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Planning practice guidance

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planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

Download the [full policy document](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>).

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Other planning policies

- [Sustainable drainage systems policy](http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-vote-office/December%202014/18%20December/6.%20DC_LG-sustainable-drainage-systems.pdf)
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- [Starter Homes policy](#)
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 - [Housing land supply in Oxfordshire](#)
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Housing Delivery Test measurement rule book

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