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Housing has become a key priority for the electorate for the first time in decades, with planning and housing appearing in the manifestos of all the major parties in the run up to last year's General Election. It has become a political imperative for the Government to take action on the housing crisis. The Housing and Planning Bill (introduced into Parliament in October 2015) is seeking to put the Government's manifesto commitments to extend the Right to Buy, build 200,000 new Starter Homes, ensure local people have more control over planning and protect the Green Belt on a statutory basis. The Bill introduces measures to both supply a greater number of homes and to make changes to the affordable housing system. Provisions are included to try to speed up the planning process, including giving the Secretary of State new powers to intervene where local authorities are seen to perform poorly. The full article (as published in *Property Law Journal*) focusses on the planning elements of the Bill.

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