

# PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE SHEET

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## Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

On the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities published a revised National Planning Policy Framework in response to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy consultation. The revised NPPF sets out the governments planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. The NPPF was revised following the publication the Planning Committee Agenda and as such a number of amendments to the report are to be updated. These amendments are set out below and are highlighted in bold

Paragraph 5.2.1 is to be amended to read:

5.2.1 The revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published by the Government on **19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. It sets out the planning policies for England and how these should be applied in the determination of planning applications and the preparation of development plans. At the heart of the NPPF is a presumption in favour of sustainable development (paragraph 11). The policies in the 2023 NPPF are material considerations which should also be taken into account for the purposes of decision taking.

Paragraph 5.2.2 is to be amended to read:

5.2.2 The following sections / policies set out within the NPPF are of most relevance:

Chapter 2 - Achieving sustainable development  
Chapter 4 - Decision-making  
Chapter 6 - Building a strong, competitive economy  
Chapter 8 - Promoting healthy and safe communities  
Chapter 9 - Promoting sustainable transport  
Chapter 12 - Achieving well-designed and **beautiful** places  
Chapter 15 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

Paragraph 9.6 is to be amended to read:

9.6 Whilst it is noted that the proposals do not accord with the provisions of the Local Plan given its countryside location, **Para. 88** of the NPPF states that decisions should, amongst other things, enable the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of rural business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings. **Para. 89** of the NPPF states that decisions should recognise that sites to meet local business and community needs in rural areas may have to be found adjacent

to or beyond existing settlements. However, as detailed above, it is not considered that the proposal results in an expansion or growth of an existing business and simply relocates an existing business from one area to another which would fail to enhance the rural economy.

*Officer Response:*

*Officers consider that amendments highlighted above do not have any material consequences for the assessment of the proposal*