

# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

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## Planning Reform - Design

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Ministry of Housing,  
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Design quality is at the heart of planning reform

## Fast track for beauty

- ‘Fast track for beauty’ – automatic permission for certain development
- ‘Beauty’ is not just about how places look
- Strengthened NPPF to support climate change mitigation

## Beautiful and sustainable places

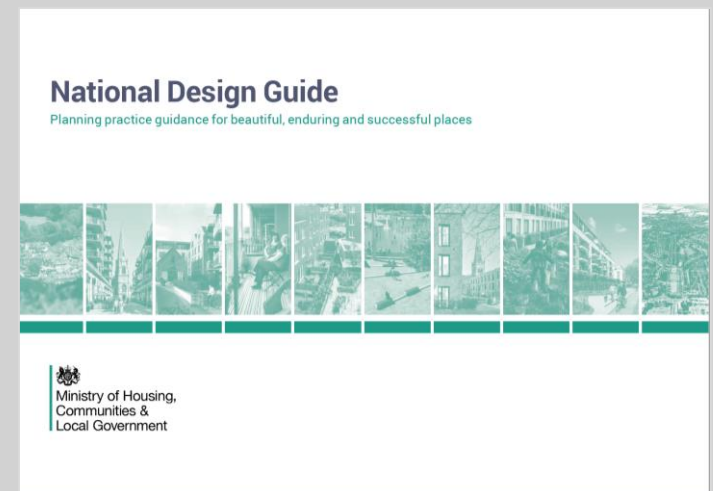
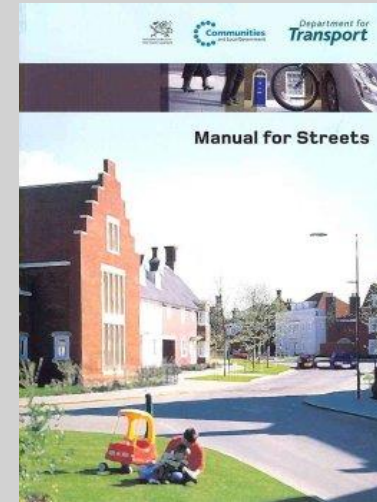
- Design codes to be set locally to guide development to shape communities and create certainty
- National Design Guide sets out the 10 characteristics of well designed places



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## Design Codes

- National Model Design Code, a template and toolkit for LPAs to create local design codes
- Sets out design parameters to be applied to different urban typologies and contexts
- Gives teeth to National Design Guide
- National Design Guide, National Model Design Code and Manual for Streets will guide decision making
- Will include manifesto commitment for street trees
- Will address natural environment and environmental issues





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## Community engagement

- Genuine community engagement in developing local design codes and guidance to bring the democracy forward.
- A model engagement process for community engagement will be developed.
- Planning Practice Guidance Design: tools and processes sets out techniques, including workshops, charrettes, walking audits.
- Multiple engagement processes including social media and visualisation techniques.



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## Local authorities empowered

- Planners to be empowered to focus on place-making, engagement and quality and not process-driven
- Comprehensive resource and skills strategy to support the sector achieve this
- National Design Body to be established to support design and delivery of local design codes in authorities
- Chief Design Officer in local authorities and resources
- A new design body to support the delivery of local design codes

## Building Better Building Beautiful Commission

- General support for Commission's report
- Response to be announced in autumn

