

## Section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 De-Designation Notice

On 4 December 2024 the Secretary of State laid before Parliament a document setting out the criteria for designation and de-designation under section 62B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("the designation criteria"). Neither House of Parliament resolved that the designation criteria should not be approved within the 40-day period referred to in that section.

Bristol City Council was designated by the Secretary of State in respect of applications for planning permission for non-major development with effect from 6 March 2024, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

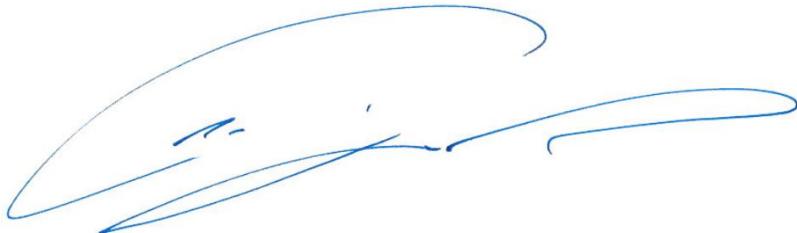
In applying the criteria for de-designation mentioned above, the Secretary of State has considered the potential capability of the designated local planning authority to deal effectively with applications for non-major development in the future and the effectiveness of the designated local planning authority in dealing with such applications during the period of its designation.

The Secretary of State is satisfied that the designated local planning authority has provided adequate evidence of sufficient improvement against areas of weakness identified in an initial assessment of its performance. The Council would also not be eligible for designation based on the most recent data currently available.

**Having regard to the designation criteria, the Secretary of State considers that it is appropriate to de-designate Bristol City Council with effect from 27 January 2026.**

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Date: **27 January 2026**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Pennycook MP".

**MATTHEW PENNYCOOK MP**  
Minister of State for Housing and Planning