

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - National Planning Policy

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

- 1. Does the council hold documentation which examines the likely implications of the Government's new draft National Planning Policy Framework which has been devised by the Government and which is currently out to consultation.**

The Council is preparing a response to the consultation.

- 2. Has the council calculated and or estimated how many extra residential properties will be built within its area as a result of the policy. Can you please provide these figures?**

No, this work has not been carried out. The Council has an up to date Development Plan, with adopted housing targets that will not require updating for a number of years.

- 3. Has the council calculated and or estimated how much land which currently does not have build on it will be given over to new build as a result of this. Can you please provide these details?**

No, this work has not been carried out. The Council has an up to date Development Plan, with a clearly defined green network in addition to sites allocated for development.

- 4. Has the council calculated and or estimated how much green space in its area could be lost as a result of the policy. Can you please provide these details?**

No, this work has not been carried out in relation to the NPPF although the Council annually monitors loss or gain of green space through its EMAS procedures and through its Annual Monitoring. The Council has an up to date Development Plan, with a clearly defined and protected green network.

- 5. Has the council received any advice from the Department of Communities and Local Government's on the implications of the Government's new draft National Planning Policy Framework on live and current applications within its area. Can you please provide copies of this guidance.**

Only the consultation notification itself.

- 6. Has the council produced a report or study looking at the implications of the NPPF. If so can it please provide copies.**

A report is being prepared for submission to DCLG by 17 October. A copy of the report will be provided when it is complete and ready for submission.

7. Has the council issued written advice to officers and or members about the implications of the NPPF for its area. If so could you please provide copies.

No specific advice has been written, although Cabinet Leads will be briefed on the Council's response to DCLG. Advice prepared by the Planning Inspectorate, which is available on the web (see web address below), has been circulated to officers in the planning policy service.

http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/pins/advice_for_inspectors/nppf_consult.pdf

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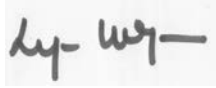
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Yours sincerely

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Lynn Wyeth
Head of Information Governance