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National Planning Policy Framework

The revised National Planning Policy Framework sets out government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

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Details

The National Planning Policy Framework was updated on 5 September 2023 and sets out the government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

On 5 September 2023 the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities issued a [written ministerial statement to update policy on planning for onshore wind development in England](#) (<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2023-09-05/hcws1005>). Our formal

response to the other wider proposals in the consultation will also be published later this autumn.

This revised Framework replaces the previous National Planning Policy Framework published in March 2012, revised in July 2018, updated in February 2019 and revised in July 2021.

The [online searchable version of the revised National Planning Policy Framework \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework) is also available.

The [planning practice guidance \(https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance) to support the framework is published online.

The archived National Planning Policy Framework published in 2012, 2018, 2019 and 2021 can be accessed at the following:

- [archived pdf version - 2021 \(https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20230830172251/https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2\)](https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20230830172251/https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2)
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