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to The Inspector
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re Section 2 Matter 6 Environment and Climate Change ENV 13

ENV 13 (iii) appears to have been superseded by government decision expressed in the Department for Communities and Local Government: Housing Standards Review of September 2014. PP 127+137 state that the Government intends to issue a statement of policy in early 2015 with regulations coming into force in autumn 2015. ~~Before that date~~ After that ^{on energy efficiency standards}, local planning authorities can not apply policies in their local plan 1 which the zero carbon home policy commences in late 2016. Thereafter energy efficiency standards "will be set at a level equivalent to Code level 4." That contradicts ENV 13 (iii) and is very depressing as is the transference of several Codes for Sustainable Homes to the Building Regulations, beyond questioning from the general public.

These Government statements and decisions seem to ignore climate change and its consequences, making it impossible for Local Planning Authorities aware of and concerned about this to pen of decisions in line with the 9 reasonable steps recommended in ENV 13 (ii) or the Code for Sustainable Homes, scheduled to be wound down.