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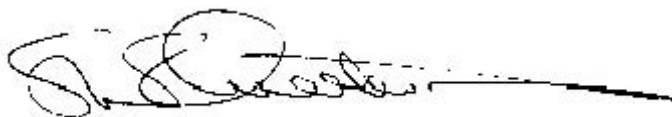
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PUBLICATION OF REVISED CIRCULARS ON HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMOS) AND ARTICLE 4 DIRECTIONS

A replacement for Circular 5/10- which relates to planning and HMOs- has been published, and can be accessed at www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/circulardwellinghouses. This replacement reflects changes to the regulation of HMOs introduced in October 2010 by Statutory Instrument 2010/2134 (which made the change of use between a dwelling house and a small HMO permitted development). These changes are also explained in my letter of 7 September this year.

A replacement Appendix D of Circular 9/95 relating to article 4 directions- which allow local planning authorities to withdraw permitted development rights in certain circumstances- has also been published, and can be accessed at www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/circularreplacementappendix. This replacement reflects changes made to the article 4 direction process introduced in April 2010 by SI 2010/654, and changes to compensation arrangements where certain permitted development rights are withdrawn introduced in October 2010 by SI 2010/2135.

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