

# CPRE's response to the Localism Bill

There is a lot we like about the Bill:

- We have long campaigned for more involvement of communities in the planning process
- Removal of top down, regional housing targets
- Role of the Inspector in examining core strategies
- Emphasis on pre-application consultation for major development
- Strengthening of enforcement
- Abolition of the Infrastructure Planning Commission



# But still room for improvement...

- Working with a number of partners to seek clarification on aspects and to try and push specific amendments
- Issues include:
  - How neighbourhood planning will work in practice
  - A limited community right of appeal
  - How to make the duty to cooperate meaningful
  - Sustainable development underpinning the planning system and being defined in the Bill
- But we recognise that the contents of the national planning policy framework will be critically important

