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Dear Chief Planning Officer,

Compulsory Pre-application Consultation with Local Communities for Onshore Wind

In the summer edition of the Planning Directorate newsletter, we mentioned that we would be introducing regulations that will make pre-application consultation with local communities compulsory for onshore wind development later in 2013. I am writing to inform you that the Government has now introduced these regulations and they will come into force on 17 December.

This new measure will apply to applications for onshore wind development (under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act) of more than two turbines or where the hub height of any turbine exceeds 15 metres. A copy of the order is available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2013/2932>.

We intend to include some planning practice guidance on the measure on the Department for Communities and Local Government's planning practice guidance web-based resource when it goes fully live following consideration of comments received during the test phase.

If you have any queries, please contact Robert Griffith on 030 344 42696 or robert.griffith@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

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