

MEMBERS UPDATE ON THE 2024 CONSULTATION DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

Members will be aware of the new Government's publication on 30th July 2024 of revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in the form of a Consultation Draft. Its purpose is to seek views on the revision of national planning policy to support the achievement of sustainable growth in the English planning system.

The Consultation Period on these revisions began on Tuesday 30th July 2024 and closes at 11.45pm on Tuesday 24 September 2024.

It is important to stress that the recently published document is only a Consultation Draft to which responses to a number of specific questions, set out within the Draft, are being sought and therefore does not currently constitute any change to the current version of the NPPF which was published in December 2023.

The legal starting point for determining planning applications remains the approved Maldon District Local Development Plan 2014-2029 and any made District Neighbourhood Plans, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. For the present time and until such time that an updated NPPF has been approved by the Government, only the current December 2023 publication is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.