

5 PLANNING POLICY

5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 As part of the planning application, a Planning Statement has been prepared to consider adopted and emerging planning policies that are relevant to the Proposed Project. It covers policy at the national and local level and includes consideration of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), the adopted Local Development Framework and emerging plans associated with the Local Authorities (Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Peak District National Park Authority) and Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) relevant to the Proposed Project.
- 5.1.2 This chapter provides an overview of relevant planning policy only. For further consideration of the planning policy rationale associated with the Proposed Project, and the extent to which the Proposed Project complies with relevant planning policy, please refer to the Planning Statement. In addition policy compliance in relation to Nature Conservation is highlighted within Appendix 7N of Chapter 7 (Ecology).

5.2 National Planning Policy

- 5.2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), 2019)¹ sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It is a material consideration in the decision-making process afforded considerable weight.
- 5.2.2 On 29 November 2016, the DCLG published its Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) on-line guidance resource to use alongside the NPPF. The PPG consolidated and revised several existing practice guidance documents. Since its initial publication, the PPG has been the subject of a number of updates, the latest of which being on 22 October 2018. The PPG provides detailed planning advice on different subjects relating to the interpretation of planning policy and legislation.
- 5.2.3 The NPPF outlines three overarching objectives in achieving sustainable development that underpin both plan-making and decision-taking. These are *'interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways (so that opportunities can be taken to secure net gains across each of the different objectives):*
- a) *An economic objective – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure;*
 - b) *A social objective – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generation; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being; and*

¹ Department for Communities and Local Government. (2019), National Planning Policy Framework

- c) *An environmental objective – to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigation and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy’.*

5.2.4 The NPPF sets out 15 sub-topics beneath the goal of Achieving Sustainable Development. The most relevant to the Proposed Project are set out below:

- Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment;
- Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment;
- Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change;
- Achieving Well-Designed Places;
- Promoting Sustainable Transport;
- Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities; and
- Protecting Green Belt Land.

5.3 Local Planning Policy

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

5.3.1 The development boundary for the Proposed Project lies within the administrative boundary of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. In determining the planning application, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council will take into account the following development plan documents:

- Barnsley Local Plan (BMBC, Adopted 2019);
- Barnsley Trees and Hedgerows (SPG) (BMBC, 2012); and
- Barnsley Walls and Fences (SPG) (BMBC, 2003).

Peak District National Park Authority

5.3.2 The development boundary for the Proposed Project lies within the Peak District National Park. In determining the planning application, the Peak District National Park Authority will take into account the following development plan documents:

- Peak District Local Development Framework Core Strategy Development Plan Document (PDNPA, 2011); and
- Peak District National Park Authority Development Management Policies: Part 2 of the Local Plan (2019).

5.3.3 The Peak District National Park Authority are legislated under the Wildlife and Countryside (amended) Act 1985 to identify areas which are considered particularly important to conserve, these areas are designated as Section 3 land or Natural Zones. Policies in relation to development in these Natural Zones are contained within the documents outlined above.

5.4 Compliance with relevant policies

The Planning Statement considers the extent to which the Proposed Project complies with relevant planning policy.