Regulatory Policy Committee	Validation of the Net Direct Impact on Business
Title of the 'Validation' IA	Proposed changes to streamlining information requirements for planning applications
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Communities and Local Government
Expected date of implementation	Not provided
Origin	Domestic
Date IA submitted to RPC	26/03/2013
Date of RPC Validation	09/04/2013
Date of RTA Confirmation	N/A
RPC Confirmation reference	RPC11-CLG-1196(3)
Departmental Assessment	
Overall Direction of Impacts	OUT
Estimate of the Equivalent	-£5.3m
Annual Net Cost to Business	
claimed by the Department	
RPC Validation	
Direction of Impact	OUT
Estimate of the Equivalent	Validated
Annual Net Cost to Business Validated by RPC	

RPC Comments

The issues raised in the RPC's Validation Statement of 20/12/2012 have been adequately addressed. In particular, a number of assumptions underpinning the costs and benefits have been revised, and the equivalent annual net cost to business (EANCB) figure adjusted accordingly. With regard to One-in, Two-out, the IA now categorises the proposal as an OUT with an EANCB of -£5.3 million.

Given that the proposal is to recast existing regulation to reduce burdens on business and would bring a subsequent net benefit to business, this appears reasonable and is in accordance with paragraph 2.9.11 of the Better Regulation Framework Manual.

Signed Michael Gibbons, Chairman