

Appendix E2 : Feedback on Environment WP Discussion Document- Energy Policies

Total responses = 48

Policy N3P.ENV.1 “Developers must demonstrate that all feasible steps have been taken to ensure the buildings are energy-efficient and make maximum use of local renewable energy sources where possible”.

Yes – 44 92% No – 4 Undecided - 0

Policy N3P.ENV.2 Where it can be verified that new residential developments have exceeded (verified post occupation) the requirements of Building Regulations part L1A (conservation of heat and power, new dwellings) any Local Authority taxes levied on the development on behalf of the community should be refunded (e.g. Local Infrastructure Levy).

Yes – 34 71% No – 3 Undecided - 11

Policy N3P.ENV.3 For domestic self-builds and major refurbishments the self-builders will be expected to have complied with any relevant guidance provided by the Community Action Plan.

Yes – 37 77% No – 3 Undecided - 8

Policy N3P.ENV.4. “Where possible, domestic & non-domestic buildings should be orientated to have a south-facing roof and constructed so as to be able to accommodate PV solar panels for present or future use. These should be incorporated in the development during construction unless it can be demonstrated that to have done so would have made the development non-viable by independent assessors.”

Yes – 30 62% No – 10 Undecided - 8

Policy N3P.ENV. 5 “New developments (5 or more houses) will be expected to deliver an onsite heat network, unless demonstrated by independent assessors that this would render the development unviable, or where it can be demonstrated that a lower carbon alternative has been put in place e.g. Passivhaus standard of build.”

Yes – 30 62% No – 6 Undecided - 12

Policy N3P.ENV.6. “The sensitive retrofitting of energy efficiency measures in historic buildings will be encouraged, including the retrofitting of listed buildings, and buildings within conservation areas. Historic buildings should be retrofitted in line with current guidance from Historic England”

Yes – 40 83% No – 0 Undecided - 8

Policy N3P.ENV.7 “Where an existing building is extended or refurbished, or there is a change of use: thermally efficient building materials; double glazing; cavity wall and loft insulation will be included where technically feasible, and the rest of the property upgraded so that the average SAP* rating will be improved or increased by a grade (e.g. from E to D)”

Yes – 40 83% No – 6 Undecided - 2

Policy N3P.ENV.8 “Renewable energy applications will be approved if their impacts are (or can be) made acceptable to the community visually and in respect of the local AONB and SSI. We wish to at least match at local level the UK’s 2050 Target to reduce GHG emissions by 80% in 2050 from 1990 levels.”

Yes – 43 90% No – 3 Undecided - 2

Policy 8 re-worded following feedback (now incorporated into N3P – b, vi.)

“Non-domestic, and agricultural renewable energy applications above 50kW, will be supported if community ownership or partnership can be demonstrated and will only be approved if their impacts are (or can be) made acceptable visually and in respect of the local AONB and SSSI”