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**Subject:** Consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework & Model Design Code

## 1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 Councillors to note the receipt of a public consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework & Model Design Code.

## 2.0 Background information

- 2.1 The government has published a consultation which seeks views on draft revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework. The text has been revised to implement policy changes in response to the [Building Better Building Beautiful Commission "Living with Beauty"](#) report.

A number of other changes to the text of the Framework are also set out and explained in the consultation document, but they are not proposing a review of the National Planning Policy Framework in its entirety at this stage. A fuller review of the Framework is likely to be required in due course, depending on the implementation of the government's proposals for wider reform of the planning system.

This consultation is also seeking views on the draft National Model Design Code, which provides detailed guidance on the production of design codes, guides and policies to promote successful design. The government made a commitment to seek views on the National Model Design Code as they expect it to be used to inform the production of local design guides, codes and policies and want to ensure it is as effective as possible.

- 2.2 The consultation consists of 16 questions and closes at 11.45pm on 27 March 2021.

- 2.3 The link to the consultation can be found [here](#).

### 3.0 [Financial Implications](#)

3.1 There are no financial implications.

### 4.0 [Town Plan Reference](#)

#### PLACE MAKING

Improve the Built Environment by working with partners to protect it	Integrate the emerging Neighbourhood Plan into local planning policy to ensure that developers are aware of local concerns, influences and desired outcomes when planning for growth
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#### PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

Protect and improve Green Corridors and rural beauty	Work with partners to ensure that the beautiful and rural environment is protected against development and damage and that there are many opportunities to access the countryside
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#### PROMOTION

Encourage future investment	Work with partners, businesses and developers to ensure that Shepton is a place for business and inward investment
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### 5.0 [Recommendations](#)

5.1 To consider if the committee wishes to respond to the consultation

5.2 If the committee wishes to respond, how do they wish to formulate a response, i.e. at a meeting of the TD&P committee, to form a working party or to refer to full council to seek full views.