

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet member

(All sections must be completed (mark "N/A" as applicable))

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Cllr Keith Dibble, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

To respond to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on the consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework: proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system.

The consultation seeks views on a revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which is significantly different from the current version. It also seeks views on data centres and onsite energy generation, standardised inputs in viability assessments and reforming site thresholds.

Proposals would impact on the day-to-day activities of the planning service including decision-making and preparation of a new local plan for Rushmoor Borough Council and it is therefore important that the Council makes a response to MHCLG on this consultation.

The consultation response has been prepared in consultation with members of the Strategic Housing and Local Plan Group (SHLPG). The consultation as discussed at the meeting of SHLPG on 3rd February 2026 and the draft response shared with the group by email for comment on 27th February 2026. It was also shared to the Cabinet by email for comment at the same time.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

10/03/2026

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

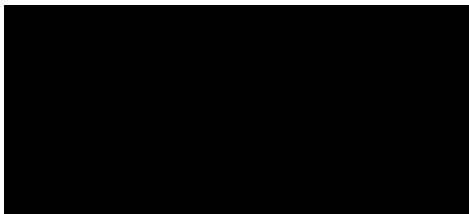
The Council could choose not to respond to the consultation. However, due to the potential implications of the proposals for the planning service, this was not considered an appropriate option.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

None

Signed



Keith Dibble (Decision maker)

Designation: Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning

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