

## APPENDIX 4

### **DCLG Consultation in respect of Permitted Development Rights for small scale renewable and low carbon energy technologies, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure**

The Government has proposed changes to permitted development rights for small scale renewable and low carbon energy technologies in November 2009. This consultation proposes to grant permitted development rights in the planning system for certain types of small scale renewable and low carbon energy technologies, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. By removing the requirement to obtain planning permission from the local planning authority, these proposals are intended to make it easier for householders, businesses and others to install renewable and low carbon technologies in both domestic and non-domestic settings. The proposals are also intended to assist in facilitating the development of a robust electric vehicle charging network, so as to encourage the take up of electric vehicles.

The proposals would grant permitted development rights [by amending the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995] for the many “green energy” developments of which the following are the most notable;

- o A wind turbine with a blade diameter of up to 2.2m mounted on a detached dwelling house
- o A wind turbine with a blade diameter of up to 2.2m on a freestanding curtilage outbuilding
- o Stand alone wind turbines with a blade diameter of up to 2.2m within the curtilage of domestic premises.
- o Air source heat pumps on domestic and non-domestic premises
- o A Wind turbine up to 15m hub height mounted on a detached non-domestic building
- o A stand alone wind turbine up to 15m hub height outside domestic curtilages
- o Ground source heat pumps on non-domestic premises
- o Water source heat pumps on non-domestic premises
- o Solar panels on pitched and flat roofs of non-domestic buildings
- o Stand alone installation of solar panels on non-domestic premises
- o Flues for small scale biomass and combined heat and power extending a maximum of 1 m above ridge line
- o Structures to house biomass boilers, anaerobic digestion systems and associated waste and fuel stores on agricultural and forestry premises.
- o Electric vehicle recharging points

A number of criteria limit the scope of each of the proposed categories of permitted development and many do not apply in Conservation Areas and World Heritage Sites. It will also be a requirement that most technologies are installed and certified through a Microgeneration Certification Scheme (to ensure industry standards).

It is proposed that Members endorse these proposed amendments.