

**Medway Council**

**Planning Committee – 18 December 2024**

**Supplementary Agenda Advice Sheet**

**New National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2024**

The Government have released a new NPPF yesterday and, therefore, it is important that all planning applications considered since publication are assessed against the paragraphs in the new NPPF.

All the reports have been assessed against the new NPPF and are considered to conform. Although relevant paragraph numbers have changed the wording relevant to the applications remains essentially the same.

Paragraph 11 is still 11 but with an additional reference to “having particular regard to key policies for directing development to sustainable locations, making effective use of land, securing well-designed places and providing affordable homes, individually or in combination”.

Paragraph 38 is now 39.

Paragraph 57 is now 58.

Paragraph 58 is now 59 (addition of the word practice in national planning practice guidance).

Paragraph 60 is now 61 with alterations to the wording to make it clear that the aim of the Authority should be to meet its housing need (removing as much of and as possible from the previous wording).

Paragraph 80 is unchanged.

Paragraph 96 remains as 96 but references to ‘beautiful’ have been removed and additional wording regarding promoting good health, preventing ill health and reducing health inequalities.

Paragraphs 114 to 116 are now 115 to 117 with reference to vision-led approach and all reasonable future scenarios.

Paragraphs 123 to 125 are now 124 to 126 with some changing to the wording encouraging use of brownfield land unless substantial harm would be caused.

Paragraphs 131, 135 and 136 remain unchanged.

Paragraph 157 is now 161 with reference to carbon net zero by 2050 and to take full account of all climate impacts including overheating, water scarcity, storm and flood risks.

Paragraph 159 is now 164 with added reference to sustainable urban drainage systems.

Paragraphs 165, 166 and 168 are now 170, 171 and 174.

Paragraph 173 is now 181.

Paragraph 175 is now 182 incorporating rewording around sustainable drainage systems.

Paragraphs 180, 186, 187, 189, 192, 208 and 209 are now 187, 193, 194, 196, 199, 215 and 216.

Reference to NPPF (2023) paragraph numbers in the conditions/reasons for refusal are to be altered in line with the changes to the NPPF (2024).

**Minute Number 380 (Committee Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October)**

**Planning Application MC/23/0284 Land at Blowers Wood, Maidstone Road, Hempstead, Gillingham**

As reflected in the printed minutes and following further discussions with Ward Councillors, the S106 Highways contribution of £100,000 previously directed to upgrading the existing shared cycle/ pedestrian footpath on Hoath Way to be redirected as follows:

- £100,000 towards pedestrian crossing improvements and/or traffic calming measures on Wigmore Road.