



West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Your attendance is requested at a meeting to be held at the The Council Chamber, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE. on Tuesday, 12 June 2012 at 5:00 pm.

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Agenda

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. MINUTES
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 - Personal
 - Prejudicial
4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

To consider any issues that the Chairman is of the opinion are Matters of Urgency.
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (IF ANY)
6. UPDATED WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS)- JUNE 2012
(copy herewith)
7. THE CHAIRMAN TO MOVE:

“THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THERE IS LIKELY TO BE DISCLOSURE TO THEM OF SUCH CATEGORIES OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED BY SECTION 100(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS ARE LISTED AGAINST SUCH ITEM OR ITEMS OF BUSINESS BY REFERENCE TO THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH OF SCHEDULE 12A TO SUCH ACT.”

Tuesday, 13 March 2012

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Hadland (Deputy- Chair); Councillors Jim Bass, Rebecca Breese, Stephen Clarke, Kay Driver, Penny Flavell, David Mackintosh, Chris Millar and John Yates.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mary Clarke and County Councillors Andre Gonzalez de Savage and Ben Smith.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2011 were agreed and signed by the Deputy Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hadland declared a Personal interest in item 6, Joint Core Strategy; Update and Timetable in so far as the discussion might relate to land in Brackley that he was advising a client on.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (IF ANY)

None.

6. JOINT CORE STRATEGY: UPDATE AND TIMETABLE

The Head of the JPU submitted a report that set out an update on the national context including the Localism Act, transitional arrangements and the draft National Planning Policy Framework; and sought agreement to the next stages and timetable of the Joint Core Strategy, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report. It was currently believed that the final version of the National Planning Policy Framework would be published and the revocation of the East Midlands Plan may take place in conjunction with the Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget statement on 21 March 2012.

In answer to questions the Head of the JPU noted that it was too soon to say what changes to the Pre- Submission version of the Joint Core Strategy might be made, that the timetable put forward in Appendix 1 was as expeditious as possible and that the provisions of the final National Planning Policy Framework would be carefully assessed to ensure that they were appropriately reflected in the Joint Core Strategy.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the update on the national context including the Localism Act, transitional arrangements and the draft National Planning Policy Framework be noted.
 2. That changes to the Pre-Submission Joint Core Strategy be prepared

and presented to the Joint Strategic Planning Committee on 16 July 2012 for consideration in accordance with the Joint Core Strategy timetable set out at Appendix 1 of the report.

7. AUDIT OF THE WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT PLANNING UNIT

The Head of the JPU submitted a report that set out the results of the 2011 audit of the JPU and South Northamptonshire Council in respect of financial controls.

Members congratulated all those involved with the audit.

RESOLVED: That the sound systems of control in place to enable the proper management of the JPU be noted.

The Deputy Chair noted that this was the last meeting that David Bailey, Director of Planning and Regeneration at Northampton Borough Council, would be attending before his retirement at the end of March 2012 and thanked him on behalf of the Joint Planning Committee for his work.

The meeting concluded at 18.24 hours.

Item No: 6
Date: 12th June 2012

**WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Updated West Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme (LDS) – June 2012

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF THE JOINT PLANNING UNIT

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is three fold:
- Firstly to seek the Committee's approval to publish the updated West Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme (LDS) as the Committee's approved Scheme (draft attached at Appendix 1); and
 - Secondly, to seek approval to send the updated LDS to Government for their records; and
 - Thirdly, to agree a draft press release relating to the publication of the updated LDS (to be circulated at the meeting).

2. Context

- 2.1 The February 2010 edition of the West Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme has been updated to reflect changed circumstances and priorities. The document reflects partner's development plan making priorities. In the light of these changes, it's necessary to update the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for West Northamptonshire and publish the updated version ahead of the submission of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for its public examination, as this is a statutory requirement. It is anticipated that later this year the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy will be at that stage in its preparation, hence it is important that an up to date Local Development Scheme is prepared.

