

Regional housing figures not scrapped?

Communities Secretary, Eric Pickles, has lost a High Court battle over his decision to scrap the last government's regional housing targets in England. Cala Homes brought the case saying that revoking planning strategies through discretionary powers before new legislation was in place was wrong, creating a planning vacuum. However, a government source has said the court ruling was only a "technicality" and would not change anything; new legislation would be in place next autumn. The point is what happens in the interim, can the regional figures be relied upon in the light of emerging new legislation, and will this open the door to numerous appeals?