

NPPF 2026

Following review of the August 2026 National Planning Policy Framework, the Local Planning Authority's position remains unchanged. The appeal proposal continues to conflict with the development plan and national policy relating to high-quality design and the conservation of the historic environment. The updated NPPF retains strong support for context-responsive development and the conservation of heritage assets, including non-designated heritage assets, and the Council considers that the appeal proposal fails to satisfy those requirements. Whilst the public benefits associated with the operation and safeguarding of the school are acknowledged, they do not outweigh the identified design and heritage harm for the reasons set out in the Council's statement and delegated report. Therefore, the Council continues to invite the Inspector to dismiss the appeal.