

# PAS NPPF Webinar: Local Plans and Transitional Arrangements

Online: Thursday 16 January 2025

We start at 1.30pm

Please login to Slido to ask questions / answer polls through the session.



- Meet the team
- Remember to log into Slido – polling and questions – different approach to questions today
- Here are PAS's other NPPF Webinars – there are still places:
  - NPPF Overview: 10-11am, 17 Jan
  - Housing Numbers: 1-2pm, 23 Jan
  - Green Belt: 1-2pm, 18 Feb
  - Golden Rules: 1-2pm, 19 Feb
  - Sign up via December [PAS Bulletin](#)



- **Slido Poll 1** – Remember to ask questions and vote for ones you like
- **Presentation on Local Plan Transitional Arrangements** from Sarah from MHCLG
- **Question and Answer Session**
- **Slido Poll 2** – reflections
- **Thanks** and close

**Slido Poll 1**

**Local Plan  
progress –  
how are  
you doing?**



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# NPPF Transitional Arrangements for Plans

PAS Event – Thursday 16 January  
*Sarah Hunt and Shannon Franklin*



# Introduction

## Why does the NPPF include transitional arrangements?

- Transitional arrangements have been put in place to support progress of advanced plans - balanced with increasing housing numbers in plans to support the Government's objective of achieving ambitious local plans as quickly as possible
- Policies in the Framework apply from the date of publication. For the purpose of preparing local plans, the policies apply from 12 March 2025
- Transitional arrangements relate to plans going through the existing system



# The story so far...

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- NPPF consultation ran from 30 July to 24 Sept.
- NPPF included transitional arrangements for plans which were:
  - plans at examination could continue, although where there is a gap [200+pa] between the plan and the new local housing need figure, authorities expected to begin a plan as soon as possible in the new system
  - plans at regulation 19 allowed to continue unless significant gap [200+pa] between the plan and the new local housing need figure, in which case plan to be reworked and submitted within 18 months to take account of the higher figure
  - Areas at an earlier stage of plan development to prepare plans against the revised version of the NPPF



# Consideration of consultation responses

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- Sought to balance the views of those respondents who considered that the NPPF should take effect immediately and those that considered the transitional arrangements should be more lenient
- Recognised the challenges with a one-month period for implementation of the NPPF
- Heard strength of support for a percentage-based approach. Ministers were keen to move to a % approach that struck a similar balance to the previous 200dpa threshold
- Aware of concerns that some plans needing to be revised at regulation 19 would need longer than 18 months to reach submission



## December 2024 NPPF

Transitional arrangements set out that:

- Policies take effect 3 months after publication of the NPPF (12 March 2025)
- Plans at examination can continue. Where draft plan meets less than 80% local housing need the authority will be expected to begin a plan in the new plan-making system as soon as it is brought into force
- Plans at regulation 19 can continue if draft housing requirement meets at least 80% of housing need. If draft housing requirement meets less than 80% plan required to be reworked and submitted for examination within 18 months from publication of NPPF (or 24 months if significant changes and the plan returns to Regulation 18 consultation)
- Plans at earlier stages required to prepare plan against NPPF 2024
- Worked examples of 80% threshold set out in the Government response to consultation
- Joint plans



# Dates.....

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- **June 2025 date for plan submission replaced with June 2026 (for reg 19 plans) or December 2026 (latest date for plans to be submitted)**
- New plan-making system expected to commence Summer/Autumn 2025
- Consultation on national policies for development management expected in the Spring
- Further details on the rollout of the new system provided as soon as possible



# Funding

## Funding

- Government has announced two funds to support authorities with local plan delivery and green belt reviews
- £14.8million available across both funds to support authorities
- Authorities may be eligible for both local plan delivery funding and green belt review funding provided they meet all the criteria for each
- Authorities notified they will receive funding mid-February. Payment made by the end of February
- Eligibility criteria and information on how to submit an EOI are set out on gov.uk

### Local Plans Delivery Funding Criteria

- At Regulation 19 stage
- Draft housing requirement meets less than 80% local housing need – plan needs to be revised
- Plan to be submitted in the current system (by June or December 2026)
- Grant equally divided across LPAs subject to a maximum of £ 250,000

### Green Belt Review Funding Criteria

- For authorities who intend to undertake a Green Belt review in light of updated NPPF
- Up to a maximum of £70,000 per authority
- Authorities can be at any stage of the local plan process
- Direct financial contribution to enable authority to complete a GB review

EOI forms must be submitted by 17 January 2025



# Local Development Schemes

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Local authorities have a statutory obligation to produce a Local Development Scheme and keep it up-to-date and publicly available

Deputy Prime Minister wrote to authorities in December asking Councils to review and update timetables in light of the revised NPPF and transitional arrangements by 6 March

Clear, realistic and specific dates for key milestones - keen to ensure that suitably ambitious plans are progressed

Further information provided in Chief Planners newsletter including a form that is requested to be completed [Chief Planner on 13 December 2024](#).

# Question and Answer Session



**Slido Poll  
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**Reflections**

**Thank you  
for coming 😊**