



Local Plan Task Group
Thursday, 12th September, 2024 at 2.00 pm
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday Market
Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ

Reports marked to follow on the Agenda and/or Supplementary Documents

1. **Presentation and Discussion to inform the Borough Council response to the current Government consultation: Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other changes to the planning system (Pages 2 - 10)**

Background material:

- Consultation documents, track changes version of the NPPF, and outcome of the proposed revised method:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

- Written Ministerial Statement - Building the homes we need:

https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2024-07-30/hcws48?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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NPPF Consultation & Wider Planning Reform

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New Government, New Approach



- **DLUHC MHCLG**
- Housing Development
- Economic Growth
- Tackling the Housing Crisis
- Planning key to enable this

NPPF Consultation Summary



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

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National Planning Policy Framework

- 30 July, MHCLG launched a **consultation** seeking views on proposed reforms to the **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other changes to the system**. The consultation closes 24 September 2024.
- The Government will respond to this consultation and publish **NPPF revisions before the end of the year**.
- Impact: For **decision-making, straight away** post-adoption. For **plan-making, it's more involved**.
- Package includes **WMS: Building the homes we need**, Letters to LPAs, PINS, RTPI, etc...

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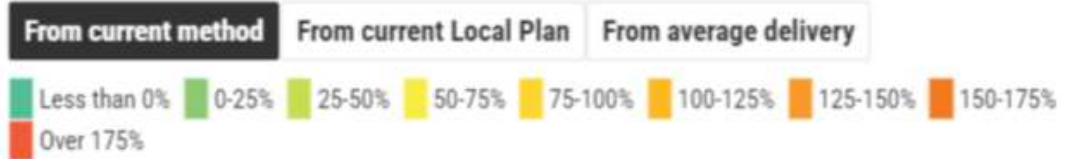


Changes Proposed will:

- Make **Housing targets mandatory** and **reverse 2023 changes**;
- **New standard method formula** to ensure local plans are ambitious enough to support the Government's manifesto commitment of 1.5 million new homes in this Parliament;
- **More weight for housing development** and the development brownfield land;
- Identify grey belt land within the Green Belt, to be brought forward for homes and other important development. Deliver affordable, well-designed homes, with new “golden rules” for land released in the Green Belt to ensure release delivers in the public interest;
- Ensure that LPAs are able to **prioritise the types of affordable homes communities need** and that the planning system **supports a more diverse housebuilding sector**;
- **Support economic growth in key sectors**, including laboratories, gigafactories, datacentres, digital economies and freight and logistics – given their importance to our economic future;
- **More weight for community needs** to support society; and
- **Support for clean energy and the environment**, including support for onshore wind and renewables.

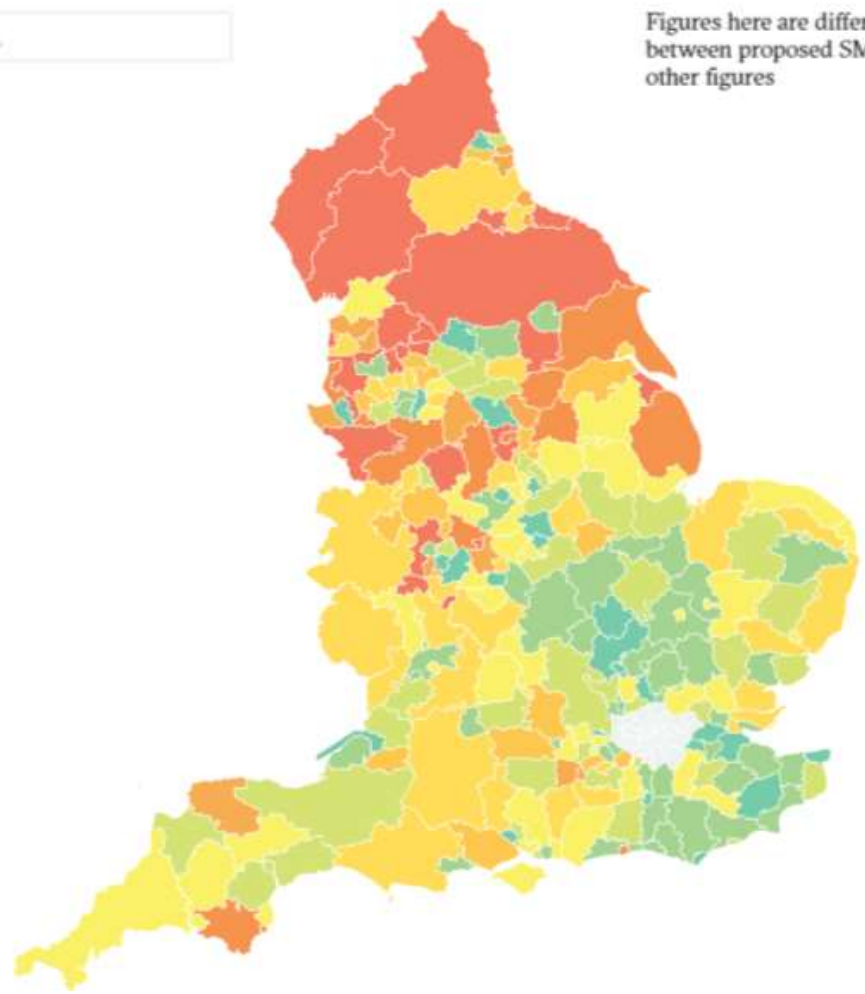


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Housing Numbers

King's Lynn and West Norfolk		x
From current method		75-100%
Proposed standard method figure		1,042
Current standard method figure		554
Current Local Plan figure		660
Net additional dwellings 3y average		295
Change from current method (%)		88
Change from current Local Plan (%)		58
Change from average delivery (%)		253

Other Consultation Elements

- **Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP)** regime how it applies to renewable energy, commercial and water development;
- ↳ • If **local plan intervention** criteria should be updated;
- **Increase some planning fees**, including for householder applications, so that LPAs are properly resourced to support a sustained increase in development and improve performance.

Wider Planning Reform

- Local Plan Making Process.
- National Development Management Policies.
- New Towns WMS & Commission.
- Strategic Level of Planning.
- ∞ • Planning & Infrastructure Bill (including national scheme of delegation).
- New Homes Accelerator programme.
- National Housing Strategy.

BCKLWN Key Impacts



- Local Plan: Continue with examination through to adoption.
- Start again in the 'new system' when in place.
- Decision Making: 5 Year Housing Land Supply & Housing Delivery Test
- Housing Numbers

Discussion