

What impacts could the new planning system have for Neighbourhood Plans?

- **Reviewing Plans:** Due to changes to National Planning Policy, existing Neighbourhood Plans should be considered for review. Any new Local or National planning policy will take priority over older legislation.
- **Housing Rules Replaced:** The requirement for neighbourhood plans to be in "general conformity" with strategic local policies has been scrapped. Instead, plans simply must **not result in less housing** than what the local plan proposes.
- **Increased Protection:** The period of protection against speculative development has been extended. Neighbourhood plans up to **five years old** (up from two) are shielded from the presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- **New Strategic Mandates:** Plans must now account for **Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS)** and actively contribute to **climate change** mitigation.
- **Avoiding Duplication:** Neighbourhood Plans are now prohibited from repeating or conflicting with **national decision-making policies** set out in the NPPF.

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