

The press is full of headlines about the changes taking place to the planning system at present so we thought we would pull together a summary of those issues that may impact you or your business:

'Garden Grabbing'

With immediate effect, national planning guidance has been amended so that private gardens to all dwellings are no longer considered to be previously-developed or brownfield land.

Minimum housing density for new development

The previous government set a minimum target for the density of new development of 30 dwellings per hectare. Amended guidance published on 9 June 2010 has removed this minimum density target, enabling Local Planning Authorities to set out a range of densities that respond to local circumstances.

Regional Housing Targets

The government have also announced that regionally set targets for the minimum amount of new housing and affordable housing to be provided by each Council over the next 15-20 years have been abolished. It is anticipated that these targets will be replaced by locally-set housing targets for housing, affordable housing and gypsy & traveller sites.

Globe is actively monitoring changes taking place and communicating them to our clients and in these changing times, we can offer a team with a great deal of experience with greenfield and brownfield sites. We can advise on site development, planning applications and appeals and understand the implications of these issues and how they may affect your projects.

For more information about these changes and how they affect you, please contact one of the Globe team on 01522 546483 or email enquiry@globelimited.co.uk.