

I am forwarding for your information the link to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) proposed Government reforms and changes to the planning system consultation.

The Consultation Closes on the 10th March 2026.

At first glance the consultation may seem rather lengthy, but does not have to be completed in full.

Topics are broken down into twenty different groups which allows for just commenting on a specific area of interest.

It's always worth knowing what Government has in store for Planning.

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

Message from Councillor David Beaman:

Along with the provisions of the recently enacted Planning and Infrastructure Act the proposed revised NPPF if implemented without any significant changes will reduce the role of elected members and local authority Planning Committees to effectively just being administrators of Central Government planning policies and a general requirement to achieve associated housing targets. This is contrary to Central Government's general stated objective of devolution of decision making.

It is, therefore, important that comments to the proposed revised NPPF are submitted by 10 March to at least show that local communities are opposed to such Central Government centralisation.