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SOME GOOD NEWS ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

You may remember that last November the Government introduced restrictions on the use of planning contributions for affordable housing which meant that in most areas, contributions could not be sought for developments of 10 units or less although in designated rural areas (including National Parks), local planning authorities would be allowed to choose a lower 5 unit threshold.

Following a judgement last week (*West Berkshire District Council and Reading Borough Council*) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2015] EWHC 2222 (Admin)) this restriction has been removed and [the paragraphs setting out the restrictions](#) have been withdrawn from the National Planning Policy Guidance.

This means that for the time being NPAs will still be able to seek affordable housing contributions from developers of smaller housing schemes although presumably if they are keen to do something about this, the Government may seek to implement this change in other ways.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Graham Baker'.

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