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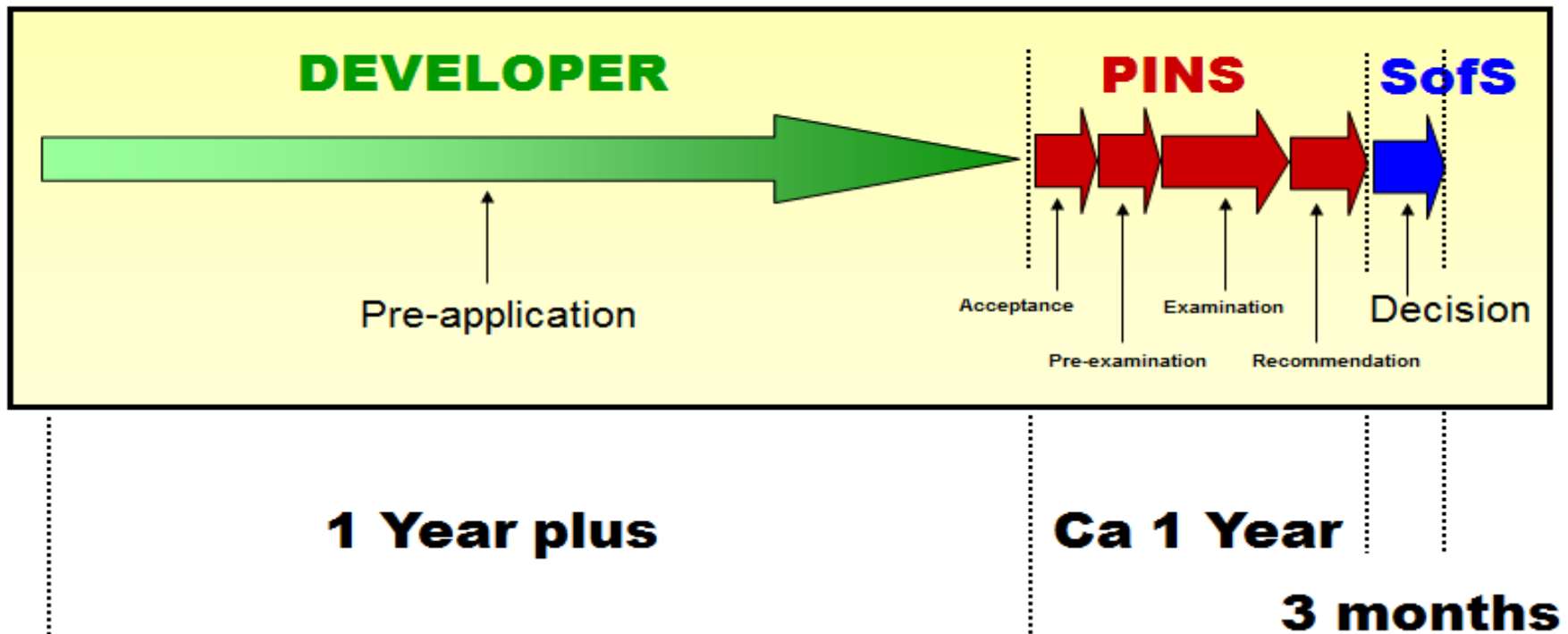
# Evidence Plans and the Planning Inspectorate

15 May 2014



# The Planning Act 2008

As amended by Localism Act 2011





# Pre-application and Evidence Plans

- Formal mechanism to agree pre-application engagement for HRA matters with the relevant statutory nature conservation bodies (SNCBs).
- Can give greater certainty to all parties on the amount and range of evidence; help address and agree issues earlier on in pre-application, streamline decisions and evidence requirements.
- Participation in preparing the Evidence Plan does not fetter the ability of the participant to object.
- PINS can comment on the draft plan but do not anticipate becoming party to any agreements.



# Examination and Evidence Plans

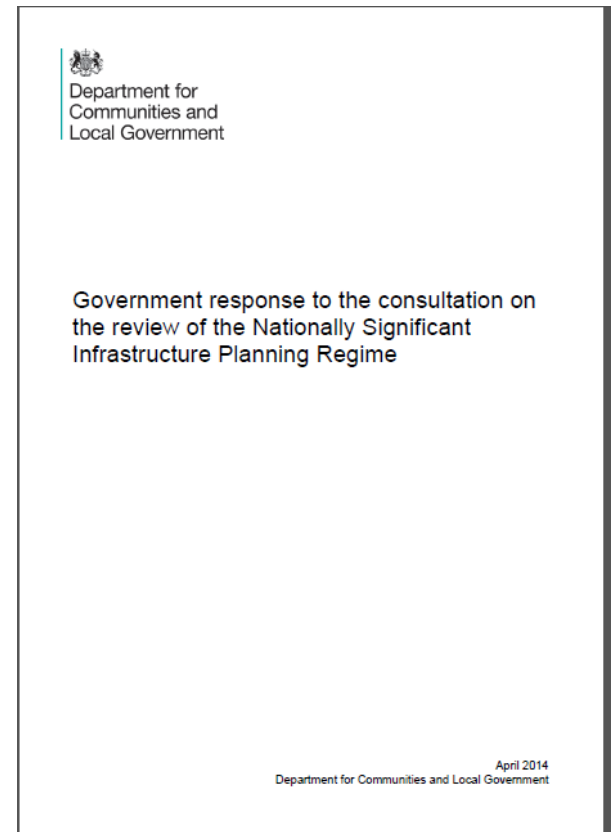
- Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) typical and useful during the examination.
- Controlled by the applicant and the other participant(s).
- Evidence Plans can contribute to the preparation of SoCGs (but these may not be necessary).



# Government's 2014 Review

## Implementation Plan

- **Publish pre-application prospectus.**
- Guidance for statutory consultees wanting to opt-out.
- Help in drafting Development Consent Orders.
- Improve guidance on preliminary environmental information.
- **Early advice.**
- Electronic communication.
- Dealing with changes in land ownership.
- Removing prescription on size and scale of plans.





# Government's 2014 Review

## Pre-application prospectus

- Section 51 advice.
- **Openness policy and publication of advice.**
- Growing project experience and client relationships.
- **Reviewing draft documents.**
- Facilitation.



# Questions

