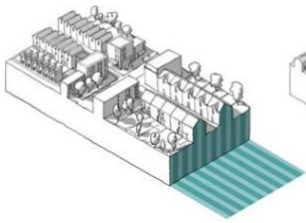


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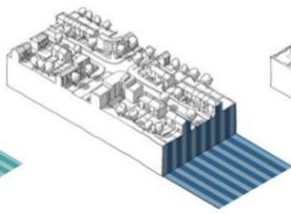
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- **We await a new levelling up white paper which will include planning reform proposals, but understanding of the importance of design quality within planning is now endemic – and we have new policies and guidance to help up bring good design to life.**
- **13 of the 14 design code pilot authorities would use codes again following their pilot experience.** A vote of confidence in this design tool, but they also note higher costs and resource requirements than they expected for the work.
- **There is significant tension between the current regulatory permitted development and prior approval system and more discretionary local policy assessed express planning permission routes.** They don't work together well and this is damaging planning's reputation and practices.
- **Don't let the uncertainty of today stop you from progressing your plans and projects.** Although we are surrounded by doubt due to changing policies and covid-19, it is important that we are not discouraged by these factors and continue to produce work without fear.
- **All planning data is stored in PDFs – the place where data goes to die.** With over 64 different types of planning applications on the planning portal, it becomes difficult to locate exactly what you're looking for. Data is stored away and is made not easily accessible to those who need it.
- **We are looking forward to a new levelling up white paper which will include legislative elements of planning reform.**



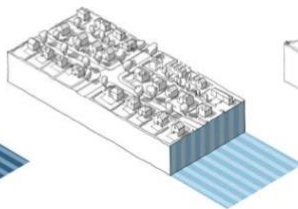
#### **Urban neighbourhood**

Urban neighbourhoods with net housing densities of 60-120 dph and a mix of uses.



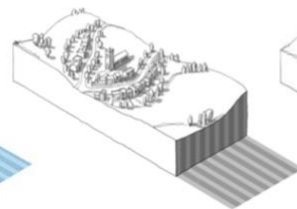
#### **Suburbs**

Neighbourhoods with net residential densities of 40-60 dph. A mix of short terraces and semi-detached units.



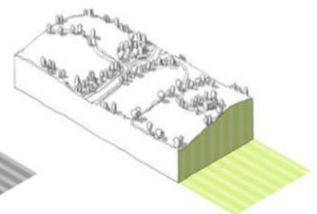
#### **Outer suburbs**

Lower density suburbs with net densities of 20-40 dph, few apartments and less of a mix of uses.



#### **Villages**

Villages have their own distinctive character often with 2 and 3 storey buildings in an informal layout.



#### **Rural settlements**

Rural areas may include rural building and settlement types.

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