

WDC Matter 13 Submission - Deletion of Policies NP1 (Neighbourhood Plans) and NP2 (Community-led Planning)

- 1 At the Matter 13 hearings on 13th December Policies NP1 (Neighbourhood Plans) and NP2 (Community-led Planning) were discussed. During the hearing session the Council agreed that these policies could be deleted in their entirety
- 2 This notes set out sets out the justification for dealing these two policies.
- 3 **Deletion of Policy NP1:** this policy repeats the wording set out in Policy DS5 and is therefore unnecessary. Whilst the Council would still like to emphasise its support for the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans, the section on Neighbourhood Plans within the “Delivery and Monitoring” section of the Local Plan already does this and with some further amendment, this offers a more appropriate way of ensuring that the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans is done in a way which aligns with the Local Plan.
- 4 **Deletion of Policy NP2:** this policy is not necessary and is not relevant to making planning decisions. Whilst the Council will continue to support community-led planning initiatives, it is not necessary to set this out within the Local Plan’s policy framework. It is therefore suggested the policy is deleted.