

### **Policy CS NPPF: National Planning Policy Framework – Presumption in favour of sustainable development**

When considering development proposals we will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

We will always work proactively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in Barnet.

Planning applications that accord with policies in Barnet's Local Plan (and, where relevant, with policies in neighbourhood plans) will be approved without delay, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Where there are no policies relevant to the application or relevant policies are out of date at the time of making the decision then the council will grant permission unless material considerations indicate otherwise – taking into account whether:

- Any adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole; or
- Specific policies in that NPPF indicate that development should be restricted.

### **Key References**

- Barnet Sustainable Community Strategy 2010 – 2020
- Brent Cross, Cricklewood, and West Hendon Regeneration Area Development Framework, 2005
- Colindale Area Action Plan, 2010
- Core Strategy and Development Management Policies – Consultation Report
- Local Development Scheme
- Localism Bill, December 2010
- London Plan, 2011
- London Plan (Consolidated with Alterations since 2004) 2008
- Mill Hill East Area Action Plan, 2009
- National Planning Policy Framework
- Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
- One Barnet Framework, LB Barnet Cabinet November 29 2010
- Statement of Community Involvement, 2007
- Three Strands Approach

