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Local Planning Authorities in England

Dear Colleague

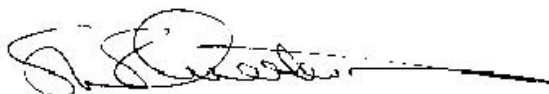
Householder permitted development rights for micro wind turbines and air source heat pumps

I wrote on 15 September to inform you that legislation to amend the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 to provide new permitted development rights for householders to install micro wind turbines and air source heat pumps on their premises would come into force on 1 December 2011. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2011 is available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/2056/made>

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%2020%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/>

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