

**New Permitted  
Development Rights:  
Office to Home  
Change of Use**

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## **Boles to Relax Office to Home Conversion Rules**

Planning Minister the Rt. Hon Nick Boles announced on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January the intention that the government will bring forward **new permitted development rights** this week for the conversion of offices to homes.

The changes are not proposed to apply to shops or warehouses as there is within the Framework provision to promote changes from commercial to residential use, in circumstances where there is 'an identified need for housing' in the area.

The City of London will be exempted from the change because the City of London Corporation opposed it as it would undermine London as the world's leading financial centre.

Details of the changes will be assessed and sent to you in a further Briefing once the announcement is made.

DLP, with its broad geographical coverage and in depth knowledge of relevant matters, can draw upon its experience of the approaches adopted by many councils and advise accordingly, both in respect of development proposals and in considering responses to policy changes.

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