

## WSBF Water and Housing Inquiry

### Call for Evidence

#### Vision

To evaluate how water and housing policy is currently being implemented in England, and to set out an ambitious strategic plan for delivering water-efficient homes at volume, that are resilient to flooding.

#### Research Questions – Key Themes

The WSBF inquiry will be gathering evidence to seek to answer:

- If housebuilding, population growth, land use change and climate change proceed as projected, are we going to run out of water by 2050?
- Are homes in England going to become increasingly at risk from flooding in the future? Can we quantify this as a call to action?
- How do we build more water-efficient homes and communities (garden towns, housing estates) that will be resilient to climate change? What do you know has worked and failed previously? What has prevented the building of water-efficient flood-resilient homes in the past?
- What are the practical solutions that can both improve water efficiency and mitigate flood risk? What are the new innovative solutions in the sector, and what micro-trials can be successfully operated at scale? What are the 'game changers' that will have a significant impact? What transferable practical lessons can we learn from international as well as national experience?
- What are the three key risks for your organisation/sector from water management failures (drought/flooding)?
- What are the three key mitigation measures required to reduce these risks to homes and communities? What action would make a difference in the next 12 months? Are there actions we need to take now to deliver medium/long term benefits?
- How do we build the garden cities of the future? How do we retrofit existing housing estates to become more resilient?



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