



# Housing and Planning Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 22

### PART 1

#### NEW HOMES IN ENGLAND

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#### STARTER HOMES

PROSPECTIVE

#### **4 General duty to promote supply of starter homes**

- (1) An English planning authority must carry out its relevant planning functions with a view to promoting the supply of starter homes in England.
- (2) A local planning authority in England must have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State in carrying out that duty.
- (3) “English planning authority” means—
  - (a) a local planning authority in England, or
  - (b) the Secretary of State when exercising a function relating to the grant of planning permission on an application in respect of land in England.
- (4) “Relevant planning functions” means—
  - (a) functions under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, other than functions relating to the grant of permission in principle;
  - (b) functions under Part 8 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999;
  - (c) functions under Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
  - (a) amend the definition of “English planning authority” in subsection (3);

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- (b) amend the definition of “relevant planning functions” in subsection (4).

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 172(1)(a) words renumbered as s. 172(1)(a) by [2017 c. 20 s. 26\(8\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 172(1)(b) inserted by [2017 c. 20 s. 26\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)