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# Designs on Planning

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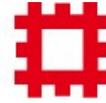
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- English Heritage New Model update
- The state of planning for heritage and design in England
  - National planning policy
  - The local authority picture
  - What is happening on the ground
- What English Heritage is doing



# New Model update



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- Proposals developed during 2012 by English Heritage Commission with Govt support
- One-off lump sum of £80M to invest in repairs and enhancements to National Heritage Collection
- Charity operating as English Heritage will care for National Heritage Collection
- Historic England created to champion the historic environment of England
- Launch of both new organisations in Spring 2015

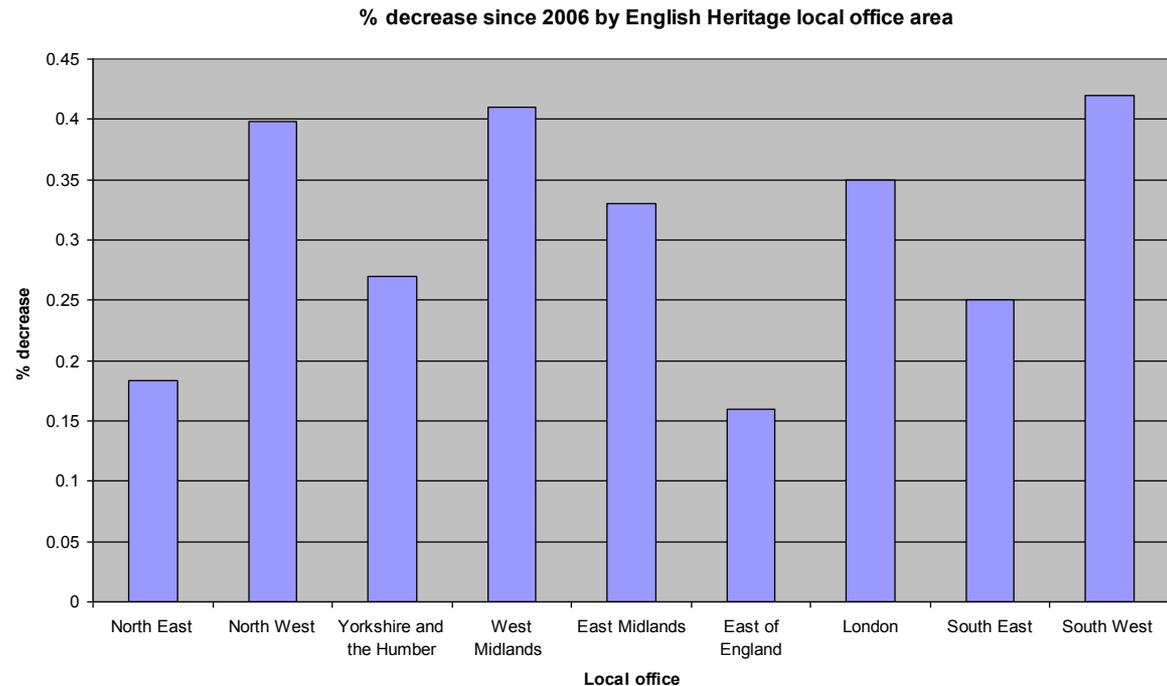
- ‘Pursuing sustainable development involves seeking positive improvements in the quality of the built, natural and historic environment . . . including . . . replacing poor design with better design’ (para 9, NPPF)
- ‘planning should . . . always seek to secure high quality design . . . take account of the different roles and character of different areas’ (Para 17, Core Planning Principles, NPPF)
- ‘good design should contribute positively to making places better for people . . .’ (para 56, NPPF)
- ‘Local and neighbourhood plans. . . . policies should be . . . based on an understanding and evaluation of its defining characteristics . . . should aim to ensure all developments . . . respond to the local character and history, and reflect the identity and materials’ (para 58, NPPF)
- ‘the desirability of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness; and opportunities to draw on the contribution made by the historic environment to the character of a place’ (para 126)

# Planning for heritage and design in England: the local authority picture

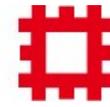


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- Increasing loss of specialist HE officers
- 32% reduction since 2006

