

# What the Right to Regenerate means for social landlords

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# Right to Regenerate

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The public right to request the government disposes of unused and underused land has existed since the 1980's in different forms:

- The Public Request to Order Disposal;
- The Community Right to Reclaim Land;
- The Right to Contest; and
- The Right to Regenerate?

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# Right to Contest

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The Right to Contest consists of 2 strands:

- (a) Strand 1 covers central government bodies on a voluntary, non-statutory basis, and is administered by the Cabinet Office;
- (b) Strand 2 covers those public bodies set out in Schedule 16 of the The Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 Act and is administered by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

# Schedule 16

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- A County Council
- A County Borough Council
- A District Council
- A London Borough Council
- The Common Council of the City of London
- The Greater London Authority
- The British Transport Police
- Transport for London
- The Regulator of Social Housing
- The Environment Agency
- The British Broadcasting Corporation

# Summary of the consultation questions

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1. Do you consider the Right to Contest useful?
2. Do you think there are any current barriers to using the right effectively, and if so, how would you suggest they be overcome?
3. Would a definition of unused or underused land be useful, and, if so, what should such a definition include?
4. Should the right be extended to include unused and underused land owned by town and parish councils?
5. Should the government incentivise temporary use of unused land which has plans for longer term future use?
6. Should the government introduce a requirement for local authorities to be contacted before a request is made?
7. Should the government introduce a presumption in favour of disposal of land or empty homes/garages where requests are made under the right?
8. Do you agree that the government should require these publicity measures where requests are made under the right?
9. Should government offer a 'right of first refusal' to the applicant as a condition of disposal?
10. Should the government impose conditions on the disposal of land? And if so, what conditions would be appropriate?
11. Do you have any additional suggestions regarding reforms that could improve the effectiveness of the Right to Contest process?



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