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Matter 2

EPHING FOREST LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Matter 2: Context, Vision & Objectives and Sustainable Development

Issue 2: Is Policy SP1 concerning the presumption in favour of sustainable development necessary and consistent with national policy?

1. Does Policy SP1 add anything to, or seek to depart in any way, from national policy in paragraphs 11-16 of the NPPF? If not, is this policy necessary? If it is necessary, is it consistent with national policy?

It is not necessary to include a policy establishing the Council's commitment to the principles of sustainable development as set out in the NPPF. These principles are firmly established within the NPPF and further commitment is not necessary and can be confusing when worded differently to the national policy.

We would therefore support the deletion of SP1.

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