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**To:** Simon Pritchard <[simon@somerset-alc.org.uk](mailto:simon@somerset-alc.org.uk)>

**Subject: FW: Call for evidence: Rural Economy**

Dear colleague,

As you may know, the House of Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy has recently issued a call for evidence. The call for evidence can be found here:<https://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/rural-economy/Rural-economy-Call-for-Evidence.pdf>

NALC will be responding to the consultation on behalf of the local councils that we represent. To help us we would like your council to email us your thoughts on the consultation questions. These include:

3. How do you see the future of the rural economy? Where is the greatest potential for growth, and what might be the impact of technological and other changes?
4. How can access to transport be improved in rural areas?
9. How can deprivation and inequality in rural areas be tackled?
14. Do the Government and other public bodies pay sufficient attention to the rural economy and if not, why not? What might be done to ensure that Government and other public bodies hear and act on rural voices?
15. What is being done in local government to support rural economies? How effectively do other public bodies such as Local Enterprise Partnerships operate in rural areas, and how might coordination between bodies be improved?

Local councils are at the very heart of their local community and that is why NALC thinks it is vital we hear from them.

The deadline for responses to us is **5pm Monday 27 August**.

**Please email me with any thoughts you have on any of the points included above at [Jessica.Lancod-frost@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:Jessica.Lancod-frost@nalc.gov.uk)**

If you have any queries please do let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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