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Community & Environment Committee

Minutes of a Community & Environment Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 12th September, 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT

Councillor Martin Burfoot - In the Chair

Councillors: Peter O'Brien, Robert Archer, Matt Buckler, Sue Bull, David Chapman, Peter Dobbs, Stuart Lees, Joanne Linthwaite, Andy Nash, Peter Slack, Steve Wain, Nick Whitehead, Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker, Gareth Gee and Roger Shelley

Present as substitute – Councillor(s): Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker, Gareth Gee and Roger Shelley

Steve Capes (Director of Place and Economy), Mike Hase (Planning Policy Manager) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Marilyn Franks, Susan Hobson and Dermot Murphy

136/24 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Neil Buttle, Deputy Leader of Derbyshire Dales District Council, attended the meeting to speak regarding the Council's response to the Government consultation regarding proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

137/24 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

138/24 - NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK - COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

The Planning Policy Manager introduced a report which informed Members of the proposed revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and sought Member approval of a draft response to the Government consultation.

The NPPF was first published in March 2012 and set out the Government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied. It provides the framework within which locally prepared plans can provide for sufficient housing and other development in a sustainable manner. The most recent version was published in December 2023.

On 30th July 2024, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government published proposals for revisions to the NPPF for 8 weeks of public consultation ending on 24th September 2024. The relevant consultation documents were included as appendices to the report, along with draft responses to each of the 106 questions.

It was moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Andy Nash and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the extent of the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) be noted.
2. That the draft responses to the consultation questions, as set out in Appendix 4 to the report, form the basis of the District Council's formal response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) consultation on proposed changes to the NPPF.
3. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Place and Economy in consultation with the Chair of the Community and Environment Committee to submit the District Council's response to the MHCLG consultation by the deadline of 24th September 2024.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm

Chair