

## **Status of the Christchurch and East Dorset Practice Note, issued December 2014**

Christchurch and East Dorset Councils issued the Practice Note in response to the Government's announcement of a change to National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) on thresholds for tariff based contributions. The Practice Note highlights how this Government announcement potentially changes in the way the Councils will be applying the Core Strategy's Policy LN3 'Provision of Affordable Housing' and Policy KS11 'Transport and Development'.

The Practice Note is not policy, nor has it been formally adopted as any form of Supplementary Planning Document. It is designed to explain to those wishing to make planning applications that would trigger the need for affordable housing or other contributions, on how the policy will be applied when the application is determined. It explains the current Government guidance is a material consideration. The Councils do not see any particular need to formally amend either the Core Strategy policy or the SPD at this time, as either could still apply to any development which exceeds the floorspace threshold now set out in the revised NPPG.

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