


Agenda Item No:	13	
Committee:	Planning	
Date:	25 March 2020	
Report Title:	Adoption of Planning Validation Requirements	

Cover sheet:

1 Purpose / Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Members on the requirements of the National Planning Policy Guidance in respect of the requirement and procedure to update the Council's Local Validation List.

2 Key issues

- The key issues relate to the consideration of comments received following the undertaking of a consultation exercise carried out in consultation with relevant users of the service.

3 Recommendations

- The recommendation is to adopt the new Local Validation List with effect from 1 April 2020.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	N/A
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Background Paper(s)	N/A

Report:

1 Background / introduction

- 1.1 Local Planning Authorities are required as part of the National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) to publish a list of information required in order to 'validate' planning applications, known as the local validation list. The local list requirements are prepared by the Local Planning Authority to clarify what information is required to be submitted with an application.
- 1.2 The Government requires Local Planning Authorities to review their local list requirements every 2 years.

2 Considerations

- 2.1 A project group was formed and draft local validation lists were updated ready for consultation. This incorporated adding clearer, specific requirements for plans and reports, a revamped biodiversity checklist, updated website links, and the addition of reports and statements mainly relating to major applications, in line with current national planning legislation and local plan requirements.
- 2.2 Consultation was undertaken for a period of 4 weeks from 1 February 2020 to the 28 February 2020. The consultation was placed on Fenland District Councils website and also emailed to Developer Forum members and other agents. Comments were invited either via email or in writing.
- 2.3 A total of 2 comments were received. One from Cambridgeshire County Council highlighting some website links that are no longer live, which have subsequently been updated, and one from Middle Level Commissioners.
- 2.4 The comments from Middle Level Commissioners have been considered and it was concluded that their comments relate to the quality of information submitted and therefore sits within the decision making process rather than the validation process

3 Conclusions

- 3.1 The local validation lists have been updated to reflect current legislation and local plan requirements, they have been consulted on and comments received have been considered.
- 3.2 It is recommended that Members approve the adoption of the updated Local Validation Lists from 1 April 2020.