

Proposed Addition to the Southwell Neighbourhood Plan Review

This Proposal to the Town Council is intended to alleviate the current impasse in moving the Neighbourhood Plan Review forward to the stage when it can go to the Planning Inspectorate for Review.

We understand that, as a result of the revised National Planning Policy Framework of December 2024 resulting from the Government's desire for more houses to be built, that the District Council needs to allocate more land for housing to meet its five year housing target.

Some of this land is likely to be allocated in Southwell

The Town Council, through it's NP Working Group, has three choices:-

- 1) Wait until the District Council allocates additional land and add that to the Plan
- 2) Allocate the Land ourselves. This requires a long and involved process beyond our expertise, requiring the appointment of Consultants, obtaining grants, etc etc.
- 3) Add the following sentence to the Plan ***“Southwell Town Council does not intend to allocate any additional land for housing as part of this review, believing it to be the responsibility of Newark & Sherwood District Council to do so.”***

both 1) & 2) will set back the already delayed process even further and by many many months.

On behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group I am seeking approval to add this sentence to the revised Plan and to request that the District Council send it to the Planning Inspectorate for review.



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Southwell Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group