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Rural England
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Media and policy round up: 25 August 2017

Media highlights

**Please note *The Times*, *Financial Times*, *The Sun* and some articles on the *Daily Telegraph* website are now behind a pay wall, meaning you require a paid-for login to read them. Where no links are provided below, the coverage is not accessible online. Please contact National Office for more details if you require them.*

Food and Farming

Senior rural affairs campaigner Graeme Willis spoke to *Country Life* about CPRE's [Uncertain Harvest](#) report (16 August). Graeme noted that a fifth of all English farms have vanished over the past decade, and argued that more needed to be done to support farms of all sizes.

Energy

Senior infrastructure campaigner Daniel Carey-Dawes spoke to [The Guardian](#) about fuel poverty in rural areas (20 August). Daniel called for the Government to establish energy efficiency initiatives to save residents money and reduce carbon emissions.

Rural affairs

Incoming chief executive Crispin Truman discusses what drew him to CPRE in his new regular column in *The Countryman*. Crispin argued that precious green space is too easily sacrificed when other solutions to growth are considered too difficult.

Blogs

Planning campaign manager Paul Miner discussed London's National Park City initiative in [National Park City: the way to a greener London?](#) (23 August)

Policy and campaigns

Guidance on landscape and neighbourhood plans

We now have printed copies of CPRE's neighbourhood planning guidance and landscape, [What's Special to You: Landscape issues in your neighbourhood plan](#). Please contact Emma Marrington (emmam@cpre.org.uk) if you would like to order copies for your branch to share with parish councils or community groups.

Update on consultations

We expect DCLG to publish their long-awaited consultation on how objectively assessed need for housing (OAN) should be calculated as soon as Parliament returns on 6 September. There will be parallel consultations on proposals to improve the 'duty to cooperate' on local plans (through so-called 'statements of common ground'), and on planning fees, and possibly more. Watch this space for further details.