

# Slimbridge Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022-2040

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## Submission Version

**Addendum** to the Report to Stroud District Council on the Examination of the Slimbridge Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

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## Introduction

1. On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, I issued my final report on the examination of the Slimbridge Parish Neighbourhood Plan.
2. In paragraph 30 of that report, I noted that a revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework was published on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. My report referred to the transitional arrangements, which were set out in paragraph 230, which states “that for the purpose of examining plans, where the plan has reached pre-submission consultation on or before 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the plan will be examined against the policies in the relevant previous version of the Framework,” which was the NPPF published on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. I continued “All references to the NPPF in this report will refer to that version of the Framework, unless otherwise stated.”
3. On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 I received clarification from the Department of Levelling up, Housing and Communities that the transitional provisions as set out in paragraph 230 of the new NPPF, only applies to local plans and spatial development strategies. Therefore the assumption that the new Framework was not relevant to this examination, was an incorrect interpretation of what the Secretary of State intended.
4. I have therefore revisited my report and the plan itself to establish whether the latest changes in the newly published NPPF had any implications for the conclusions and recommendations which I set out in my Final Report, particularly in the context of the basic conditions test of whether the making of the plan had had regard to the policies and advice issued by the Secretary of State.
5. I have concluded that none of the changes have any implications for my report or my recommendations, apart from the consequential changes in terms of where I refer to NPPF paragraph numbers. I am therefore, through this addendum, submitting a revised wording for paragraph 30 of my report along with a list of revised NPPF paragraph numbers, which are consequential to this change.

### Revised Paragraph 30

6. Replace the original version of paragraph 30 of the report with the following text  
***“On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the Secretary of State published a new version of the National Planning Policy Framework. Whilst I had initially examined the neighbourhood plan in the context of the September 2023 version of the Framework, I have considered the plan afresh in the light of the revisions to the Framework and have concluded that none of the changes have any consequences in terms of my conclusions for this neighbourhood plan or my recommendations.”***

## Other consequential changes

- *In paragraph 68 of my report, replace “paragraph 156” with “paragraph 160”*
- *In paragraph 80 of my report, replace “paragraph 84” with “paragraph 88”*

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