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Current UK Planning Issues
Portsmouth’s links with the Commonwealth
Planning and Compensation Act 2004
More Strategic
More Levels
More public input
More frequent reviews
Less detailed allocations
Regional Plans
Planning, Regeneration, Housing, Transport, Economic Development
Sub Regional Plans

- Strategic
- Centres
- Priorities
- Infrastructure
Local Development Frameworks

• Portfolio of documents and studies
• Statutory and non statutory
• Action Areas
The missing components

- No National Plan
- No Subject Plans
  - Ports?
  - Airports?
  - Railways?
  - Trunk Roads?
  - Energy?
The common ingredients

- Statements of Community Involvement
- Test of ‘Soundness’
- Sustainability
Friends of Planning

- Prime Minister
- Deputy Prime Minister
- Chancellor
- 4 Ministers
The Outlook?

- The housing conundrum
- No spatial development framework
- Infrastructure
- New tools for old
- No Bulletins
- Quality not quantity
Planning matters by Cowan

If it wasn't for all the Australian planners over here, the planning system would collapse.

It makes you realise what a stroke of luck it was that Captain Cook discovered a continent full of town planners.