

The Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP
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Dear Mr Pickles,

Local government efficiency savings

I am the convenor for the South East region of the Planning Officers' Society, the national body representing the most senior planners in local government. Mindful of your Government's various requests for ideas for efficiency savings in local government, I raised the matter at a recent meeting of the Society. A number of suggestions for streamlining the planning service were forthcoming, which I have set out in the attached paper.

I hope they are a useful contribution to the debate. I, or the appropriate colleague, would be happy to discuss them further with your department if that would be helpful. I have copied this letter to those of your colleagues who have also been asking for efficiency saving suggestions from local government. I am sure this will form part of a longer debate within the Society, and we will provide further suggestions as and when they arise.

Yours sincerely,

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