

60624 National Planning Framework 4

Please provide the following recorded information created, received, or relied upon since adoption of National Planning Framework 4:

1. Any recorded information, including emails, memoranda, briefing notes, training materials, presentations, internal instructions, or other written communications, describing how the balancing exercise required under NPF4 Policy 30(e)(ii) is to be undertaken, namely the assessment of whether demonstrable local economic benefits outweigh the loss of residential accommodation.
2. Any recorded methodology, framework, criteria, evidential standards, or comparative approach to be used when carrying out that assessment.
3. Any recorded information describing how qualitative or non-monetary aspects of residential occupation are to be addressed within that balancing exercise.
4. Any recorded information provided by the Council to the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals concerning interpretation or application of Policy 30(e)(ii).

If no recorded information falling within the scope of this request is held, please confirm that position.

We do not hold any recorded information requested above.

Our interpretation of NPF4 policy 30(e)(ii) was set out in a report to Planning Committee in November 2024. This is published on our website at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=147&MIId=7441>

Please refer to 'Item 7.1 – Short Term Lets Planning Guidance'

Each application is considered on its own merits and there is an assessment of how the policy has been interpreted and the balancing exercise carried out set out in the Report of Handling produced for each application. These reports are available to view on the Council's Planning Portal at:

<https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

When we receive an appeal via the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA), the Planning Authority Response Form (PARF) document contains the Local Planning Authority's response, including any further comments or response to the appellant's appeal submission with respect to the policy. These are available to view on the DPEA's website for each appeal at:

<https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/>