

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

This is a record of a decision taken by an officers under delegated powers and where necessary taken in consultation with members and officers.

REPORT TITLE:	Response to planning consultation paper – additional flexibilities to support housing delivery, the agricultural sector, businesses, high streets and open prisons; and a call for evidence on nature based solutions, farm efficiency projects and diversification .
OPEN/EXEMPT	Open
LEAD OFFICER	Stuart Ashworth
IS DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL IN?:	No - urgent decision in this case – consultation came to light late in the process, and response needed to be submitted by 25 September 2023.
DATE DECISION ADVERTISED:	
DATE OF DECISION:	
DEADLINE FOR CALL IN:	
PRE-SCREENING EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT COMPLETED:	YES

Delegated Power

Specify the particular delegated power being exercised by reference to the Scheme of Delegation or the Council body minute and date.

The planning scheme of delegation allows for consultation responses to be made. 1.3.8 of the scheme states "To exercise all other planning related functions.....lodgement of comments or objections upon consultation....."

Decision Taken

Specify precise details of the decision taken.

Local Planning Authority (LPA) response to a government consultation paper on proposed changes to permit development. The consultation is quite a wide ranging one, including dealing with permitted development rights relating to agricultural/rural buildings to dwellings, hotels and guest houses to dwellings, markets, and other uses. It is aimed at increasing the supply of housing predominantly, although it also looks at more flexibility for agricultural uses, and increasing agricultural and industrial/business permitted development rights. It consists of 88 questions. Further details are included within the Member Briefing of 18 September (attached).

It should be noted that the latter part of the consultation is carried out jointly with DEFRA, and some of those questions have not been replied to, because they are aimed at the practical experience of farmers and land managers.

Reasons for the Decision

Specify all reasons for taking the decision

Which there is no requirement to respond to the consultation papers, it was felt that a response to this technical consultation should be made.

Details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected.

Do not respond to the consultation.

Any declarations of interest and details of any dispensations granted in respect of interests (in relation to officers and any Members consulted).

None

List of Background papers

A copy of the response to the questions is attached.
A copy of the member briefing is attached.

Authorisation

Post Held Assistant Director

Signature: 

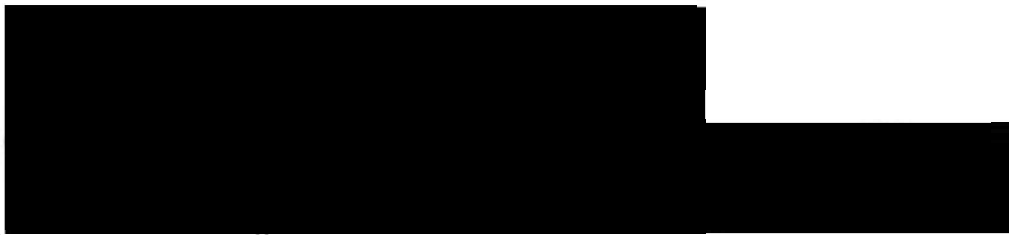
Date 22/9/23

Consultation with members/officers

If the decision is taken following consultation with the members/officers, please give details:

Name of Members/officers consulted:

Cllr Moriarty, Cllr Parish



Signed by Member/officer as consulted:
Date: 27.09.2023

Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Borough Council of
King's Lynn & West Norfolk



Name of policy	Response to government consultation on changing planning policy & legislation relation to permitted development				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?	New				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations	Aims to increase the supply of housing through permitted development, and increase other aspects of permitted development, relating in particular to agriculture and business/commercial uses.				
Question	Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			X	
	Disability			X	
	Gender			X	
	Gender Re-assignment			X	
	Marriage/civil partnership			X	
	Pregnancy & maternity			X	
	Race			X	
	Religion or belief			X	
	Sexual orientation			X	
Other (eg low income)			X		
Question	Answer	Comments			
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	No	This is national policy, potentially to be implemented across England.			
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	No				
4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	No				
<p>5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section</p>	No	Actions: N/A			
		Actions agreed by EWG member: Name			
Assessment completed by: Name Stuart Ashworth					
Job title Assistant Director -Environment & Planning	Date 22/9/'23				
Please Note: If there are any positive or negative impacts identified in question 1, or there any 'yes' responses to questions 2 – 4 a full impact assessment will be required.					