

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

UPDATE NOTE REGARDING THE REVISED NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

1. This note follows INSP1 to INSP5. It relates to the implications for the examination of the revised National Planning Policy Framework published on 24 July 2018 (the 'NPPF2'). Further information can be found on gov.uk: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>.
2. Annex 1 to the NPPF2 sets out implementation arrangements. Paragraph 212 explains that its policies are material considerations which should be taken into account in dealing with applications from the day of its publication.
3. NPPF2 paragraph 214 sets out, however, that the policies in the previous Framework, published on 27 March 2012 ('NPPF1'), will apply for the purposes of examining plans where those plans are submitted on or before 24 January 2019. That is the case here, with the North Warwickshire Local Plan having been submitted on 27 March 2018.
4. Accordingly I am not intending to invite comments from the Council or from representors on the implications of the NPPF2 in the context of the examination of the plan. I will consider any cases put to me in this regard in the interests of fairness, however any departure from the implementation arrangements set out above will require strong justification.
5. As explained in paragraph 213 of the NPPF2, existing development plan policies should not be considered out-of-date simply because they were adopted or made prior to its publication. Instead due weight should be given to them, according to their degree of consistency with the NPPF2.
6. Given the above, the examination guidance, programme and phase 1 matters issues and questions [INSP3, INSP4, INSP5] stand as they are. That is also the case of the dates by which any comments on those documents and indication of hearing attendance should be received by the Programme Officer (1700 on 3 August 2018), and by which any position statements should be made (1700 on 31 August 2018).

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25 July 2018