

Need to Review Local Plan

NPPF para 33.

“Policies in local plans and spatial development strategies should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years and should then be updated as necessary (footnote below) . Reviews should 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. Relevant strategic policies will need updating at least once every five years if their applicable local housing need figure has changed significantly; and they are likely to require earlier review if local housing need is expected to change significantly in the near future.

footnote in NPPF- Reviews at least every five years are a legal requirement for all local plans (Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012).”

Regulations;

“10A.—(1) A local planning authority must review a local development document within the following time periods—

- (a) in respect of a local plan, the review must be completed every five years, starting from the date of adoption of the local plan, in accordance with section 23 of the Act (adoption of local development documents);”

Existing Local Plan

Previous Transitional Arrangements applied to the Adopted Local Plan –

Para 214 (2019 NPPF)

“The policies in the previous Framework published in March 2012 will apply for the purpose of examining plans, where those plans were submitted on or before 24 January 2019.....”

The Local Plan was submitted in 2017 which meant that the 2012 NPPF applied. Accordingly, Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) was the relevant evidence for housing numbers in the Adopted Plan. Plans submitted post 24 January 2019 have needed to be examined against the later version of the NPPF which includes using the Standard Methodology (which replaced OAN). It could/will therefore be argued that our housing targets and therefore the Local Plan are out of date.