

## **12. PROPOSED REFORMS TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM (SW)**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 To inform members of the changes proposed to planning guidance and legislation and their impact on planning within the national park.

### **2. Context**

2.1 The new Government is consulting on proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning legislation. The consultation commenced 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and closes 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

2.2 National Parks England will submit a response to the consultation in representation of all national parks and the Broads Authority. Each national park will also submit a consultation response detailing how the proposed changes affect them specifically.

2.3 A summary of the consultation and the proposed changes to the NPPF text is provided in Appendix One.

### **3. Main Headlines of the consultation**

3.1 The Government is committed to delivering 1.5 million new homes, support economic growth and respond more favorably to renewable energy schemes.

3.2 The Government will introduce a 'Model of Universal strategic planning covering functional economic areas' with 'Spatial Development Strategies' at Mayoral authority level.

3.3 There is a greater emphasis on cross-authority partnership.

3.4 The Government has amended the Standard Method for calculating housing supply that uses existing housing stock as a baseline and imposes a stronger affordability multiplier. They have published calculations for each Local Authority area. The approach results in a significant increase in local housing need for Derbyshire Dales District Council, which we contribute towards. The Government has stated it will provide more guidance for areas where data is difficult to provide (e.g. national parks).

3.5 The Government is keen to support the provision of social rented housing and a mix of affordable housing tenures on development sites.

3.6 'Significant weight' is to be given to renewable energy schemes and a more permissive approach to renewables in sensitive locations.

### **4. Finalising a response**

4.1 Officers are currently drafting a response in time for the deadline on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. Discussions are ongoing across the National Park family and locally (in particular with Derbyshire Dales District Council) to agree any areas of strategic alignment to strengthen our response.

4.2 It is recommended that the final response be made by the Head of Planning but officers will share the draft reply with the Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee.

## 5. Recommendations

1. The contents of the report and Appendix 1 are noted; and
2. Final response is delegated to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee

## 5. Corporate Implications

a. **Legal**  
N/A

b. **Financial**  
N/A

c. **National Park Management Plan and Authority Plan**  
The consultation impacts on various aspects relevant to the NPMP such as Thriving Communities and Climate Change

d. **Risk Management**  
It is important to respond both as an individual NPA and via the National Park family to achieve a bigger impact and protect the integrity of planning for a protected landscape. Further discussions are taking place both at a local level (with Derbyshire Dales District Council) and the family of National Parks to agree areas of strategic alignment.

e. **Net Zero**  
The consultation does comment on matters of design and climate change (offering greater support to green energy such as onshore wind turbines)

6. **Background papers (not previously published)**  
Summary of NPPF and Planning Reforms government consultation

7. **Appendices**  
Appendix 1 – Summary of NPPF and Planning Reforms government consultation

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