



Potential Key Policy Shifts for the fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4)

The Position Statement signals a key shift towards a net zero agenda and sets out thinking over 4 key themes – net zero emissions, resilient communities, wellbeing economy and better greener places.

Some of the most significant changes we expect to explore in the development of NPF4 are:

- Stronger support for sustainable, low and zero carbon developments.
- A renewed emphasis on design, quality and place.
- Support for development that reduces the need to travel, in line with the concept of 20 minute neighbourhoods.
- A shift in the way we plan our homes so that we focus on meeting our diverse needs, and improve the quality of our places.
- New policies to promote an infrastructure-first approach to development at all scales.
- A new approach to ensure our places work for everyone, and are greener and healthier.
- Enabling development and investment, including inward investment, that improves our collective wellbeing and supports fair work.
- New policies to address key economic sectors including food and drink, culture and the creative sectors, and tourism.
- Reimagining our city and town centres as a place to live, work and enjoy.
- Prioritising development on vacant and derelict land.
- Support for development that improves the resilience and sustainability of our rural economy and communities.
- Facilitating improvements to our biodiversity and the significant expansion of green infrastructure.

