

The NPPF, Five year housing land supply and Neighbourhood Development Plans

For parish councils

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This is to replace and update the position statement issued on 25 January 2019.

1) Five year Housing Land Supply and material weight

As you will be aware, there have been concerns over the lack of a five year housing land supply within the county and its effects on any neighbourhood plans adopted for more than 2 years.

It can be confirmed that as at April 2021 Herefordshire Council have a **6.90** year supply. In addition, the results of the 2020 Housing Delivery Test indicate that delivery in Herefordshire was **above 75%** of housing required over the previous three years (106%).

This means that para 11d of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is not engaged, as the development plan policies are not deemed 'out of date'. As a result para 14 of the NPPF is not engaged.

Consequently, all adopted neighbourhood development plans now have **full material weight** when determining planning applications regardless of the date they were adopted.

This has a positive effect on 61 neighbourhood plans within the county which have been adopted prior to July 2019 and will continue to be positive for those that are approaching 2 years old.

2) Proportional growth figures as at April 2021

The proportional growth figures from April 2021 are now available. These are to assist parishes meeting the requirements of Policy RA2 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy.

These will be made available from the Neighbourhood Planning team and will be placed on the website shortly.

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