



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

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Ultra-modern Wilderness House in Suffolk could be the last new country house built under the PPG7 planning policy, better known as Gummer's Law, if the designs are accepted by the local planning authority. PPG7, introduced by John Gummer while Secretary of State for the Environment, allows houses of outstanding architectural quality to be built on greenfield sites, but it has been excluded from new countryside planning reforms in the Government's draft Planning Policy Statement 7 (PPS7), which aims to protect the countryside from unnecessary building development. To see the consultation paper and comment, visit www.planning.odpm.gov.uk, call the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on 020-7944 4400, or visit www.countrylife.co.uk.

