

The East Staffordshire Borough Council Local Plan (Planning for Change) was adopted on the 15th October 2015. Since the adoption of the Local Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework was revised on 24 July 2018 and 19 February 2019. On 23 May 2019, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government issued a Written Ministerial Statement to remove NPPF209a (relating to on-shore oil and gas development) from the revised National Planning Policy Framework following a legal judgement.

NPPF33 requires Local Plan reviews to be completed no later than five years from the adoption date of a plan, and should take into account changing circumstances affecting the area, or any relevant changes in national policy. NPPF31 states that the review of all policies should be underpinned by relevant and up-to-date evidence.

The following table sets out an NPPF compliance/checklist against the Local Plan policies to help inform the Council's decision on whether to prepare a new local plan. The table includes a short justification sentence to explain how each policy complies (or does not comply) with the NPPF.

The following colour coding has been added:

- Green – The policy is compliant with the current NPPF.
- Amber – A review of the evidence base is advised but an update to the policy is not currently essential.
- Red – The policy is not compliant with the current NPPF.

Local Plan Policy	Policy Title	Compliance with NPPF (2019)
Principle 1	Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	The presumption in favour of sustainable development remains in general compliance with the NPPF presumption in favour of sustainable development.
Strategic Policies (in general)		The Local Plan outlines which policies are 'strategic' policies. The Local Plan outlines which policies are strategic and which are detailed in accordance with NPPF21 and 28. The strategic policies address priorities for the development and use of land and sets out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development in accordance with NPPF17 and 20.
Strategic Policy 1	East Staffordshire Approach to Sustainable Development	The sustainable development principles contained in the policy are generally worded and remain in overall compliance with corresponding policy areas in the NPPF and NPPF 8, 9 and 16.
Strategic Policy 2	Settlement Hierarchy	The policy addresses priorities for the development and use of land and set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development as required by NPPF17 and 20.
Neighbourhood Policy 1	Role of Neighbourhood Plans	The requirement for Neighbourhood Plans to meet basic conditions and the role of neighbourhood places has not changed and as such the policy remains consistent with NPPF37.
Strategic Policy 3	Provision of Homes and Jobs 2012 – 2031	Strategic housing policies should be informed by a local housing need assessment, conducted using the standard method in national planning guidance as a starting point. The latest standard method should be used to review the housing requirement. This is addressed in the overall covering report.
Strategic Policy 4	Distribution of Housing Growth 2012 – 2031	The policy allocates land to meet to meet the housing provision of Strategic Policy 3 and identifies the housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas as required by NPPF65. The requirement in NPPF68 to identify land to accommodate at least 10% of the housing requirement on sites no larger than one hectare unless it can be demonstrated that there are strong reasons why the 10% target cannot be achieved, is reflected in amendments made to the Housing Choice SPD in 2019.
Strategic Policy 5	Distribution of Employment Growth 2012 – 2031 (allocations)	The policy complies with NPPF81 requirement to identify sites for investment and meet the needs over the plan period. The allocations also allow for a range of employment uses. However Strategic Policy 6 states that the evidence base should be reviewed and where there are

