

North Lincolnshire Council response to Paul Tattersfield's suggested changes to PS1 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development (EXAM DOC 37)

Under Matter 2 Paul Tattersfield has suggested amendments to Policy PS1 - Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development (EXAM DOC 37) to overcome his concerns that the policy is concisely drafted. A substantive note was provided, but the amendments required to the policy are relatively minimal in content.

In response North Lincolnshire Council does not agree that the majority of these amendments are required for the following reasons.

Amendment to Policy PS1:

The required amendment includes additional wording to include “fail to meet objectively assessed need” within the policy. As stated at the hearing the policy utilises the ‘Planning Inspectorate Model Policy’ which directly applies the principles set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that is supported for inclusion in every plan in the country. It is the Council’s view that this additional wording does not add anything to what is included within the policy already. The first paragraph of the policy states “When considering development proposals the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework. It will always work proactively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area. The Council views that the additional amendments required are already covered adequately.

Amendments to ancillary text:

Additional minor amendments have been suggested to the ancillary text to provide further detail on the contents of the NPPF to those not familiar with its content. Whilst the Council understands that not all readers will be familiar with the NPPF it is not the role of the DPD to repeat text already included within national planning policy. Plans should avoid repeating text from NPPF where possible.

The council accepts that a minor change is required to indent bullet points 4 and 5 to be sub points of bullet point 3. This will be added to Schedule B: Minor Changes – Post Submission.