

## **WBC47**

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5.260 A key part of the Government's plan to reform the planning system is the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which seeks to simplify national planning policy guidance into one concise document. The NPPF supersedes previous Planning Policy Statements, Planning Policy Guidance Notes, Circulars and other national planning policy guidance. A list of previous national guidance that is now superseded is included in Annex 3 of the NPPF. At the heart of the NPPF is the promotion of sustainable development. Consequently, development that is sustainable and is in accordance with the development plan for the area should be permitted without delay. The presumption in favour of sustainable development provides the necessary framework to ensure that there is an effective partnership working between the Council and applicants to explore opportunities for making development proposals acceptable within the context of the development plan and the NPPF.

#### **Delivery Strategy**

5.265 The policy will be delivered through the development management process and partnership working with applicants and key stakeholders.

#### **Monitoring and review**

5.266 The overall effectiveness of the policy will be measured by how well the growth proposals identified in the Core Strategy are being delivered. The monitoring of the performance of Policies CS2, CS3, CS4, CS5, CS10 and CS12 will be relevant in this regard.

5.267 The policy will also be monitored by measuring the number of planning applications approved solely on the basis of the application of the NPPF because the development plan is silent or out of date.

5.268 This will be reported in an Annual Monitoring Report.

#### **Key evidence base**

- The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).