

Matter 1: Procedural/Legal Requirements

Other matters

1.13 Is the submitted Plan sufficiently clear on which policies would be superseded and which would remain extant on adoption of the Plan?

1.14 Does the Plan include all relevant strategic policies to address the Council's priorities and adequately set out an overall strategy for development as required by paragraphs 20-22 of the Framework?

1. Paragraph 20 of the NPPF states that strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality of places, and make sufficient provision for housing (including affordable housing). The HBF is concerned that the Plan does not make sufficient provision for housing or the affordable housing need. The scale of housing set out in the strategic policies of the Plan does not meet the level of housing required by the local housing need identified by the Standard Method. The Plan does not appear to set out exceptional circumstances to justify an alternative approach as set out in the NPPF¹.

1.15 Will the Plan's strategic policies have a minimum time period of 15 years at adoption, consistent with paragraph 22 of the Framework?

2. The Sheffield Plan covers the period to 2039, this was based on the assumption that the Plan would be adopted in 2024 as set out in paragraph 1.34. However, it is now clear that the Plan will not be adopted in 2024. Therefore, the Plan will not cover a time period of 15 years at adoption and is not consistent with the NPPF². The HBF considers that the Plan period should be extended to ensure that at least a 15-year period is provided at adoption.

1.16 Is the Plan's relationship to existing and emerging Neighbourhood Plans justified and reasonable, including the clear identification of strategic policies within the Plan which Neighbourhood Plans would be required to be in general conformity with?

1.17 Has regard been had to any made Neighbourhood Plans in preparing the Plan? Is there any specific conflict between any policies of the Plan and any made Neighbourhood Plan?

1.18 How does the Plan meet paragraph 11 a) of the Framework?

1.19 Is it clear how the Plan secures development that contributes to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change in accordance with Section 19(1A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004?

¹ NPPF Sept 2023 paragraph 61

² NPPF Sept 2023 paragraph 22