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### **Emails to Member Councils**

The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent the following emails.

- VAT and Flood Defences - 13 Feb 2019
- VAT Training - 14 Feb 2019
- Hacking/Changing the Name/National Legal Update -6 March 2019

If your Council has not received a copy, please let me know.

## **New NPPF**

An updated version of the *National Planning Policy Framework* has been issued by MHCLG and is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

### **The accompanying announcement said**

The National Planning Policy Framework is fundamental to delivering the homes and other development that we need, achieving high quality places and protecting our environment.

Last year we published a revised Framework, which implemented a range of reforms to help make planning more predictable and transparent, drive up quality and support delivery.

A consultation on further updates to the Framework and associated planning guidance ran from 26 October to 7 December 2018, and the Government is grateful to everyone who responded. Having considered those responses, we are making very minor changes to the text of the Framework, which are reflected in an updated version being published today. A copy of the revised Framework is available on the Department's web site, alongside our response to the consultation.

## **Cycling Events in Northumberland**

The County Council have recently published a report setting out the protocols for dealing with Cycling Events on the public highway. The protocols include notification requirements for the event organiser to inform the police and/or the council.

It is available at

[http://committeedocs.northumberland.gov.uk/MeetingDocs/40944\\_M9288.pdf](http://committeedocs.northumberland.gov.uk/MeetingDocs/40944_M9288.pdf)

## **Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 Planning Obligations**

Colleagues in Newcastle may find the article at the link of interest.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/39978-working-with-non-compliant-but-non-material-obligations>

## **High Streets and Town Centres in 2030**

The House of Commons HCLG Select Committee recently published a report on the issues facing high streets and town centres. It is available at

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmcomloc/1010/1010.pdf>

## Commonwealth Day 11 March 2019

If any Council is thinking of marking this, then the following information, from the National Association of Civic Officers, may be of interest.

If you are planning a Commonwealth Day flag raising ceremony, or are simply posting messages on social media to say that your Council is flying the Commonwealth flag on Commonwealth Day, the following may be of interest.

NACO has just received confirmation from Buckingham Palace that the embargo on The Queen's Commonwealth Day message will be lifted ahead of Commonwealth Day so as to give countries around the Commonwealth an opportunity to use it. The message will therefore be posted on the Buckingham Palace website ([www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk)) as the embargo is lifted at 12 noon GMT on Sunday, 10th March 2019.

Do consider including the message in your ceremony or linking to it in your social media postings.

We do realise that most Civic Offices in the UK will unfortunately not receive the message until early on the day itself and this may not be as helpful as people would wish.

## Japanese Knotweed

The following is a legal article on this topic following a recent court case.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/property/313-property-features/39887-tied-up-in-knots>



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