

Crowle Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Note on the publication of the new National Planning Policy Framework

As you are aware, The Government published a new NPPF on 17 August 2026.

Annex A of the new NPPF contains implementation provisions. Paragraph 6 of the Annex states:

“Neighbourhood plans that have been submitted to the local planning authority under Regulation 15, on or before, the date of publication of this Framework should be prepared in accordance with the Framework published in December 2024. Any neighbourhood plans that have not been submitted must comply with this Framework. For neighbourhood plans that have already been submitted, the qualifying body may choose to withdraw the plan and update it to take account of this Framework.”

I am therefore writing to the qualifying body to see whether they wish to withdraw the plan to update it or whether they wish to continue the examination on the basis that the neighbourhood plan will be examined against the December 2024 version of the NPPF.

I'd be grateful to have the QB's response within 7 days of the date of this Note. However, please let me know if a little more time is needed.

This Note is a public document and your answer will also be in the public domain. Both should be placed on the Councils' websites as appropriate in due course.

With many thanks,

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