

CONSULTATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Transparency and Competition A call for evidence on data on land control

A call for evidence to seek **views on proposals to help councils and local communities better understand who controls land in their area** and to assist SME and new entrants to the housing market identify land suitable for development.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907213/Call for evidence on Contractual Controls.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907213/Call_for_evidence_on_Contractual_Controls.pdf)

The call for evidence closes on 30th October, details of how to respond via the link above.

HM Land Registry (HMLR) is committed to registering all publicly owned land by 2025 and aims to achieve comprehensive registration by 2030. But the information it holds is primarily associated with conveyancing and does not cover all interests in the land such as contractual arrangements—rights of pre-emption, options and conditional contracts.

CONSULTATION ON ENGLAND'S ECONOMIC HEARTLAND'S DRAFT TRANSPORT STRATEGY

The Heartland region is a net contributor to the Treasury and a vital economic asset for the UK, both during its recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and in the decades that follow.

As the region's Sub-national Transport Body, we are delighted to publish our draft Transport Strategy for consultation. The strategy's overarching aim is to support sustainable economic growth while achieving a net zero carbon transport system no later than 2050.

The strategy seeks to harness the Heartland's strengths and sets out how the region will:

- Use the need to decarbonise our transport system as the opportunity to harness innovation and deliver solutions that in themselves generate economic growth
- Champion investment in digital infrastructure as a means of improving connectivity, particularly within our rural communities, in order to reduce the need to travel
- Use delivery of East West Rail as the catalyst for the transformation of our strategic public transport networks, investing in those networks to connect our economic assets and communities in a shared endeavour that unlocks added value
- Champion increased investment in active travel and shared transport solutions to improve local connectivity and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to realise their potential
- Ensure that our freight and logistic needs continue to be met whilst lowering the environmental impact of their delivery.

As our experience during the pandemic has shown, there is considerable scope to increase our use of flexible and remote working; to challenge received wisdom when it comes to the future for our transport system; to do things differently.

A formal consultation on the Transport Strategy will now run until midnight on October 6 and the survey is on the website,
<http://www.englandseconomicheartland.com/Pages/transport-strategyconsult.aspx>