

COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2015, 6.30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

16 **To consider the Notices of Motion given in accordance with Council procedure Rule 10**

The Mayor has agreed that the following motion proposed by Councillor Alistair Bradley should be considered as a matter of urgency:

"The Council believes that some of the changes to the National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) announced in a Ministerial Statement on 28 November 2014 are unreasonable in that they fail to take account of local variations in housing supply.

The amendments purport to encourage house building where it is inadequate yet Chorley has a seven year supply which does not suggest an undue financial burden on developers.

The Council supports discussions with other local authorities about launching a challenge by way of judicial review against the Ministerial Statement, in particular the amendment of NPPG against affordable housing and tariff style obligations when the development not in designated rural areas is for 10 units or less and the maximum combined gross floor space is no more than 1000 square metres. The Council would support a suitable agreement to share the legal and other costs of mounting such a challenge with other local authorities.

The Council requests that this motion to explore a judicial review challenge is formally brought to the attention of Development Control Committee. The Council further supports attempts by Chorley Council or in concert with other authorities to persuade Central Government to make the amendments to NPPG more flexible, in particular explicitly to permit local planning authorities to require affordable housing and apply the tariffs to permissions below the development threshold in the amended NPPG if local housing supply is adequate and also to designate parishes in Chorley as rural areas."

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