

# Annex A: Questions for individual users of the planning system

## Contact / background details

Question 1 Name, business / organisation name, address / contact details

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Business / organisation name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>
<b>Email:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>

Question 2 Name of your local planning authority

Question 3 Is your business in a protected area (National Park, the Broads, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, conservation area or World Heritage Site)?

Yes	No
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Question 4 Name of protected area (if applicable)

Question 5 What type of business are you? Please tick all that apply.

Arable farmer	Food processing	
Livestock farmer	B&B	
Dairy farmer	Pub with rooms	
Poultry farmer	Hotel	
Mixed farmer (specify)	Retail	
Horticulture	Café / restaurant	
Other farmer (specify)	Pub	

Agricultural supplies / machinery	Transport hire	
Industry	Storage	
Manufacturing	Office	
Research laboratory	Domestic food and goods supplier	
Light engineering / mechanical	Energy production	
Visitor attraction	Outdoor activity	
Professional services	Forestry	
Other entertainment / recreation (specify)	Other services (specify)	
Housebuilder	Education	
Other construction	Other (specify)	

Question 6 Has your business changed / diversified in the past 5 years?

Yes	No	
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Question 7 How has your business changed / diversified in the past 5 years? (if applicable)

### Use of the planning system

Question 8 Have you carried out any development<sup>1</sup> in the past 5 years?

Yes	No	
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Question 9 Please detail what development you have carried out in the past 5 years (f applicable)

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<sup>1</sup> Development includes new structures, altering or extending existing structures, change of use, mining operations

Question 10 Have you submitted any planning applications, prior approval applications or lawful development certificates in the past 5 years?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Question 11 What was the outcome of your planning application(s), prior approval application(s) and lawful development certificate applications? (if applicable)

Question 12 Have you used the permitted development rights contained in Part 6<sup>2</sup> (agricultural and forestry) of the General Permitted Development Order?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Question 13 What development did you carry out under which classes of Part 6 (agricultural and forestry) permitted development rights? (if applicable)

Question 14 Have you carried out any development involving a farm shop, polytunnel or on-farm reservoir in the past 5 years?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Question 15 What were your experiences of the planning system in developing a farm shop, polytunnel and / or on-farm reservoir?

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/596/schedule/2/part/6/made>

Question 16 Are the thresholds and conditions of the current permitted development rights appropriate?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Question 17 If not, what should the thresholds be?

Question 18 Where do you source your planning advice?

	Tick all that apply	Specify
Planning consultant	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local planning authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Government guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Question 19 In developing your business, have you ever not submitted a planning application because:

You assumed it would be refused	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your pre-application discussions suggested it would be refused	<input type="checkbox"/>
You felt the process was too costly to risk a refusal	<input type="checkbox"/>
You were not sure the development proposal suited the setting	<input type="checkbox"/>
You understood that other similar applications had been turned down	<input type="checkbox"/>
You did not want to take time out from running your business	<input type="checkbox"/>
You thought it would be too complicated	<input type="checkbox"/>
You decided to submit a less ambitious planning application instead	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments

**Use of agricultural buildings for residential purposes**

Question 20 Are the current permitted development thresholds and conditions allowing change of use from agricultural to residential appropriate?

Yes	No	
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Question 21 What improvements could be made to the existing permitted development right allowing change of use from agricultural to residential?

**Other comments**

Question 22 Please let us know if you have any other comments on planning in rural areas.