

Rossendale Local Plan Examination

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Dear Mr Atherton,

ROSSENDALE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION – REVISED NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

1. Further to our Post Hearings Letter of 30 June 2021, you will be aware that the Government published a revised National Planning Policy Framework (the NPPF) on 20 July 2021.
2. The Rossendale Local Plan does not benefit from the revised NPPF transitional arrangements and one of the tests of soundness in paragraph 35 of the NPPF is consistency with national policy.
3. We would therefore be grateful, if the Council considered the revised NPPF in responding to our letter dated 30 June 2021. Could I also ask the Council to produce a short note which explains whether the new NPPF has any implications for the soundness of the Rossendale Local Plan and, if it does, how that might be resolved.
4. Please can the Council respond to this letter providing this note by no later than **6 August 2021**. A copy of this letter should be placed on the Council's website and made available on request.

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