

COUNCIL'S NOTE 34:**RESPONSE TO THE INSPECTOR'S NOTE 26 ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE DECEMBER 2023 NPPF**

1. The Council thanks the Inspector for her note (no. 26 on 20 December 2023), regarding the publication of a new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
2. In light of the unexpected content of paragraph 230 of the new NPPF, which the Inspector highlighted in her note, the Council wishes to fully consider the paragraph's implications and explore any alternatives. Therefore, the Council regrets it will be unable to meet the Inspector's deadline for a response by 12 January 2024.
3. As a result of the new NPPF, the Council is arranging an Extraordinary Council meeting on Thursday, 25th January with the sole purpose of identifying a way forward for the Local Plan.
4. The Council will be able to provide the Inspector with its opinion on the implications of the new NPPF for the Local Plan by Wednesday, 31st January. The Council apologises for this delay to the Examination.