



Important information regarding the relaxation of food and other essential deliveries previously restricted by planning condition

On Friday 13th March, the government published a written ministerial statement which urged planning authorities to apply pragmatism to the enforcement on restrictions on [food and other essential deliveries](#) at this time. Local planning authorities should also use their discretion on the enforcement of other planning conditions which hinder the effective response to Covid 19.

This relaxation will remain in place until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 because continued flexibility is necessary to ensure access to food and essential goods in light of the ongoing impacts of coronavirus.

The Statement notes that local planning authorities, having regard to their legal obligations, should not seek to undertake planning enforcement action which would result in the unnecessary restriction of deliveries of food and essential goods during this period. The National Planning Policy Framework already emphasises that planning enforcement is a discretionary activity, and local planning authorities should act proportionately in responding to suspected breaches of planning control.

**Please return to the main Planning webpage for the form you must use if you wish to change your delivery hours.**

We will endeavour to respond within 10 days.