

Reform planning

to help the UK build more sustainably



1 in 4 homes
are currently at
risk of flooding¹



£1.3 billion
is spent yearly on flood
damage across the UK²



**More than
50%**
of residents in new build homes
feel they are at risk of flooding³



10%
of new homes
built in the last decade have
been built in flood zones⁴



**Only
3%** of Local Planning Authorities
always inspect new developments
for flood risk planning conditions
compliance⁵

We are calling for **3 crucial reforms** to planning rules to help the UK build sustainably for the future:

- 1** Strengthen rules to prevent the development of buildings in current and **future** flood zones.
- 2** Where development in flood risk areas is unavoidable, planning should be subject to **enforceable** flood resistance, mitigation and resilience measures.
- 3** Planning rules should be **aligned** with the UK's legally binding Net Zero targets.

In addition, we are calling for **extra capacity** in the planning system so that Local Authorities are equipped to enforce planning conditions.

Our existing Building Future Communities reports can be found [here](#) and [here](#).