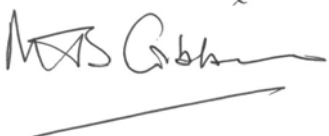
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Revision of scope of design protection	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Business, Innovation & Skills	
Stage	Final	
Origin	Domestic	
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OITO Assessment	GREEN	
<p>Overall comments on the robustness of the OITO assessment.</p> <p>The IA says that the proposal is a Zero Net Cost measure for OITO purposes because “...it has not been possible to monetise the benefits of the proposed changes as there is no robust data. No quantitative evidence was produced by respondents to the consultation.” (Page 7). Given this, the OITO scoring appears reasonable.</p>		
<p>Overall quality of the analysis and evidence presented in the IA</p> <p><i>Estimated costs and benefits.</i> In our previous consultation stage Opinion (01/06/2012), we said that the Department should seek to monetise the costs and benefits of the proposal during and following consultation. The final IA provides an explanation as to why this is not possible, even following public consultation. The IA references how the proposal will be evaluated.</p> <p><i>UK and EU law:</i> The IA would benefit from further discussion on business responses to proposals during consultation where there “...is no impetus from stakeholders for removal or reform...” and where “...UK and EU design laws are out of kilter, where harmonisation and simplification would assist business” (Page 4 of the IA). The IA should clarify why business would benefit from aspects of the proposal for which they may not have expressed a preference.</p>		
Signed		Michael Gibbons, Chairman