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Green belt guidance

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has published new green belt guidance. This makes clear that once a green belt has been established, its boundaries should only be altered in exceptional cases. Some commentators have suggested this is slightly at odds with Nick Boles' 2012 suggestion that 388,000 hectares of open countryside will have to be built on to meet housing demand.

Political round up

Rebekah Paczek takes a look at the recent party conferences and by-elections and considers what it all means for planning and development.

Lyons Review

In a separate article, Rebekah highlights the key recommendations of the Lyons Housing Review carried out by Sir Michael Lyons for the Labour Party.

Sainsbury's v Condek

Construction lawyer Najma Dunnett reports on a case confirming that where a trader forms a company to conduct business there is no personal liability unless there is a special relationship between the trader and the claimant.

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