain data on a range of indicators for local populations.

Local health tool

Public Health England has released [updated](#) local health data for small areas: middle super output areas and electoral wards, with data also provided for clinical commissioning groups, local authorities, and England as a whole. The tool allows users to map data and provides spine charts and reports for small areas, as well as allowing users to define their own geographies and add their own data.

Consultation

Museums and galleries tax relief

HM Treasury has opened [consultation](#) which sets out the details of the proposed tax relief and seeks views in key areas of its design. The tax relief is designed to encourage the creation of more and higher quality exhibitions, as well as to support touring of exhibitions across the country and abroad, raising the UK's profile internationally.

Consultation closes on 29 October 2016

Review of museums in England

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has opened [consultation](#) seeking views which will inform a review of the museums sector in England. The Museums Review will consider how museums and galleries across England can thrive and become even more inclusive. The Review will also look at how the sector operates, the challenges it faces and the role of Government-sponsored museums.

Consultation closes on 31 October 2016

Highways, Transport and Infrastructure

News

Community transport minibus fund

The Department of Transport has [announced](#) a second round of community transport minibus funding which is open between 8 September 2016 and 2 December 2016. They are inviting applications from community transport providers for new minibuses to replace or expand their fleet,

with priority being given to smaller operators and those providing services in rural areas. The second round is managed by the Community Transport Association on behalf of the Department for Transport. Guidance and application forms for the second round of community transport minibus funding are available from the [Community Transport Association](#).

Peak District moors restoration project begins

The Peak District National Park has [announced](#) the commencement of a project to protect large areas of vulnerable moorland in the Peak District and South Pennines. Work has started on the Derwent and Howden moors, as part of the £13.5 million five-year MoorLIFE 2020 project which aims to secure 9,500 hectares of peat bog, promoting biodiversity while cutting pollution and flooding. The Moors for the Future Partnership (MFP) has reported that over the next four years the project will work to protect the integrity of 95 sq km of active blanket bog through re-vegetating bare peat, improving hydrology and diversifying existing vegetation.

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Roads managed by Highways England

Highways England has published a [map](#) of motorways and major roads in England that are managed by Highways England. This map shows areas of responsibility and contact information.

This map contains:

- Motorways and major roads managed by Highways England.
- Highways England office locations and contact details.
- Contact information for area teams and managing agents.
- Abnormal load contacts.
- Location of major road schemes.
- Location of Design Build Finance Operate (DBFO) contracts and their commencement dates.

Research & Statistics

National travel survey: 2015

The Department for Transport has published [statistical report](#) which contains the latest results and trends on how and why people travel with breakdowns by age, gender and income. The report also contains trends in driving licence holding, school travel and concessionary travel. These statistics cover personal travel within Great Britain during 2015 by residents of England. Headline figures show:

- Women make more trips than men on average, but men travel 20% further per year.
- On average, each person made 914 trips in 2015 - the lowest trip rate recorded. Trip rates have been falling steadily since 1995/97.
- Car and walking, which together account for 86% of trips, have decreased while trips by bus in London and by rail have increased.
- Trips for shopping, commuting and visiting friends have fallen consistently since 1995/97.

The Department for Transport has also released, as part of the national travel survey, numerous statistical reports relating to:

- [Average number of trips made and distance travelled](#)
- [How people travel](#)
- [When people travel](#)

- [Why people travel](#)
- [Travel by age and gender](#)
- [Travel by region and area type of residence](#)
- [Travel by car availability, income, ethnic group and household type](#)
- [Vehicle mileage and occupancy](#)
- [Accessibility](#)

Local authority green belt statistics for England: 2015 to 2016

The Department for Communities and Local Government has released [statistics](#) on designated green belt land in England by local authority. Areas of designated Green Belt land across Derbyshire, as at 31 March 2016, shows:

Local planning authority	Area (hectares)
Amber Valley	8,650
Bolsover	1,100
Chesterfield	1,440
Derbyshire Dales	Figs not available
Erewash	7,850
High Peak	3,980
North East Derbyshire	10,340
South Derbyshire	2,400

All figures are rounded to the nearest ten hectares.

Consultation

Improving the use of planning conditions

The Department for Communities and Local Government has opened [consultation](#) seeking views on the measures in the [Neighbourhood Planning Bill](#) to address the inappropriate use of pre-commencement planning conditions, and to prohibit the use of other types of planning conditions which do not meet the tests in the [National Planning Policy Framework](#). Unnecessary and unreasonable planning conditions can prevent development from starting until the local planning authority has approved certain details. To help address the urgent need to tackle the inappropriate use of 'pre-commencement' conditions, government is introducing a power in the Neighbourhood Planning Bill to ensure that these conditions can only be used with the agreement of the applicant. The measure will not change the way conditions can be used to maintain existing protections for important matters such as heritage, the natural environment, green spaces, and the mitigation of flooding.

Consultation closes on 2 November 2016

Implementation of neighbourhood planning provisions in the Neighbourhood Planning Bill

The Department for Communities and Local Government has opened [consultation](#) seeking views on detailed regulations to implement the neighbourhood planning provisions in the Neighbourhood Planning Bill.

Consultation closes on 19 October 2016

Consultation outcome - implementation of planning changes: technical consultation

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published the [summary](#) of responses and the Government response to the neighbourhood planning chapter of the technical consultation on planning. Chapter 5 of the consultation put forward proposals to make it even easier for residents and business to come together to produce a neighbourhood plan or a neighbourhood development order.

Derbyshire Observatory

You can find all the latest data and statistics for Derbyshire on the [Derbyshire Observatory](#) or by following the links below:

[Economy and Skills](#)
[Health and Wellbeing](#)
[People and Place](#)
[Derbyshire Communities](#)

[Derbyshire Profiles](#)
[Health Profiles](#)
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Recently Added

[Information](#) has been updated showing disposable household income per head of population at current basic prices (2014) across the county.

[Information](#) has been updated showing mortgages and landlord possessions (2015) across the county.

Co2 emissions - The latest data released shows that although the level of Carbon emissions in metric tonnes per capita for Derbyshire has fallen since 2010, the figure in 2014 (1.3) remains higher than England (1.2). More data can be found in the [Environment and Climate Change](#) section.

Customer Segmentation Infographic.- A new infographic explaining [What is Derbyshire Customer Segmentation](#) has been added to the Observatory. The [Derbyshire Customer Segmentation](#) section contains more information about the Derbyshire Customer Segmentation model, along with maps, reports and factsheets.

[Monthly Unemployment Statistics - July 2016](#) - A selection of the latest figures as they relate to Derbyshire is presented for July 2016.

[Local Economic Assessment](#) - The Derbyshire Economic Review aims to give a brief snapshot of the latest statistics and news on the Derbyshire economy both in a national and local context. This quarter the 'In Focus' section looks at the contribution being made by Derbyshire's manufacturing sector to the UK and local economies.

Consultation

Have Your Say

Visit [Have your say](#) where you can view details about Derbyshire County Council's current consultations, those carried out in the past and those planned for the future. Current consultations include:

Consultation	Started	Closes
Proposals to change how we operate household waste recycling centres	01 August 2016	21 October 2016
Planned repairs to Brampton Public Bridleway	03 August 2016	26 October 2016
Improvements to Footpath 42 Crich between Main Road (B5035) and Whatstandwell Railway Station	08 August 2016	31 October 2016
Surface and drainage work to Hurstclough Lane	5 September 2016	28 November 2016
Work to the surface and drainage of Chapel-en-le-Frith byway	5 September 2016	28 November 2016
Bridleway bridges linking Jacksdale and Codnor Park, Ironville	08 August 2016	06 February 2017