

Statement in respect of NPPF (08/2026) Policy CC2: Mitigation of climate change

26/00667/FUL - Land at 48 Forresters Road, Burbage

1.

In order to contribute to climate change mitigation and the transition to net zero, development proposals should, where relevant to the proposal:

a.

Accord with policies TR3 and TR4 so that sustainable patterns of movement are prioritised, opportunities are taken to improve walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport, and infrastructure is provided to support the transition to zero-emission vehicles;

Response: The site is in an accepted sustainable location as borne-out by innumerable previous planning consents granted in the locality with footways, bus services including links to Hinckley Train Station just a 6min., car drive or 8min's by bicycle or 23min's on foot. EV hookups will be provided at each dwelling.

b.

Support good access to facilities in order to limit the need to travel, whether through the development's location, through development densities which improve catchment populations for local services, or by incorporating community facilities and premises to support local employment opportunities;

Response: Policy applicable to major development sites

c.

Use design approaches which conserve energy and other resources in accordance with policy DP3(2)(b);

Response: The dwellings have been designed to take advantage of current standard levels of insulation, airtightness, CO2 emissions, etc., to current Building Regulations

d.

Take advantage of opportunities to reuse existing structures and materials, including by reusing non-contaminated excavated soil and hardcore within the site;

Response: Top soil from the site will be retained for reuse. No other materials are available in any quantity but any shall amount of masonry and concrete gleaned from the dilapidated existing structures will be reused as hardcore under private paving.

e.

Take advantage of opportunities to draw low carbon energy from decentralised networks (such as district heat networks), where these are available, and to co-locate energy and heat generators and users, especially to take advantage of suppliers of surplus heat and energy;

Response: No such approach is viable on a site of this nature due to small scale and private nature, where future owners will expect individual systems.

f.

Contribute to the creation or restoration of habitats which can act as carbon stores, such as through woodland planting and peatland restoration, while avoiding harm to habitats which can act as important carbon stores, including peatland and salt marsh; and

Response: The site is subject to biodiversity net gain provision and as such there will be measured improvements in natural features to achieve this aim.

g.

Not involve the extraction of fossil fuels unless it is in accordance with policy M5.

Response: Dwellings will be provided with air source heat pumps and solar pv panels with the opportunity for purchasers to select 'green' sources of electricity. Electricity will be largely self-generated and at times supplied back to the grid for wider use, only drawing from the grid when necessary. No gas or oil will be used.

2.

Substantial weight should be given to the benefits of improving the energy efficiency of existing buildings and/or drawing energy from district heat networks, renewable and low carbon sources (including through the installation of heat pumps and solar panels where these do not already benefit from permitted development rights) where this would be achieved through proposals for development.

Response: see above.