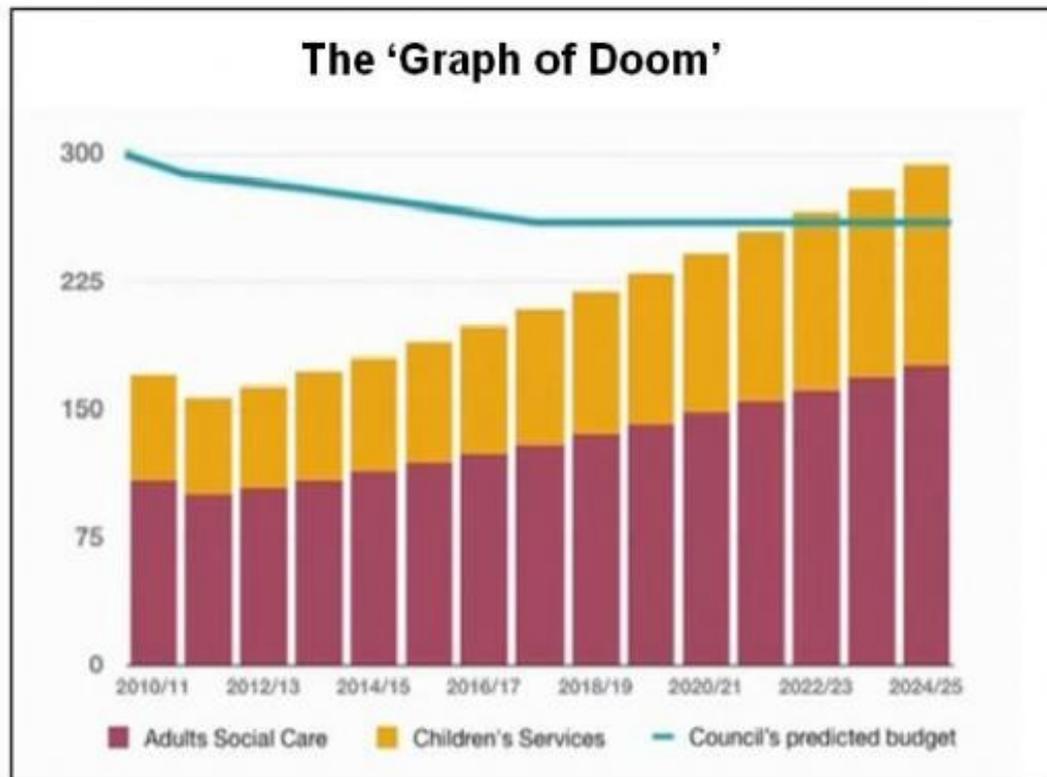


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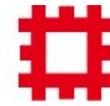


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- Barnet 'Graph of Doom'



# Planning for heritage and design in England: what is happening on the ground



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- Real regional variations
- Geographical spikes

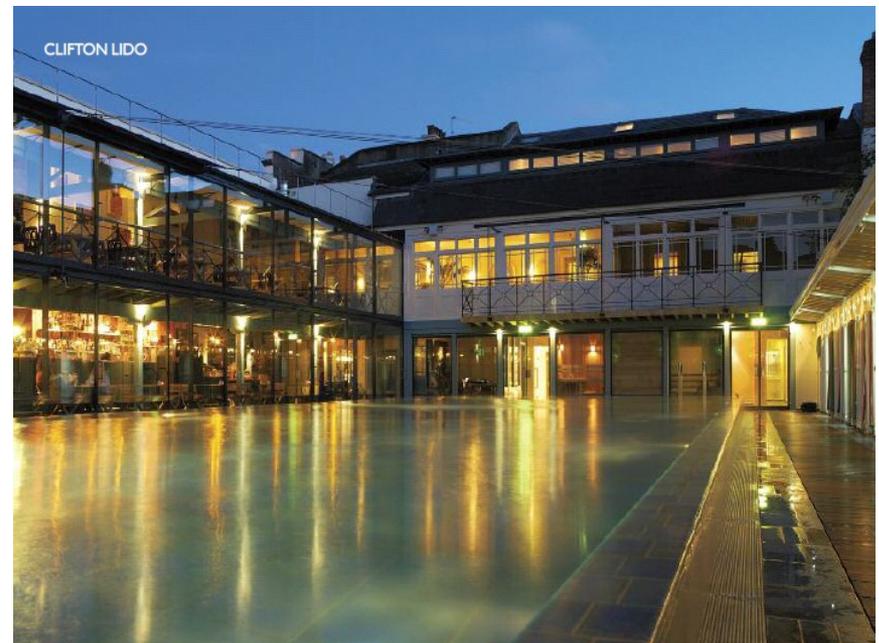


# Restructuring

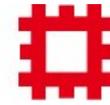


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- *National Expertise: Locally Delivered*
- External feedback and EH analysis led to root-and-branch review of our services
- To meet local authority demand for expertise of EH specialists, legal and advocacy support needed when using their statutory powers
- To enhance valued capacity-building work (both national and local)
- To meet increased need to engage with local communities
- To reduce the amount of heritage at risk



# English Heritage priorities

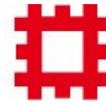


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- Good Practice Advice on the historic environment in planning
- *Conservation Principles and Constructive Conservation*
- More businesslike/efficient
- Working with 'big 5' – SCEN network



# English Heritage and design

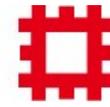


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- Close working with design bodies (inc local design reviews)
- CABE/EH guidance on tall buildings
- CABE/EH Urban Panel



# Conclusion



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