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Dear Sir or Madam,

## **National Planning Policy Framework: Consultation Proposals**

### **1. Introduction**

NuLeAF (the Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum) is the Local Government Association (LGA) representative body on legacy wastes and decommissioning. NuLeAF is directly supported by over 100 local authorities and national park authorities across England and Wales and speaks for the wider local government community. Our remit encompasses all aspects of the management of the UK's nuclear waste legacy. Our primary objectives are:

- to provide a mechanism to identify, where possible, a common, local government viewpoint on nuclear legacy management issues;
- to represent that viewpoint, or the range of views of its member authorities, in discussion with national bodies, including Government, the NDA and the regulators;
- to seek to influence policy and strategy for nuclear legacy management in the interests of affected communities; and
- to develop the capacity of its member authorities to engage with nuclear legacy management at a local level.

NuLeAF's Radioactive Waste Planning Group (RWPG) draws together planning officers from English and Welsh local authorities with the aim of enhancing local

authority capacity and supporting the development of Local Plans and Minerals and Waste Plans with clear policies on radioactive waste.

Through our RWPG we also engage with Government, regulators and the nuclear industry to inform and comment on developing policy, strategy and practice in land use and waste planning. The RWPG also enables exchange of information between local authorities in support of the Duty to Co-operate.

## **2. Comments on the consultation**

We appreciate the value of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in providing a coherent overarching context for land use planning policy in England. We support the broad approach taken and the underpinning of all policy by a *presumption in favour of sustainable development*.

We recognise that this consultation is largely concerned with changes made to the NPPF to address challenges in the housing market, along with some structural changes intended to enhance the coherence of the Framework and the plan making process.

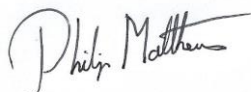
We have not therefore responded to the individual consultation questions as they are not directly relevant to our issue of concern, radioactive waste management.

Instead we would like to:

- Note the lack of reference in the NPPF to the National Waste Plan for England or the need for local authorities to provide facilities for waste management
- Highlight the concern that our member planning authorities have at the lack of integration between mainstream land use and waste planning policy, and the regime governing the management of radioactive materials.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Yours faithfully,



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