

The Chief Planning Officer  
Local Planning Authorities In England

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**Chief Planning Officer letter:  
UPDATE TO PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 10**

I am writing to inform you of an update to Planning Policy Statement 10: *Planning for Sustainable Waste Management* (PPS10) to ensure that it incorporates the new waste hierarchy set out in the revised Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC).

The revised Directive seeks to increase the use of waste as a resource (e.g. for fuel) and to place greater emphasis on the prevention and recycling of waste, while protecting human health and the environment. It includes a new waste hierarchy which differs from the existing hierarchy in how it defines re-use of materials and in how it distinguishes between recycling and other recovery.

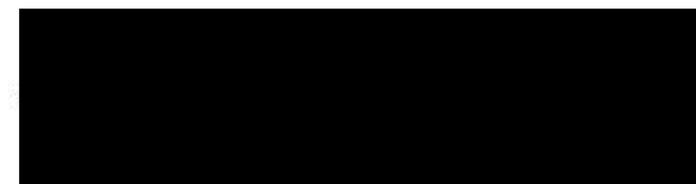
The changes to PPS10 are to paragraph 1 and Annex C. It will ensure that local authorities have regard to the hierarchy in the preparation of their waste plans; and that the hierarchy is capable of being a material consideration in determining individual planning applications.

I would like to stress that these changes do not prevent planning authorities from pressing ahead with their waste management plans and making sure that they provide sufficient land for waste management facilities.

The necessary change of wording is attached to this letter, which may also be found on the Department's website at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningsystem/planningpolicy/planningpolicystatements/pps10>.

Please address any queries to Mark Plummer at DCLG in the first instance ([mark.plummer@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:mark.plummer@communities.gsi.gov.uk)) on 03034441708.



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## **Changes to Planning Policy Statement 10**

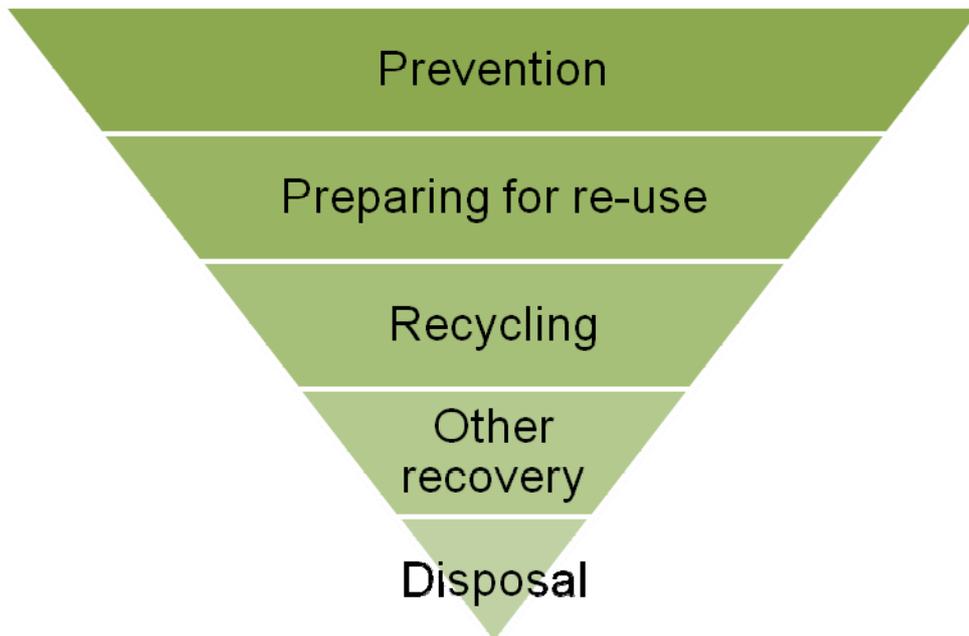
### **Existing paragraph 1:**

Through more sustainable waste management, moving the management of waste up the 'waste hierarchy' of reduction, reuse, recycling and composting, using waste as a source of energy, and only disposing as a last resort the Government aims to break the link between economic growth and the environmental impact of waste

### **New paragraph 1:**

By more sustainable waste management, moving the management of waste up the 'waste hierarchy' of prevention, preparing for reuse, recycling, other recovery, and disposing only as a last resort, the Government aims to break the link between economic growth and the environmental impact of waste

**Annex C: The revised waste hierarchy**  
**(Existing Annex C ceases to have effect)**



- the most effective environmental solution is often to reduce the generation of waste, including the re-use of products – *prevention*<sup>1</sup>
- products that have become waste can be checked, cleaned or repaired so that they can be re-used – *preparing for re-use*
- waste materials can be reprocessed into products, materials, or substances – *recycling*
- waste can serve a useful purpose by replacing other materials that would otherwise have been used – *other recovery*
- the least desirable solution where none of the above options is appropriate – *disposal*

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<sup>1</sup> The full definition of each level of the waste hierarchy is set out in Article 3 of the revised Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC)