



Department for
Communities and
Local Government

The Chief Planning Officer
Local Planning Authorities in England

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Dear Colleague

Liberalising the regime for flying flags

I am writing to let you know that the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 were laid in Parliament on 17 September 2012 and will come into force on 12 October 2012. The amending Statutory Instrument can be viewed online at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/2372/contents/made>

This amendment will increase the range of flags that can be displayed either without express consent or with deemed consent. The conditions and limitations on flags that can be displayed with deemed consent will also be relaxed in certain circumstances.

These changes follow the Government's discussion paper 'Liberalising the regime for flying flags' which was published for consultation on 6 January 2012.

We propose to issue a plain English guide to the new regime shortly.

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Yours faithfully

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