Next Steps

- 2.4 In terms of next steps for the draft LDS; following the Committee's approval the updated LDS will be published as the Committee's approved Scheme and sent to the Government for their records.

- 2.5 Critically, it is essential that an up to date approved LDS is in place before the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy is submitted to the Secretary of State for public examination. This is a statutory requirement and therefore the earlier this is done the better.
- 2.6 It is important that as many stakeholders as possible understand the Committee's up to date work programme as set out in the updated LDS. For this reason a simple press release about the publication of the updated LDS has been drafted and is circulated at the meeting for consideration.

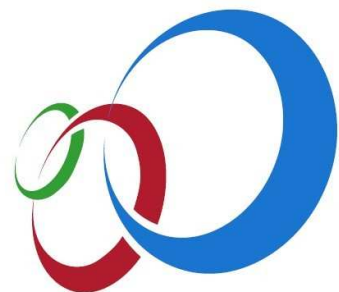
3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That Committee approve the updated LDS for publication as the Committee's approved Scheme.
- 3.2 That the updated LDS be sent to the Government for their records.
- 3.3 That the press release circulated at the meeting relating to the publication of the updated LDS, be approved for release.

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June 2012

A Local Development Scheme (LDS) For West Northamptonshire



**West Northamptonshire
Joint Planning Unit**

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Foreword

1. A Local Development Scheme for West Northamptonshire

- 1.0 The Councils in West Northamptonshire have a unique role in shaping the places they govern. Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire will continue to accommodate development in the years ahead as it has in the past. This will mean more homes, jobs, leisure and health facilities for the area with the transport systems to support them. The set of West Northamptonshire Local Plans outlined in this Local Development Scheme, together with Regional (until it is revoked) and National Policy, have the job of ensuring that development and regeneration happen in a way that is well directed and brings a wide range of benefits to existing and future residents of all generations as well as businesses. This is key to the Place Shaping Agenda and the Local Plans are, therefore, the most important policy tool to manage this growth and harness the social, economic and environmental benefits that development can bring. Not all of the West Northamptonshire area will be subject to significant change. Alongside areas where communities will expand and grow there will be areas that will remain largely unchanged. There are difficult choices to be made and these must be made openly and transparently in the process of production of the West Northamptonshire Local Plans.
- 1.1 This Local Development Scheme is designed to meet the needs of the communities in the area through a portfolio of Local Plans that address the unique aspects of different parts of West Northamptonshire together with managing regeneration and development.
- 1.2 The Local Plan documents in the Local Development Scheme should be seen as a coherent whole – each putting in place a policy tool that will assist Councils, Infrastructure Providers and Developers to deliver high quality places that are good to inhabit. The Councils and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, currently rely on policies that have been ‘saved’ from existing Local Plans, Structure Plan, National and Regional Policy. Regional Policies are likely to be revoked and Local Policies will be replaced by the up to date Local Plans referred to in this Local Development Scheme.
- 1.3 Essentially, the Local Development Scheme is a public statement identifying which Local Plans will be produced, when and by whom. It sets out a three year Project Plan. It has three key objectives:
- It is the starting point for the Community and Stakeholders to find out about the Councils’ Planning Policies in respect of a particular place or issue, and what the status of those policies will be;

