

**Decision Maker:** COUNCIL

**Date:** 27 February 2013

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** COUNCIL MEETING 12TH NOVEMBER 2012 - MOTION ON  
GOVERNMENT PLANNING POLICIES

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**Chief Officer:** Director of Resources

**Ward:** N/A

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1. Reason for report

At the Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 a Motion raising concerns about the Government's proposed planning changes was proposed by Councillor Peter Dean, seconded by Councillor Alexa Michael, debated and agreed. Subsequently a letter was sent to Mr Nick Boles MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Planning) drawing attention to the concerns raised by Bromley Council and setting out the terms of the Motion.

A copy of the reply received from Mr Nick Boles MP is attached for Members' information. Although the consultation period closed on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2012 nothing has been heard on the Government's response and when an enquiry was made of the Department for Communities and Local Government they advised that "a response would be made in the spring".

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2. **RECOMMENDATION**

**Council to note the Government's letter of response.**

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment:
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
  4. Total current budget for this head: £320,320
  5. Source of funding: Existing 2012/13 budgets
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 8 posts (7.22 FTE) in the Democratic Services Team.
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy, Finance Legal and Personnel implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes of the Council Meeting on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2012