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Applications of TRICS as Policy changes



What are the main Policy changes?

- Localism Bill
 - General Relaxation in Planning Controls
 - National Planning Policy Framework
 - Enterprise Zones
 - Neighbourhood Plans
 - Planning for Schools
 - Community Infrastructure Levy
 - PPG13/ Parking
 - Any others that we can think of?
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Relaxation of Planning Controls

- March 2011 Budget: "*A powerful new presumption in favour of sustainable development so default answer is yes.*"
- Debate as to whether conformity with Dev.Plans necessary, or whether sustainability was the only test
- Proposals for PD rights to change use from commercial to residential





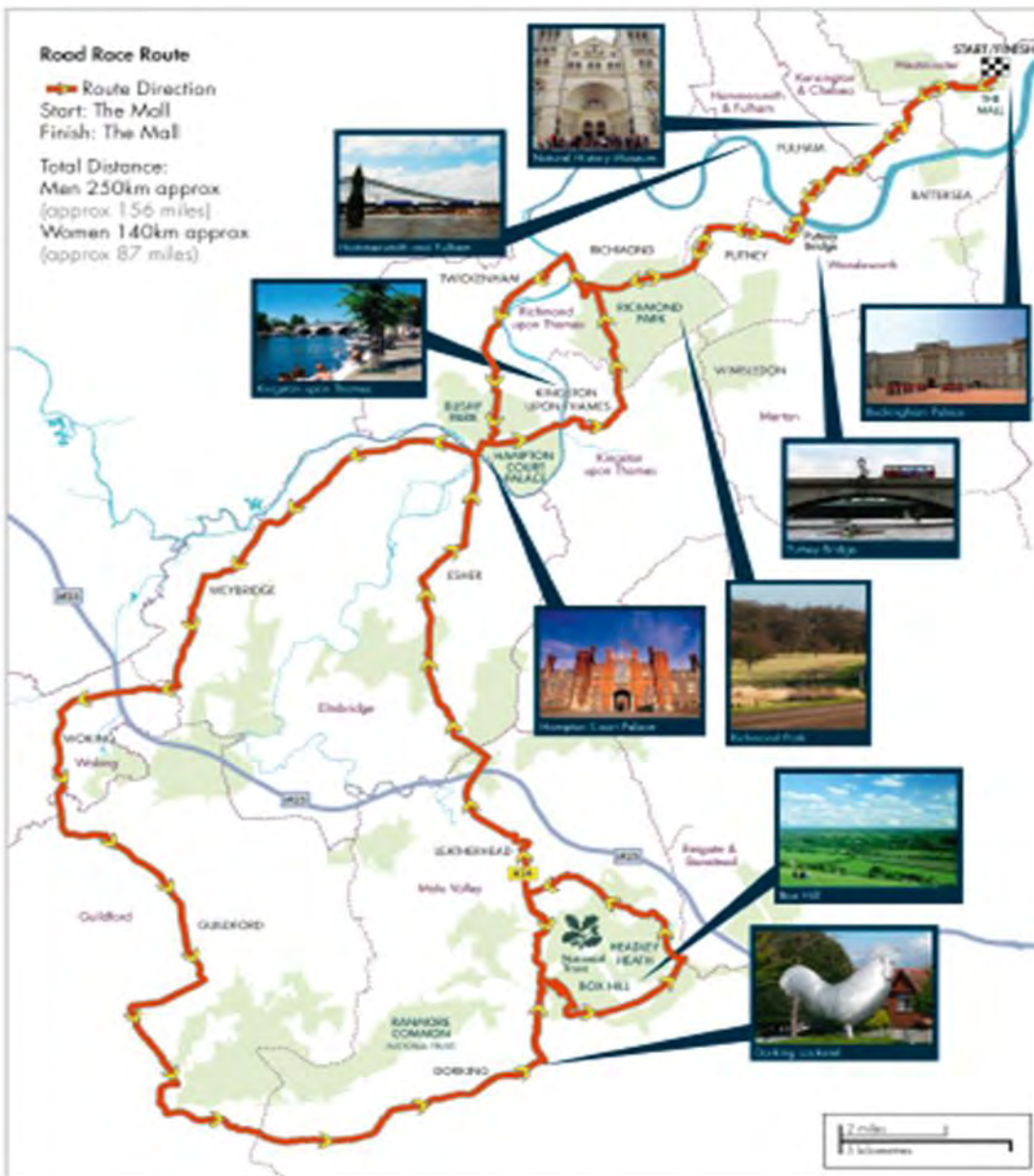
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

- One document to replace all 25 current PPG's and PPS's
- Challenge to secure clear policy direction on transport in perhaps one section.
- Potential for greater debate at pre-app, application, and appeal on transport issues.
- Opportunity to secure reference to TRICS database in the new NPPF????

Free Olympic Viewing



Olympic Cycling Road Race



Enterprise Zones

- 21 being created across UK
- Local Development orders reduce planning control
- Can apply to specified landuses, or to any.
- May grant PP outright, or with conditions
- The designation of EZ's will most certainly require careful Transport Analysis – to assess the various scenarios.
- Considerable “crystal ball gazing”



Planning for schools

- Proposals for Free Schools
- Will allow C of Use or conversion to schools
- Retail, Offices, Storage, Hotels, Prisons and Leisure could all go to school use without Pl. Perm.



Community Infrastructure Levy

- Section 106 cut back
- Little off site work
- Potentially less TA work for a site
- CIL charged on 100% of development if existing been unused for > than a year.
- How does this impact on net/gross trips in usual TA practice?



PPG13 and Parking

- Confusion on what is current policy on parking
- Modified approach with residential is incorrectly being applied to commercial
- When using TRICs data need to understand parking provision





Any other policy changes
that impacts on TRICS??



Conclusions:

- We're all operating in a challenging world
- Transport Assessments will change – perhaps with greater emphasis on the strategic modelling
- There will be greater difficulty in modelling specific development proposals, given the opportunity for wider spectrum of uses.
- TRICS will very much have an active part to play in the new planning regime.