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Subject: Publicity Code Consultation 2013  
Dear [REDACTED]

I am responding to the latest Code Consultation on behalf of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, representing the 262 parish councils of Hampshire.

Once again, this Consultation appears to be ending towards Centralisation of Power to the Secretary of State, as did many provisions in the so-called Localism Act. This constant tinkering and proliferation of regulation with local government, when the UK is already one of the most regulated and centralist counties in the world does not sit well with the Minister's stated aims of localism. Parish councils do not appreciate the constant stream of change in minor regulation, whilst the 'big economic and social questions of the day' are not being effectively tackled.

The Hampshire ALC does not support any extensions to the Publicity Code for Local Authorities. All legislation costs money, and should be light-touch, and used sparingly.

Yours sincerely,

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