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Dear Sir

### **Consultation Paper on Planning Policy Statement 1: Creating Sustainable Communities Supplement to Letter of 11<sup>TH</sup> May 2004**

Following a recent meeting of member bodies of the Urban Design Alliance (UDAL), the Institute would like to add a brief supplement to the comments already submitted in its previous letter of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

The IHBC has serious concerns about the section headed '**Integrating the Four Aims of Sustainable Development**' (**Paragraphs 1.23 to 1.26**). One fundamental tenets of sustainable development is that the Four Aims are given equal weight in any decision-making. Without this, sustainability as a principle objective becomes compromised. Unfortunately, not only do these paragraphs not mention the equal weighting principle, they also encourage policies that could severely erode this principle. It is therefore likely that the current situation where tangible economic benefits are more readily taken into account than intangible environmental and social factors will continue in spite of the obvious good intentions of the PPS to change things for the better. **The Institute would suggest that this section be reviewed so that planning authorities are positively encouraged to give an equal weighting to the Four Aims of Sustainable Development.**

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Chetwyn', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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