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# Transparency and Competition

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# Responding to this Call for Evidence

1. This call for evidence sets out proposals to increase transparency of contractual arrangements used to exercise control over the buying or selling of land. This will improve the ability of local communities to play an informed role in the development of their neighbourhoods and support the Government's efforts to encourage more companies to enter the house building market.

2. The Government seeks a better understanding of the sort of arrangements that exist, asks for views on how best to improve transparency around them, and what additional data should be made public. Further detail can be found in the *Transparency and Competition* document available at [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transparency-and-competition-a-call-for-evidence-on-data-on-land-control](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transparency-and-competition-a-call-for-evidence-on-data-on-land-control).

# Questions

**Question 1: The Public Interest**

Do you think there is a public interest in collating and publishing additional data on contractual controls over land?

Please give reasons.

**Response**

Binfield Parish Council agrees there is public interest in collating and publishing additional data on contractual controls over land. The Council is supportive of the intention to simplify the system and provide transparency about who has interest in land. If an owner (or potential owner) has interests in a land which is then sub-divided into smaller parcels it would help look at the site/land as a whole and enable local authorities to accurately assess infrastructure needs. This would help ensure planning obligations are not avoided, which can result from piecemeal development.

There are no responses to the remainder of the questions.