

# PINS NOTE 08/2014r2

To: All Inspectors (England)

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## National Planning Practice Guidance: Updates

### Action

1. Inspectors should be aware of the arrangements for updating the national [Planning Practice Guidance](#). It is desirable that they sign up to receive these, both for their particular areas of work and for wider areas of interest that are likely to come up in casework, in order to keep up-to-date and to avoid unnecessary errors. A number of changes, additions and revisions have already been made to the guidance.
2. In addition, Knowledge Centre will publish PINSnet News items and highlight updates via the Knowledge Centre webpage to alert Salaried Inspectors. NSIs must ensure that they are aware of updates to the guidance.
3. New subject chapters may sometimes be added to the guidance. At this time, e-mail alerts are not provided automatically for these. Knowledge Centre will continue to publish PINSnet News items and highlight such updates via the Knowledge Centre webpage to alert Salaried Inspectors. Details of the most recent updates will also appear on the [Planning Practice Guidance homepage](#). For Salaried Inspectors, a numbered chapter list is available on the Knowledge Centre webpage.

### Background

4. PINS Note 01/2014 covered the Government's new Planning Practice Guidance, which was published on 6 March 2014. The Planning Practice Guidance will be updated electronically as needed, and users can sign up for e-mail alerts on any changes, or view these revisions on the site; click the sign-up button at the bottom of any guidance page to register your e-mail details.

5. Knowledge Centre (previously called Knowledge & Information) is already signed up and will issue advice to all Inspectors where appropriate, for example where there is an extensive change that needs to be reflected in PINS guidance.

6. For salaried Inspectors, updates will also be listed under 'Guidance' on the Knowledge Centre webpage as 'Latest planning practice guidance update'. PINS Library is also signed up and will update the PDF versions in the Knowledge Library and the Local Index within 24 hours of becoming aware of the change.

7. Please contact XXXX if you have any queries on this Note.

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