

DRAFT HOUSING POSITION STATEMENT

Summary: To provide the Executive Committee with the opportunity to discuss and comment on the draft Housing Position Statement

Recommendation: That the Executive Committee notes the paper and provides feedback on the draft Position Statement.

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1. INTRODUCTION

- The draft Housing Position Statement has been developed in order to help relevant stakeholders, particularly local planning authorities, ensure that housing development in the Cotswolds National Landscape is delivered in a way that: (i) is compatible with – and positively contributes to - the purpose of designation; and (ii) prioritises meeting the needs of local communities within the National Landscape.
- The Position Statement recognises that the National Landscape is a living and working landscape in which development is required in order to sustain thriving local communities.

2. PROGRESS TO-DATE

- The progress to-date is similar to the progress to-date that I have outlined for the draft Planning & Development Position Statement (see the previous agenda item, Agenda Item 9).

3. FEEDBACK TO-DATE AND HOW THIS HAS BEEN ADDRESSED

- Previous iterations of the Housing Position Statement and the associated principles and recommendations have been endorsed in previous internal meetings.
- Externally, feedback has included ensuring an appropriate ‘tone of voice’ in the Position Statement. It is hoped that this has been achieved, for example, through the ‘Achieving the Right Balance’ section.
- With regards to the proposed targets for affordable housing in both market housing schemes and Rural Exception Sites, it was suggested that these should be framed in terms of when ‘*when local planning authorities are reviewing their Local Plans*’.
- External feedback has also included the suggestion of making reference to the issue of second homes.

4. NEXT STEPS

- It is anticipated that the formal consultation will begin in week commencing 23 November and run through until approximately 22 January 2021. It will then be presented to the PIWG in January, Executive Committee in February and to the Board, for adoption, in March 2021.