- It outlines the details of, and timetable for, the production of Local Plans over the three year period; and
 - It sets down the combination of Local Plans (and purposes) that are to be prepared to ensure the effective planning of the area.
- 1.4 The West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for much of this local plan-making system together with Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council. The Joint Strategic Planning Committee comprises Member representatives from Daventry, South Northamptonshire and Northampton Borough Councils, as Local Planning Authorities responsible for preparing Local Plans as well as Northamptonshire County Council, as Strategic Authority with responsibility for Transport, Education, Minerals and Waste Planning. West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, in their role as enabler of the delivery of the regeneration of sites in the Northampton Central Area, is also represented on the Committee as an observer, as is the Borough Council of Wellingborough as a key neighbouring Local Authority.
- 1.5 Northamptonshire County Council, as the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, is responsible for maintaining an up to date Local Plan for minerals and waste. The Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF) was fully adopted in 2011 and is now in the process of being partially reviewed. A Minerals and Waste Development Scheme for this partial review has been published by the County Council. This can be viewed on the County Council's website (<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk>).
- 1.6 This document has been produced by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit. It supersedes the Local Development Scheme produced jointly in February 2010.
- 1.7 A glossary of abbreviations and definitions used in this Local Development Scheme is contained in Appendix 1 to assist in understanding the Local Planning jargon.
- 1.8 This Local Development Scheme is being prepared at a time when the provisions of the Localism Act and the National Planning Policy Framework have recently taken effect. It is envisaged that the abolition of Regional Strategies and associated Regional Spatial Strategies included in this legislation will take place soon. The Localism Act includes a duty to cooperate.

In the light of this duty, it is in all Partners' interests to continue to share resources, knowledge and best practice to ensure the Work Programme set out in this document is delivered on time.

- 1.9 It is important to ensure that the Local Plans, set out in this Local Development Scheme are prepared efficiently and without delay, particularly the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan in the light of the Government's commitment to a national presumption in favour of sustainable development which is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. Failure to have up to date Local Plan(s) in place, particularly at a strategic level, could lead to Local Planning Authorities across West Northamptonshire having a reduced level of control over planning decision making.

2. Introduction: The Development Planning System

- 2.0 Until the likely abolition of the Regional Spatial Strategy, it, together with the Local Plans referred to in this Local Development Scheme, and 'saved policies' from existing Planning Policy Documents (until such time as they are superseded), will form the Development Plan, which is the basis for all planning decisions. The Development Plan sits within the framework of the National Planning Policy Framework. One emphasis of this system is that Local Planning Policy should not replicate Regional or National Policy and is 'locally distinctive' – i.e. it is reflective of and designed to meet, the needs of the local area: in short it exists to ensure the delivery of places, where people want to live work and play. Another key characteristic is that there is an emphasis on how Plans and Policies will be delivered in practice by Public Sector agencies and the Private Development Industry – i.e. these plans, if crafted well, actually bring forward development in a way that suits the locality. There is also a need for plan, preparation and delivery strategies to be linked with Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) operational in West Northamptonshire.
- 2.1 This Local Development Scheme sets out the detailed programme for the preparation of the Local Plans across West Northamptonshire. It forms a Project Plan for the programme of work and explains the role of each of the policy tools or documents that are considered suitable to address the spatial issues in the area into the future.
- 2.2 Each Local Plan must be accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, where appropriate. Sustainability Appraisal is a tool that assists in the analysis of the impacts of policies and provides information about their social, economic and environmental effects. Its purpose is to ensure that plans and policies reflect sustainable development principles. More details regarding the Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment relating to the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy may be found at www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org.

- 2.3 Further information on the planning system can be viewed using the following external website www.planningportal.gov.uk.

