



To: Directors of Planning Services, City and County Councils
Cc: Chief Executives, City and County Councils
Senior Planners, City and County Councils
Directors of Regional Assemblies
Office of the Planning Regulator
An Bord Pleanála
Mayor of Limerick

Circular NSP: 01/2025

1st May 2025

National Planning Framework (NPF) – First Revision

A Chara,

I am writing to inform you that, in accordance with section 20C of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, both Houses of the Oireachtas have approved the first revision to the National Planning Framework (NPF).

The approval by the Seanad and the Dáil on 29th April 2025 and 30th April 2025 respectively, followed the decision of Government to approve the Draft Final Revised NPF on 8th April 2025. This approval process concludes the revision of the NPF published in 2018 and, accordingly, National Planning Framework – First Revision has now come into effect and shall be known as the National Planning Framework.

You are asked to note the approval of the Revised NPF in the context of your respective statutory functions under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

I wish to also advise that further correspondence will issue to local authorities shortly from Minister Browne regarding the next stage relating to the updating of planned housing growth requirements within development plans.



A copy of the National Planning Framework – First Revision can be accessed at <https://www.npf.ie/>.

Is mise le meas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claragh Mulhern', is placed above the printed name.

Claragh Mulhern

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Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage