

# Template response to the National Planning Policy Framework consultation

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**Dear Planning Policy Consultation Team,**

I am writing to respond to the consultation on the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). I am concerned that as currently drafted, the Framework does not do enough to support sustainable farming and local food systems, or to ensure planning decisions stay within environmental limits.

The Government's own [National Security Assessment on Global Biodiversity Loss, Ecosystem Collapse and National Security](#), published last month, concludes that the UK does not have enough land to feed its population and rear livestock at current levels and that a wholesale change in consumer diets would be required. It is imperative that changes to planning rules reflect this reality and support a fair food and farming system that works for people, planet and animals. I therefore urge the Government to make the following changes:

- 1. Explicitly support infrastructure like small-scale storage, retail and horticulture, local processors, distribution hubs, farm shops, butchers and local producer markets.** This would

remove some of the barriers to growth for these enterprises, and protect the UK's ability to feed itself over the long term while boosting economic growth;

**2. Prioritise long-term food security (rather than simply production)** to safeguard our food resilience in the context of growing geopolitical instability and climate collapse;

**3. Give local councils the powers and clarity they need to refuse harmful developments** and consider cumulative pollution, climate and nature impacts, ensuring planning decisions truly protect rural communities and the environment and;

**4. Ensure the revised NPPF aligns with the UK's climate and environmental legislation and relevant case law**

Not all agriculture delivers the same outcomes, and planning policy must reflect that reality. I urge the Government to amend the NPPF to support agroecological farming and empower local communities to protect their environment.

For detailed policy recommendations, I refer to the [Sustain briefing on the NPPF consultation](#).

Yours faithfully

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