

Issue

Whether other policies are justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Neighbourhood Planning – Policies NP1-NP2

Questions

1) What is the basis for the policy? What is it seeking to achieve?

Difficult to see. What it should be doing is having a policy that encourages Neighbourhood plans and sets out how the District will work with Neighbourhoods to prepare and implement NP policies.

2) How does the policy relate to the evidence base?

3) Is the policy sufficiently clear? Will it provide sufficient guidance for decision making?

4) How will the policy be implemented? Is this clear?

No

5) How does the policy relate to national policy? How is it consistent? Are there any inconsistencies?

6) In overall terms is the policy justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

11) Are Policies NP1 and NP2 actually necessary as policies? Could they be included as supporting text?

Planning is complex for both professionals and the public. Somewhere the existence of Neighbourhood plans needs to be stated as they can have different policies to the Local Plan and other Neighbourhood plans as communities work to shape and direct sustainable development in their area. It also needs to be recognised that the policies they contain take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in the Local plan for that neighbourhood where they are in conflict (NPPF185).

Implementation of NP's is important

PPG 41-003 Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. This is because unlike the parish, village or town plans that communities may have prepared, **a neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the Local Plan** prepared by the local planning authority. **Decisions on planning applications will be made using both the Local Plan and the neighbourhood plan**, and any other material considerations.