3. How the Local Plans in this Local Development Scheme relate to one another

- 3.0 The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan covering the whole of West Northamptonshire will include 'strategic allocations' that are critical to the delivery of the overall Spatial Strategy. These 'strategic allocations' will include allocated sites to 2026, and in some cases beyond, and will include Sustainable Urban Extensions as well as any other strategic sites that are critical to delivery of the strategy. They are expected to cover the Housing and Employment allocations together with all related Social, Green and Transport Infrastructure needed for these growing Communities up to 2026 and beyond. The strategic allocations will include some indication of the disposition of land uses, Infrastructure, access to sites and other details. Potential allocations of growth beyond 2026 are indicated where this scenario exists.
- 3.1 When it has been adopted, therefore, the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan will provide adequate detail to enable the strategic allocations within it (the Sustainable Urban Extensions) to come forward in the form of planning applications when the market is ready to bring them forward for development. The Joint Core Strategy Local Plan also enables developers, partner authorities and, where appropriate, the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit to produce master plans relating to those Sustainable Urban Extension strategic allocations in order to ensure their appropriate planning. Additionally, the Strategy will enable Supplementary Planning Documents to be prepared and both Master Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents will then be available to guide the development of the strategic allocations (including Sustainable Urban Extensions). In short, including strategic allocations in the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan enables these sites to be brought forward for development promptly and in accordance with the Development Plan and its accompanying Housing Trajectory.
- 3.2 This Local Development Scheme facilitates the progression, of the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan to adoption which is central to successfully managing the future planning of the West Northamptonshire area. Existing plan making governance arrangements across West Northamptonshire will remain in place at least until the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan is adopted. Future co-operative Local Planning Policy Partnership governance arrangements will be developed and agreed to enable associated Local Plans to be managed and taken forward successfully linked to the statutory Duty to Cooperate. Details of these arrangements will be set out in a future review of this Local Development Scheme.

- 3.3 A timetable showing both joint and individual Local Planning Policy related Local Plans is at Appendix 5. During the period of completion of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan, partner Councils are already engaged in producing Master Plans for key sites and areas to assist them in managing current pressures for development. These Master Plans will form part of the evidence base for the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy and when this Local Plan is adopted, they could be adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents in part or whole depending upon the circumstances that pertain at the time.

These Master Plans currently relate to the following areas:

- Daventry Town
- Towcester
- Brackley
- Roade Village

4. The Local Plans that will be produced from 2012 to 2015

West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan

- 4.0 The key strategic priority in this Local Development Scheme for West Northamptonshire is the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. This document is a strategic document that will set out a spatial vision for West Northamptonshire (which reflects the Sustainable Community Strategies of the area) and a proposed approach to how the places within it will develop, addressing a range of Spatial and Strategic Development issues. This strategy will address key spatial issues for West Northamptonshire, including the allocation of Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) on the edges of the existing urban areas of Northampton, Daventry, Towcester and Brackley. It will also address the roles of these important towns in their wider spatial setting, as well as providing a framework relating to the villages; the nature of the future economy including the development of Rural Enterprise; access to Housing and other services; Educational Standards and provision; Health and Leisure opportunities; and how these are accommodated. It will set out how much and what type of development is intended to happen, together with where, when and how it will be delivered and who will deliver it.
- 4.1 Because the mid-plan period has now been characterised by economic recession, which has impacted heavily on build rates, the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan will review annualised Housing Building targets and other development targets to be delivered. This is particularly relevant in the mid and later stages of the Plan Period, whilst also realistically reflecting the changed circumstances relating to infrastructure, its adequacy and future funding.

- 4.2 The Joint Core Strategy Local Plan represents a key phase establishing the broad spatial framework for the area, indicating the kind of places sought in the future and the facilities needed to support Sustainable Communities. It will also set some detail by making some key strategic allocations. At the same time, it will identify those areas where very special circumstances will need to be demonstrated for development to be approved, e.g. to provide Rural Affordable Housing or critical services.

West Northamptonshire Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People Allocations Local Plan

- 4.3 This Local Plan will be prepared by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit assisted, as needed, by the partner Councils. It will allocate sites for the occupation of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Show People in the West Northamptonshire area.

Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA) Allocations and Development Management Local Plan

- 4.4 An Allocations and Development Management Policies Local Plan will be prepared for the Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA), as defined in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan, on a joint working basis lead by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit. The Local Plan will include site-specific allocations and accompanying policies. Allocations will be included covering land uses, together with policies that will help the determination of Planning Applications and in the delivery of regeneration, growth, design, built and natural heritage objectives. It will also include the identification, phasing and implementation of local infrastructure for sites. This Local Plan will not allocate land for Sustainable Urban Extensions; this is done through the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. This Local Plan will also set out specific policies against which Planning Applications for the development, management and use of land and buildings will be considered.