<p>Strategic Policy 6</p> <p>Managing the Release of Housing and Employment Land</p>	<p>significant changes to evidence on need and demand for development or within 5 years of the adoption of the plan, whichever is sooner, the Council should undertake a Local Plan Review. In particular there is a need to reflect in the Local Plan the specific locational requirements of additional sectors such as those listed in NPPF82 e.g. making provision for clusters or networks of knowledge and data-driven, creative or high technology industries; and for storage and distribution operations at a variety of scales and in suitably accessible locations.</p> <p>The policy states that the evidence for housing and employment demand and need will be reviewed every 5 years. Where there are significant changes to evidence on need and demand for development or within 5 years of the adoption of the plan, whichever is sooner, the Council will undertake a Local Plan Review. A review of the evidence base should therefore be undertaken.</p>
<p>Strategic Policy 7</p> <p>Sustainable Urban Extensions</p>	<p>The policy for sustainable urban extensions including expectations for their development remain in general compliance with NPPF72.</p>
<p>Strategic Policy 8</p> <p>Development Outside Settlement Boundaries</p>	<p>The policy for development outside the Settlement Boundary remains compliant with NPPF77-79 (Rural housing) and NPPF83 and 84 (Supporting a prosperous rural economy).</p>
<p>Strategic Policy 9</p> <p>Infrastructure Delivery and Implementation</p>	<p>The plan and associated Planning Obligation SPD and Housing Choice SPD both adopted in December 2019, set out the contributions expected from development as required by NPPF34. In accordance with NPPF57, the policy allows the Council to consider whether particular circumstances exist that threaten the viability of a proposal, subject to the submission of a financial viability appraisal.</p>
<p>Strategic Policy 10</p> <p>Education Infrastructure</p>	<p>The policy allocates land for school provision and includes a positive policy for new schools and further education and therefore remains complaint with the NPPF.</p>
<p>Strategic Policy 11</p> <p>Bargates/Molson Coors Strategic Allocation</p>	<p>This policy sets out development principles for a strategic land allocation which are considered compliant with the NPPF.</p>
<p>Strategic Policy 12</p> <p>Derby Road, Burton upon Trent, Regeneration Corridor</p>	<p>This policy sets out development principles for a strategic land allocation which are considered compliant with the NPPF.</p>
<p>Strategic Policy 13</p> <p>Burton and Uttoxeter Existing Employment Land Policy</p>	<p>This policy sets out a strategic employment land allocation and includes sufficient flexibility as required by NPPF81.</p>

Strategic Policy 14	Rural Economy	The policy is in general compliance with national policy. The section on New Provision (together with criteria in linked Strategic Policy 8) sets out criteria for new employment development adjacent to or beyond existing settlements as required by NPPF84.
Strategic Policy 15	Tourism, culture and leisure development	The policy and criteria for tourism, culture and leisure remain in overall compliance with the various topic areas in the NPPF.
Strategic Policy 16	Meeting Housing Needs	The plan and associated Planning Obligation SPD and Housing Choice SPD both adopted recently, set out the required mix of dwellings. The policies require consideration of the Council's latest evidence base and therefore sufficient flexibility exists in the policy to ensure that the mix of dwellings meets current need as stated by NPPF60 and 61. Revised Housing Choice SPD (Dec 2019) does not however provide for students and service families as required by NPPF61. The need for this should be considered.
Strategic Policy 17	Affordable Housing	The threshold for affordable housing requirements is different to that required by NPPF63 however the policy allows the threshold to be revised in accordance with national policy. The process for considering viability evidence is broadly in line with current NPPF policy.
Strategic Policy 18	Residential Development on Exception Sites	The policy and related guidance are consistent with NPPF policy on exception sites set out in NPPF17.
Strategic Policy 19	Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2015) makes clear that local planning authorities should, in producing their Local Plan, identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites against their locally set targets (NPPF 73, footnote 36). The Local Plan states that further work is to be commissioned to confirm whether there is a need. An up-to-date assessment of need is being carried out to confirm whether a supply of sites is required.
Strategic Policy 20	Town and Local Centres Hierarchy	The policy defines a network and hierarchy of town centres and sets out a strategy for the growth of retail across the borough including floorspace allocations for town centres in accordance with NPPF85(d).
Strategic Policy 21	Managing Town and Local Centres	The policy sets out a range of suitable uses for Town Centres in the borough in accordance with NPPF85.
Strategic Policy 22	Supporting Communities Locally	The policy plans positively for new community facilities and guards against the unnecessary loss of facilities in accordance with NPPF92
Strategic Policy 23	Green Infrastructure	The safeguarding and enhancement of strategic green infrastructure is complaint with NPPF20, NPPF91, NPPF150 and NPPF171. Enhancement of natural

