



## **PLANNING WHITE PAPER – PRESS RELEASE**

Retail Warehouse organisation, Accessible Retail, has welcomed the reforms contained in the Planning White Paper. New President, Andrew Friend of Henderson Global Investors, said

‘Key reforms we identified in our submission to the Barker Review have been listened to. In particular, we welcome the abolition of the need and impact tests which we believe will help to ensure consumers get the benefits from a more effective and competitive retail provision and also, we welcome the recognition that planning policy must reinforce the importance of securing economic development. The streamlining of major infrastructure projects and planning procedures generally is also very welcome.’