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Dear [REDACTED], PC,

You will be aware that a revised NPPF was been published by the Government yesterday and then updated and apparently amended this morning to correct an error.

It would be prudent, in my view, to run a short period of focused consultation on the new NPPF given its importance in any assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan meeting the basic conditions. This will, I feel, ensure that procedurally we are above reproach.

Mindful that we are intending to go out to consultation on the Design Code soon, it seems to me the simplest way forward might be to roll the necessary consultation on the new NPPF into this consultation. Both items can be consulted upon concurrently so the period would remain at a minimum of two weeks. Rolling it into one would avoid any further delay.

If you are agreeable and this would be practicable for you from the local planning authority's viewpoint, I suggest that a short explanatory note is added alongside the note we will prepare on the Design Code. This note could indicate that "It has been decided to consult on the recent publication of the new NPPF to allow any comments to be made on any implications which arise from the publication of the new NPPF on the NDP meeting the basic conditions."

The consultation should be open to any interested party. I suggest that any interested party that has already made representations is contacted directly to draw their attention to the extended period of consultation.

It should also be made clear that any representations already received during the Regulation 16 stage will be 'rolled forward' and there is no need to duplicate representations already made.

The LPA and the PC can of course make any comments as well during this period if desired.

After the consultation has ended, the PC should be given an opportunity to make any comments on the reps received if desired. The usual two week period for this should be given, but if the PC does not wish to make any comments then this could be confirmed to progress things sooner.

As soon as the consultation period has ended, I will do my best to finalise the examination promptly. The next stage will be to send you a fact check version of my report.

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a very happy 2024?

Best wishes [REDACTED]

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