

Note on revisions to National Planning Policy Framework, July 2021

It is confirmed that revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (**NPPF**), in the version published on 20 July 2021, do not change any part of the evidence submitted by Rother Valley Railway Ltd in support of its application for the proposed Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction) Order.

The following witnesses make reference to the NPPF in their proofs of evidence:

David Gillett (RVR/W1/1)

<i>Ref in evidence</i>	<i>2019 NPPF reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>
6.5	Para 8	Text amended as follows: (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 generations; and by fostering a well-designed, <u>beautiful</u> and safe built environment <u>places</u> , with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being; and (c) an environmental objective - to contribute to protecting and enhancing <u>protect and enhance</u> our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve <u>improving</u> biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy
6.6	Para 102	Now para 104, no change
6.6	Para 103	Now para 105, no change
6.7	Para 104	Now para 106, addition of "... <u>secure</u> cycle parking" to text
6.8	Para 11	Text amended as follows: <u>all plans should positively seek opportunities to promote a sustainable pattern of development that seeks to: meet the development needs of their area, and be sufficiently flexible to adapt to rapid change; align growth and infrastructure; improve the environment; mitigate climate change (including by making effective use of land in urban areas) and adapt to its effects</u>

In addition, Table 1 of RVR/W1/1 should now read as follows:

Condition	NPPF 2012	NPPF 2019	NPPF 2021
PP Condition 3 - Ecology Survey, PP Condition 4 - Buffer Zone, PP Condition 5 – Ecological Management, PP Condition 6 - Construction Environmental Management Plan	Paras 99, 109 and 118	Paras 149, 170, 175	Paras 153, 174, 180,
PP Condition 9 – Flood Risk	Paras 99, 100 and 103	Paras 149, 155, 163	Paras 153, 159, 167
PP Condition 14 – Piling	Paras 109, 121	Paras 149, 178	Paras 153, 183
PP Condition 27 - Programme of archaeological work, PP Condition 28 - Archaeological assessment	To ensure that the archaeological and historical interest of the site is protected and to comply with the NPPF	Para 187	Para 192

Thomas Higbee (RVR/W2/1)

<i>Ref in evidence</i>	<i>2019 NPPF reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>
2.17	General ref	No change to evidence
3.25	Para 83	Now para 84, no change

Philip Hamshaw (RVR/W3/1)

<i>Ref in evidence</i>	<i>2019 NPPF reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>
3.1.1	[para 108] – “three key tests”	Now para 110, additional test introduced at c) <u>the design of streets, parking areas, other transport elements and the content of associated standards reflects current national guidance, including the National Design Guide and the National Model Design Code</u> which is not relevant to the Order scheme
3.1.2	Para 109	Now para 111, no change

9.2.5	Para 108	Now para 110, no change
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Robert Slatcher (RVR/W5/1)

<i>Ref in evidence</i>	<i>2019 NPPF reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1.2.1	General ref	No change to evidence

Giles Coe (RVR/W6/1)

<i>Ref in evidence</i>	<i>2019 NPPF reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1.5	General ref	No change to evidence

Suzanne Callaway (RVR/W7/1)

<i>Ref in evidence</i>	<i>2019 NPPF reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1.2.1	General ref to FRA guidance	No change to evidence
2.4.4	General ref to guidance	No change to evidence