

EXAM 171 (Amended & Superseding EXAM 163)

WDC Matter 15 Submission - Proposed Amendments to Delivery and Monitoring Section

- 1 At the Matter 15 hearings on 14th December, the Delivery and Monitoring Chapter of the Local Plan was discussed. Further, during the Matter 13 hearings on 13th December, the Council agreed to review the section on Neighbourhood Plans within the Delivery and Monitoring Chapter.
- 2 This note therefore addresses the need to reword reference in Delivery and Monitoring Section with regard to Neighbourhood Plans to ensure it properly reflects the NPPF with regard to the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans
- 3 **Neighbourhood Plans:** As worded the section on Neighbourhood Plans within the Delivery and Monitoring Chapter does not fully align with the NPPF. In particular the following NPPF paragraphs are relevant:
 - a. Para 16: this requires Neighbourhood Plans should “support the strategic development needs set out in Local Plans” and should “plan positively to support local development...that is outside the strategic elements of the Local Plan”.
 - b. Paras 184 and 185: these paragraphs emphasise the importance placed on Neighbourhood Plans. Specifically para 184 requires that Neighbourhood Plans are in general conformity with the Strategic Policies of the Local Plan and that they should reflect these policies and plan positively to support them. Paragraph 185 then goes on to define the role of Neighbourhood Plans in shaping and directing sustainable development in the local area. It emphasis that aside from the strategic policies, Neighbourhood Plan policies take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the where they are in conflict.
- 4 To ensure alignment with these sections of the NPPF, it is proposed to amend the Neighbourhood Plans section of the Delivery and Monitoring Chapter as set out below.

Neighbourhood Plans	<p>The Council will support the preparation and adoption of Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plans should be in general conformity with the strategic policies and proposals in this Local Plan. In particular, they should conform with, and plan positively to support, the policies set out in the Development Strategy chapter of this Local Plan. On adoption of the Local Plan, the Council will provide further guidance to Neighbourhood Planning groups relating to strategic policies in the Local Plan</p> <p>Where Neighbourhood Plans come forward and are “made”, they will be encompassed as part of the Development Plan for the area. In recognition of the importance of Neighbourhood Plans to local people</p>
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and places, the Council will give weight to policies within “made” Neighbourhood Plans in line with National Policy, including ensuring that non-strategic policies set out in Neighbourhood Plans take precedence over Local Plan policies where these are in conflict.

The Council will ensure that priorities identified in Neighbourhood Plans for enhancing or providing new facilities will be aligned with the infrastructure delivery plan. Information on local infrastructure requirements will be established, reviewed and updated alongside the District-wide Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

In accordance with national regulations, a meaningful proportion of CIL funds will be passed to the relevant parish or spent by the District Council on behalf of the community in which the development is located.

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