

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McKinley

National Planning Policy Framework

This Council condemns the inherent bias in the National Planning Policy Framework (sometimes called the Developer's Charter) that ascribes a much greater weighting given in its application to the profit/interests of developers and landowners potentially at the cost of local communities in terms of adverse social impact.

This Council calls on the government to develop a robust methodology to assess local social impact(in addition to existing measures) and amend the NPPF to give equal weighting to local social impacts as it does to the level of profit for developers and landowners when considering development proposals.

And

This Council calls on the Secretary of State to revoke Paragraph 189 of the National Planning Policy Framework which states that "Local Planning Authorities cannot require a developer to engage with them before submitting a planning application. Local Planning Authorities should also encourage any applicants who are not already required to do so by law, to engage with the local community before submitting applications" and make it compulsory for developers to consult with the community before applying for planning permissions.

Furthermore

This Council seeks an explanation and apology from Sir Vince Cable Leader of the Liberal Democrats, who together with Conservative Ministers was responsible for forcing these new regulations through Parliament and in effect created a Land owners and developer's charter and effectively destroying the Labour Government's of 1945 far sighted Town And Country Planning acts that created our much envied planning laws and green belt creation and protection.