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# Localism & sustainable food

- opportunities & challenges





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# What's out



Regional planning

- Regional Spatial Strategies



Planning Policy Statements

- PPS4 and Impact Test
- Town Centre First Policy ?



SoS reluctance to 'calling in'



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# What's in

- ✓ Local Enterprise Partnerships
- ✓ Enterprise Zones
- ✓ Financial Incentives for local communities to accept development
- ✓ Neighbourhood planning
- ✓ National Planning Policy Framework – new guidance for local authorities



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# Sustainable development?



*“powerful new presumption in favour of sustainable development, so that the default answer to development is ‘yes’”.*

*- Budget 2011*



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# Friends of the Earth's concerns

- Lack of clarity and clear duties to deliver sustainable development and climate change
- Sustainable development = 'development'
- Neighbourhood planning – costly, confusing, exclusive
- No third party right of appeal - as promised by the Coalition government
- Empowering communities or more power to business?





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