Northampton Central Area Action Plan Local Plan

- 4.5 This Local Plan is developing policy for the transformation of the centre of Northampton and its key role in the sub region. It is being prepared by Northampton Borough Council. At the time of writing, the document is progressing towards the stage at which it is submitted to the Secretary of State. Early submission of this document serves to reinforce the strategic approach taken to the Northampton Central Area in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan and thereby supports the delivery of this strategic approach.

South Northamptonshire Council Settlements and Countryside Local Plan

- 4.6 This Local Plan will build on the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan and will include a wide variety of detailed policies to guide the decision making process for future Planning Applications across South Northamptonshire (excluding those parts within the Northampton Related Development Area). It will establish a Rural Settlement Hierarchy for settlements within the District and consider amendments to the existing town and village confines and the identification of areas of important green space within those settlements as well as addressing development needs in those settlements. The Local Plan will include site-specific allocations and accompanying policies. Allocations will be included covering land uses, together with specific policies for the development, management and use of land and buildings and in the delivery of regeneration, growth, design, built and natural heritage objectives, together with the protection of important landscapes.

Daventry District Settlements and Countryside Local Plan

- 4.7 This Local Plan will build on the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan and will include a detailed and wide variety of policies to guide the decision making process for future Planning Applications across Daventry District (excluding those parts within the Northampton Related Development Area). It will provide policies for Daventry town, and will establish a Rural Settlement Hierarchy for settlements within the District. It will set out how important areas, including green and open space, will be protected within those settlements as well as addressing development needs in those settlements. The Local Plan will include site-specific allocations and accompanying policies. Allocations will be included covering land uses, together with specific policies for the development, management and use of land and buildings and in the delivery of regeneration, growth, design, built and natural heritage objectives, together with the protection of important landscapes.

Adopted Policies Map

- 4.8 A comprehensive West Northamptonshire Policies and Proposals Map will geographically express the adopted Local Plan Policies for West Northamptonshire as a whole. In accordance with Regulation 9(1) of the Regulations, a Submission Policies and Proposals Map will accompany the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan and other Local Plans to illustrate the geographical application of their policies. The adopted Policies and Proposals map will be revised as each new Local Plan is adopted, to ensure that it always reflects the up-to-date Local Plan Policies for the West Northamptonshire area.

Neighbourhood Plans

- 4.9 Neighbourhood Plans give Communities an opportunity to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood. Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the policies of the Local Plan which is made up of all the Local Plans set out in this Local Development Scheme, including the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. A number of pilot 'front-runner' Neighbourhood Plan projects are currently in operation across the West Northamptonshire Planning Partnership Area.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- 4.10 Associated and in parallel with the preparation of the Local Plans set out in this Local Development Scheme, an approach to operating a Community Infrastructure Levy and associated charging schedule will also be developed during the period covered by this Local Development Scheme. The most appropriate operational framework for CIL across the West Northamptonshire area will be identified and implemented by all partner Councils. It is important to ensure a robust and comprehensive approach to CIL is in place no later than April 2014. This is when legislative changes make implementation of CIL critical in order to enable receipt of contributions from Developers, to support the delivery of strategic infrastructure linked to delivery of development brought forward through the Local Plan.

Statement of Community Involvement

- 4.11 Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council each adopted a Statement of Community Involvement in Spring 2006. These set out how the Community will be involved in the preparation of Local Plans and consulted on Planning Applications. It is envisaged that each Statement of Community Involvement will be monitored on an annual basis and the need for review and integration will also be monitored on an annual basis. Any future need for review and integration to one Statement will be assessed as part of the preparation of the Annual Monitoring Report for West Northamptonshire.
- 4.12 Appendix 3 of this Local Development Scheme sets out a profile of each Local Plan that it is intended for production over the forthcoming 3 year period both by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit and constituent Partner Councils. These profiles set out the following:
- The lead body that will be responsible and accountable for its preparation, and approval;

- Its role and position in the chain of conformity; with the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan at its head;
- Its geographical coverage;
- Its status as a Local Plan;
- Its key milestones for production;
- A broad indication of resource requirement including any support needed from the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit regarding the Local Plan being lead on by Partner Councils; and
- An approach to involving Stakeholders and the Community in the light of Partner Councils approved Statements of Community Involvement.

