

THE TRANSFER TEST

ANSWERS IN BLUE

**PART 1: PLANNING PRINCIPLES AND
POLICY OVERVIEW**

Q1. The Purpose of Planning

Which of the following statements is **not** correct?

- a) *The purpose of the planning system is to secure the orderly and consistent development of land with the objective of furthering sustainable development.*
- b) *The purpose of the planning system is to protect the private interests of one person against the activities of another.*
- c) *The purpose of the planning system is to protect the public interest.*
- d) *The purpose of the planning system is to determine what kind of development is appropriate, how much is desirable, where it should best be located, and what it looks like.*



Q2. The Hierarchy of Planning Documents

A range of documents are used in the planning process. Can you place the following documents into the appropriate hierarchical order (highest first)?

- a) Supplementary Planning Guidance **(Third)**
- b) Planning legislation **(First)**
- c) Local Development Plan **(Second)**



Q3. Material Planning Considerations

The range of considerations that might be regarded as material to decision-making in planning is, in practice, very wide. From the following list please identify those matters that are **not** normally treated as material planning considerations?

- a) design
- b) moral/religious objections**
- c) planning policy
- d) neighbour disputes**
- e) residential amenity
- f) precedent
- g) relevant objections from neighbours
- h) implications of proposals for local property values**
- i) planning history
- j) the religious or political beliefs of the applicant**



Q4. Planning Policy and Decision-taking

Please respond to the following propositions by choosing one of the two options provided:

- i. The decision-maker is entitled to depart from policy when other material considerations prompt him/her to do so.

TRUE

FALSE



Q4. Planning Policy and Decision-taking

Please respond to the following propositions by choosing one of the two options provided:

ii. The responsibility for planning-decisions rests solely with Councils?

TRUE

FALSE



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**PART 2: THE LEGISLATIVE
FRAMEWORK**

Q5. Council responsibilities

Which of the following functions is not transferring to councils?

- a) Local development planning
- b) Determination of local and major planning applications
- c) Determination of regionally significant development planning applications**
- d) Enforcement



Q6. Local development plans

A new council development plan will consist of two separate documents: A Plan Strategy (PS) and a Local Policies Plan (LPP).

What is the sequence of adoption of these documents?

- a) They can be adopted together
- b) The LPP is adopted first, then the PS is adopted
- c) The PS is adopted first, then the LPP is adopted.**



Q7. Statements of Community Involvement

Councils must prepare a Statement of Community Involvement for development plan and development management functions?

a) **TRUE**

b) FALSE



Q8. Appeals

For decisions made under the 2011 Planning Act the time period for lodging an appeal will reduce from 6 months to:-

- a) 5 months
- b) 4 months**
- c) 3 months



Q9. Offences

The 2011 Planning Act raises penalties for a range of offences from £30k to £100k.

a) **TRUE**

b) FALSE



Q10. Statutory Consultation

- i. Under current proposals, where a council operates as a planning authority and has sought a statutory consultation request from a statutory consultee, the standard timeframe for a substantive response is?
 - a) 28 calendar days
 - b) 15 working days
 - c) 21 calendar days**
 - d) Or any other date agreed between the council and consultee



Q10. Statutory Consultation

ii. Where a statutory consultee has not provided a substantive response against the necessary deadline the planning authority can proceed to determine the application.

a) **TRUE**

b) FALSE



Q11. Neighbour Notification

Under the current legislative proposals a planning authority must meet the proposed statutory requirement for neighbour notification for planning applications but cannot go beyond them.

a) TRUE

b) FALSE



Q12. Council applications

Councils cannot determine their own planning applications

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE**

