

Annex 3

Planning Performance and Land Use Statistics User Engagement

Products

Title of Product	Designation*	Sources of Data
Green Belt Statistics: England	National Statistics	Annual Green Belt (AGB) Interform returns
Land Use Change Statistics: England	National Statistics	Ordnance Survey map revisions
Planning Applications	National Statistics	PS1/2 and CPS1/2 Interform returns

*Official statistics which are judged to be fully compliant with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics are designated as 'National Statistics', and carry the equivalent Logo.

Users and their Uses

The products listed above are exploited by a wide range of users in a variety of ways:

User	Uses
Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government	Policy formulation and development – and for decisions on designating poorly-performing local planning authorities
Other Government departments and agencies (e.g. DEFRA, Environment Agency, Natural England)	Tracking changes in land use (e.g. in rural and flood-risk areas)
Planning Inspectorate	Analysis of information on total planning permissions
Local Government	Monitoring and comparison with peers
Planning and development professionals/academics	Formulation of contracts; academic research
House builders and developers	Business planning
Other businesses (e.g. estate agents and businesses looking to expand)	Business planning
Charities and campaign groups (e.g. National Trust, Campaign to Protect Rural England)	Policy formulation and development
Members of the public	General interest
Media	Raw material for articles in the press (e.g. on Planning and Green belt issues)

Main Channels for User Engagement

CLIP-Planning - any issues with these products can be discussed at CLIP-Planning which involves representatives from Central and Local Government. Minutes from these meetings are published on the CLIP website¹.

Public consultations – a consultation in January 2012 concerned proposals to rationalise our Land Use Change statistics in order to minimise the burden placed on data providers.

Publications - contact points are given in each release to deal with user queries and comments.

¹<http://clip.local.gov.uk/lgv/core/page.do?pagelid=31599>