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## **MATTER 12: DISTRICT WIDE POLICIES**

**12.1 Are the policies relating to the presumption in favour of sustainable development and building healthy and sustainable communities soundly based?**

- (a) Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development (CP1)**
- (b) Housing Mix (CP22)**
- (c) Housing Density (CP23)**
- (d) Affordable Housing (CP24)**
- (e) Rural Exception Sites (CP25)**
- (f) Accommodating Current and Future Needs of the Ageing Population (CP26)**

1.1 Yes. It is considered that the policies relating to the presumption in favour of sustainable development and building healthy and sustainable communities is soundly based.

According to Paragraph 182 of the NPPF plans should be sound i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy. It is considered that the proposed policies, highlighted above, are sound for the following reasons:

- Are positively prepared since they are considered to result in the presumption in favour of sustainable development;
- Are justified and effective; and
- Are consistent with national policy as they seek to secure sustainable development and build healthy and sustainable communities (paragraph 69 of the NPPF).

**12.2 Are the policies relating to supporting economic prosperity soundly based?**

- (a) New Employment Development on Unallocated Sites (CP28)**
- (b) Change of Use of Existing Employment Land and Premises (CP29)**
- (c) Further and Higher Education (CP30)**
- (d) Development to Support the Visitor Economy (CP31)**
- (e) Retail Development and other Main Town Centre Uses (CP32)**

1.1 Yes. According to Paragraph 182 of the NPPF plans should be sound i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy. It is considered that the proposed policies, highlighted above, are sound for the following reasons:

- Are positively prepared since they are considered to secure economic growth in order to create jobs and prosperity (paragraph 18 of the NPPF);
- Are justified as the policies set out the most appropriate strategy to support sustainable economic growth;
- Are effective; and
- Are consistent with national policy as they seek to achieve economic growth (paragraph 20 of the NPPF).

**12.3 Are the policies relating to protecting the environment and responding to climate change soundly based?**

- (a) Design and Local Distinctiveness (CP37)**
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1.1 Yes. According to Paragraph 182 of the NPPF plans should be sound i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy. It is considered that the proposed policies, highlighted above, are sound for the following reasons:

- Are positively prepared since they are considered to meet the challenge of climate change and flooding;
- Are justified as the policies set out the most appropriate strategy to mitigate and adapt to climate change in accordance with Paragraph 94 of the NPPF.
- Are effective; and
- Are consistent with national policy as they seek to secure radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimising vulnerability and providing resilience to the impacts of climate change, and supporting the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure (paragraph 93 of the NPPF).