

Growing Baldock

Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Text
Chapter 3: Policy Context



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3.1 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1.1 This chapter has been prepared by DLA and provides a short update on the relevant policy context to the Proposed Development that informs the ES, under Regulation 25 of the EIA Regulations.
- 3.1.2 The ES was submitted in October 2025 and as such, the policy context set out within the original submission remains up to date. However, the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was subsequently published for consultation in December 2025.

3.2 UPDATED POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.2.1 Since the submission of the outline planning application for the Proposed Development in October 2025, the Government published a draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in December 2025. The draft NPPF introduces significant structural changes to the Framework, including the separation of policies relating to plan-making and decision-making. A formal consultation on the proposed revisions is underway, running from 16 December 2025 to 10 March 2026.
- 3.2.2 Given the draft status of the revised NPPF at the time of preparing this ES Addendum, it is not anticipated that the emerging amendments will have material implications for the Proposed Development or for the assessment presented in this ES Addendum submitted under Regulation 25 of the EIA Regulations.