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The Chief Planning Officer
Local Planning Authorities in England

Dear Colleague

**Householder permitted development rights for micro wind turbines and air source heat pumps**


You may wish to note two resources associated with these new permitted development rights:

1. **The MCS Planning Standards** - contains the requirements, including noise prediction methodologies, that wind turbines and air source heat pumps must comply with in order to be permitted development under Class G, H, and I of the new Part 40. The MCS Planning Standards are available at [http://microgenerationcertification.org/admin/documents/MCS%20Planning%20Standards%20Issue%201.0.pdf](http://microgenerationcertification.org/admin/documents/MCS%20Planning%20Standards%20Issue%201.0.pdf)

2. **The Domestic Wind Turbines Safeguarded Land Tool** – an online checking tool hosted by the Planning Portal that can be used to check if a wind turbine will be on ‘safeguarded land’ for the purposes of Class H and I of the new Part 40. The tool is available at [http://aviationtool.planningportal.gov.uk/](http://aviationtool.planningportal.gov.uk/)

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