		capital will additionally be achieved through the continued implementation of the National Forest (Strategic Policy 26) and the Central Rivers Initiative (Detailed Policy 10).
Strategic Policy 24	High Quality Design	The Council's adopted policy and design guidance set our clear design expectations in accordance with NPPF125 and NPPF126
Strategic Policy 25	Historic Environment	The policy sets out a positive strategy for conservation of the historic environment in accordance with NPPF204.
Strategic Policy 26	National Forest	The policy includes provision to upgrade the landscape and provide for recreation and wildlife as set out in NPPF142.
Strategic Policy 27	Climate Change, Water Body Management and Flooding	The policy manages all sources of flooding and includes a requirement for SUDS in accordance with NPPF156 and NPPF167.
Strategic Policy 28	Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Generation	NPPF151 requires authorities to provide a positive strategy for energy from renewable and low carbon sources, identifying suitable areas for renewable and low carbon energy sources, and identifying opportunities for development to draw its energy supply from decentralised, renewable or low carbon energy supply systems and for co-locating potential heat customers and suppliers. The policy states that an SPD will be prepared to identify appropriate locations for renewable technologies.
Strategic Policy 29	Biodiversity and Geodiversity	The policy is in general compliance with NPPF151. The policy provides protection to European, national, and locally designated sites in accordance with NPPF170.
Strategic Policy 30	Locally Significant Landscape	The policy to protect local landscape designations is consistent with NPPF170.
Strategic Policy 31	Green Belt and Strategic Green Gaps	The policy applies national Green Belt policy to new development and therefore is consistent with the NPPF.
Strategic Policy 32	Outdoor Sports and Open Space Policy	The policy on open space is consistent with NPPF 97.
Strategic Policy 33	Indoor sports policy	The policy supports the protection and enhancement of indoor sports provision and is consistent with NPPF 97.
Strategic Policy 34	Health and Wellbeing	The policy requires development to enhance health and well-being in accordance with NPPF122 and NPPF127.
Strategic Policy 35	Accessibility and Sustainable Transport	The policy is generally in accordance with the NPPF's transport policies. However it would be worth considering whether there is any need to update the

Detailed Policy 1	Design of New Development	plan to support overnight lorry parking facilities, taking into account any local shortages as required by NPPF107 and the importance of maintaining a national network of general aviation airfields as required by NPPF 104. The detailed policy on design together with other policies and design guidance set out clear design expectations in accordance with NPPF125 and NPPF126
Detailed Policy 2	Designing in Sustainable Construction	The detailed policies on sustainable design are consistent with NPPF150.
Detailed Policy 3	Design of New Residential Development, Extensions and Curtilage Buildings	The policy provides further detailed policy which together with strategic policy and design guidance, sets out clear design expectations in accordance with NPPF125 and NPPF126.
Detailed Policy 4	Replacement Dwellings in the Countryside	The policy on replacement dwellings in the countryside is in general compliance with the NPPF.
Detailed Policy 5	Protecting the Historic Environment: All Heritage Assets, Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas and archaeology	The policy sets out a positive strategy for conservation of the historic environment in accordance with NPPF204.
Detailed Policy 6	Protecting the Historic Environment: Other Heritage Assets	The policies for the protection of heritage assets are in line with NPPF policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment.
Detailed Policy 7	Pollution and Contamination	The detailed policy on pollution and contamination is consistent with the NPPF180 and 181.
Detailed Policy 8	Tree Protection	The policy on trees is consistent with NPPF170.
Detailed Policy 9	Advertisements	The policy on advertisements is consistent with NPPF132.
Detailed Policy 10	Blue infrastructure and Water Recreation	The policy on Blue Infrastructure and water-based recreation is consistent with NPPF policies on tourism and recreation (NPPF83 and 96).
Detailed Policy 11	European Sites	The policy on European Sites is consistent with NPPF11 (Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development).
Detailed Policy 12	St George's Park	The policy sets out detailed policy requirements for The National Football Centre. The policy is consistent with the relevant NPPF policies.