

Motion to Council pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12 submitted by Councillor Jeff Bray in relation to changes to the NPPF

*“This Council notes and believes that:-*

- (i) the Government is currently undertaking a rewrite of the National Planning Policy Framework;*
- (ii) clear indications are that Tendring will be burdened with a new housing supply target of 1043 houses per year, a massive increase from our current requirement of 550 per year. We will be expected to build at the new rate for the full term of the local plan some 15 years. Given that, in the entire history of Tendring District Council, we have never achieved a figure this high in any single year, it is beyond reasonable thinking to believe that we could do so for 15 consecutive years. The target set is quite simply unachievable;*
- (iii) in addition, under the new proposed rules, we will be required to maintain a five year housing supply throughout. This will again be almost double our current proved and agreed need. The Government has chosen to take no account whatever of our local need or requirement when calculating the numbers etc. Many councils will like us not be able to reach their respective targets, meaning that a presumption in favour of development will be forced upon us, rendering our local plan all but useless. In turn this will likely lead to unwanted and unsuitable development across our District, as developers seek to gain planning permission in places we would not normally consider to be in the interests of our current and future residents of our District, whilst we will have no effective means of defence against such applications.*

Therefore this Council resolves:-

- 1. That the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Stephenson, in consultation with the Director (Planning and Communities)*

*and on behalf of this Council and the residents it represents, writes to Angela Rayner M.P. asking that further consideration be given to the current review of the National Policy Planning Framework in light of this Council's replies to the Government consultation on the same.*

- 2. That this Council offers its thanks and full support to our planning officers regarding the responses given by them to the recent Government consultation.*
- 3. That whilst we seek to gain a more favourable outcome for our District, our Officers will continue to do whatever they are able to in trying to reach the position currently expected, in anticipation that our request is ignored or unsuccessful.”*