



National Planning Framework 4 Scotland in 2050

Analysis of Responses

Guiding principles – what we proposed

- provide early clarity and reduce conflict and complexity
- ensure local development plans allocate sufficient land for housing
- an agreed proportion of this land should be deliverable
- plans should also reflect the longer term spatial strategy for the area
- minimum figures should be set for all local authority areas
- national approach should be informed by regional and local knowledge, analysis and input

Guiding principles – what you said

- Welcome the idea of trying to streamline planning for housing.
- Support the aim of more to be spent on delivery and the creation of good places.
- Some stated the principles could introduce more opportunities for conflict.
- Although views were mixed, there was an overall broad support for the principles.

Ensuring LDPs allocate sufficient land for housing – what you said

- Some disagreed with the approach.
- Could increase opportunities for debate and conflict.
- Some agreed with the approach but stressed the importance of local considerations

The role of the HNDA and how any approach needs to be informed by local analysis and input – what you said

- Regional and local input is a must.
- However, this should not be to the detriment on meeting Scotland's housing need and demand.
- HNDA could underestimate the homes required.

The role of the HNDA and how any approach needs to be informed by local and regional analysis and input – our response

- HNDA is a well established tool that uses best available data.
- Figures generated are just a starting point for authorities.
- Methodology is just one part of a future planning system for planning for housing.

Should NPF apply a level of flexibility to the HNDA results – what you said

- Only upwards flexibility should be considered.
- Lower flexibility could mean authorities who have undelivered in the past, could be rewarded with lower figures.
- Would flexibility be a standard figure?
- Flexibility must be defined.

Should NPF apply a level of flexibility to the HNDA results – our response

- We see flexibility as an updated approach to generosity.
- Upwards flexibility which will be reached based on input with authorities.
- Will define flexibility and other terminology as we move forward.

Should NPF contain housing land figures for all areas in Scotland or focus on certain areas – what you said

- Majority agreed that figures should be set for all areas
- Support for consistency
- Urban and rural areas are very different
- Housing market partnerships can inform the issue

Should NPF provide a single housing land figure or a range – what you said

- Majority support a single housing land figure
- Figures should be informed by local knowledge / HMPs
- A range to reflect changing circumstances such as house prices or housing pressures

Should NPF provide a single housing land figure or a range – our response

- There appears to be consensus that a single figure is appropriate
- Plans could be updated between plan cycles
- NPF could include a policy to allow for flexibility if circumstances change – for example, bring sites forward from longer term supply

Conclusion

- A lot of differing views on the methodology.
- However, it is clear we all want to remove debate and complexity.
- How can we make it easier for communities to better understand planning for housing?