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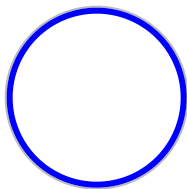
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Planning for accommodation for looked after children

Statement made on 23 May 2023

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Statement

I, with the support of my Rt Hon colleague the Secretary of State for Education, wish to set out the Government's plans for the future of the looked after children system.

To support effective delivery, unitary authorities should work with commissioners to assess local need applications, where appropriate, for accommodation for looked after children as part of the authority's plans for looked after children. In two tier authorities, we expect local planning authorities to support these vital developments to ensure that children in need of accommodation are provided for in their communities.

Children's homes developments

Planning permission will not be required in all cases of development of children's homes, including for houses in Class C3 of the Use Classes Order 1987 where the children's home remains within Class C3 or is converted to use to Class C2. An application to the local planning authority can be made for a lawful development order on the facts of the case, the specific use is or would be lawful. Where a Certificate is issued, a planning permission is required for the matters specified in the certificate.

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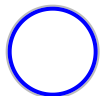
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