

**Appendix 1**  
**Proposed response to consultation questions**

1(a) - Do you agree that the revised regulations effectively reflect the changes proposed in the Localism Bill?

Strongly agree  
**Agree**  
Neither agree or Disagree  
Disagree  
Strongly Disagree

1(b) If you have any comments please enter these below

The stated intention of the Localism Bill is to return control of the plan making process to local authorities and local communities. The revised draft Regulations reflect this intention.

2(a) Do you agree with the list of bodies included in the duty to cooperate?

**Agree**  
Neither agree or Disagree  
Disagree

2(b) If you have any comments please enter these below

The proposed list of organisations within the Regulations, in addition to those specified in the emerging Localism Bill appears to be appropriate. However, there are concerns over whether all of these organisations have sufficient resources available to engage effectively.

3(a) Do you agree the revised regulations effectively consolidate the 2004 regulations with the revisions in 2008 and 2009?

Strongly agree  
**Agree**  
Neither agree or Disagree  
Disagree  
Strongly Disagree

3(b) If you have any comments please enter these below

4(a) Are there any ways in which the regulations should be changed in order to improve the process of preparing local plans, within the powers set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Localism Bill?

Yes  
No

4(b) If 'Yes', please specify below.

The continued use of the terms “local development document” and “development plan document” is confusing, particularly when the draft NPPF makes clear that the term “local plan” is favoured. It would be helpful for consistent terminology to be used.