

**Local Plan Advisory Committee –
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Local Plan – National Planning Context

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The new statutory planning framework

Spatial Hierarchy	Policy Components	
	Previous	New
national	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Policy Statements • Minerals Planning Guidance Notes • Government Circulars • Ministerial Statements 	National Planning Policy Framework National Planning Practice Guidance
regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Spatial Strategies 	Duty to Co-operate
local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Development Framework (DPDs SPDs etc) 	Local Plan (Flexible but Govt pref. for one Local Plan)
neighbourhood	None	Neighbourhood Plan Neighbourhood Development Order

National Planning Policy Framework & Localism Act

- Housing Numbers
 - LPA – must plan to meet objectively assessed need
 - Based on robust evidence
 - Must demonstrate 5 year supply + 5% or 20%
 - available and deliverable i.e. viable
 - Duty to Co-operate (legal and soundness test)
 - Need met across whole strategic housing market area
 - Leicestershire including City.

Putting Local Plans in Place

- 12 month transition period post NPPF
- 50% + Local Plan since 2008
- Very few post NPPF
- Local Plans must be NPPF compliant
- NWLDC Core Strategy – Inspector
 - Concern numbers less than previous RSS
 - No allocations when less than 5 year supply
 - Duty to Co-operate objections
- Similar stories nationwide

Absence of 5year supply

- NPPF – applications should normally be approved (presumption in favour of sustainable development)
- Decision making:
 - Development Plan policies not out of date
 - NPPF
 - Any other material planning consideration.

Independent Review

- So far:
 - Revised project structure and governance
 - Style of a Local Plan including strategy, allocations and policies
 - Viability work
 - Members Advisory Committee
- Working on:
 - Content, evidence base, timescale and programme including consultation
 - Delivery of S E Coalville as S.U.E.

Current Position

- Joint commissioning of SHM Assessment
 - All Leicestershire Councils
- Joint Members Advisory Group
 - Duty to Co-operate
 - Plan to meet needs across SHM Area
 - Implementation via Local Plans

Interim Decision making

- Important:
 - Development Plan Policies (where up to date)
 - NPPF
 - Other material Planning considerations
- Prematurity – very rare – not supported
- No different from period while CS being prepared (very little weight as an emerging Plan)
- Recent approvals in Council preferred locations
- Refusal where good planning reasons
- Better once 5 year supply +20% achieved