4.13 This LDS is available for viewing on the following websites:

- www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org
- www.daventrydc.gov.uk
- www.northampton.gov.uk
- www.southnorthants.gov.uk

4.14 Its availability will also be advertised in the local media. The Joint Planning Unit will write to all people on their mailing list informing them of its availability, as part of the process of 'giving effect' to this Local Development Scheme.

5. The Relationship with other Plans and Strategies

5.0 The Local Plans referred to in this Local Development Scheme will have regard to the Sustainable Community Strategies and Community Plans that have been prepared for Daventry District, South Northamptonshire District, Northampton Borough and Northamptonshire County. These have been produced by, respectively, the Local Strategic Partnerships for Daventry, Northampton, South Northamptonshire and the Northamptonshire Partnership Support Unit. The elements and land use implications arising from these strategies will be given regard and delivered through the Local Plans prepared across the West Northamptonshire area.

5.1 Each Council has a number of other strategies that address specific and Service Delivery matters in the area. These relate to Housing, Economic Development, Air Quality and Waste Management as well as Health, Social Care, Leisure and Cultural Strategies. The Local Plans referred to in this Local Development Scheme will have particularly close links with the plans produced by the County Council, namely the Northamptonshire Transportation Plan and the Minerals and Waste Development Framework as well as plans for Education and Social Services. In addition, work undertaken by the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation in its planning for Infrastructure and Regeneration is also a key component.

- 5.2 The Local Plans will also have regard to the work of the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) relating to the area the Plans cover: the Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership (NEP) and the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) as both progress.

6. Delivering the Local Plans Across West Northamptonshire

Partnership Working

- 6.0 The Partner Councils are committed to putting in place up to date Local Plans for the growth and regeneration of West Northamptonshire at the earliest opportunity.
- 6.1 The Councils are committed to working together with Northamptonshire County Council and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation in order to implement development and regeneration, together with all necessary infrastructure, in an effective, cohesive and sustainable manner. The Joint Strategic Planning Committee comprises Member representatives from Daventry, South Northamptonshire and Northampton Borough Councils, as Local Planning Authorities responsible for preparing Local Plans as well as Northamptonshire County Council, as Strategic Authority with responsibility for Transport, Education, Minerals and Waste Planning. West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, as the local delivery vehicle for the regeneration of Northampton, Daventry and Towcester are also represented on the Committee as observers, as is the Borough Council of Wellingborough, as a key neighbouring Local Authority.
- 6.2 The Joint Planning Unit will work closely with all of these Partners, who will contribute to plan making, as well as a wider range of Public and Private Sector Partners to ensure the Local Plans are effective and infrastructure is brought forward in a timely manner.

7. Sustainability Appraisal (SA)

- 7.0 At each key stage of its preparation each Local Plan will be appraised to assess the likely environmental, social and economic effects of its policies and proposals. The findings will be detailed in a Sustainability Appraisal Report which will be subjected to public consultation. Sustainability Appraisal is an integral part of the preparation process of each Local Plan and will help arrangements for monitoring and implementation. The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development through better integration of sustainability considerations into the preparation of plans.

- 7.1 There are five key stages in the preparation of a Sustainability Appraisal for a planning policy related Local Plan. These are set out in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Five Stages in the Preparation of a Sustainability Appraisal of a Local Plan

Stage	Summary	LDD
A	Identifying other relevant Policies, Plans and Programmes and collecting baseline information;	Yes
	Identify Sustainability issues and problems;	Yes
	Develop a Sustainability Framework including objectives and indicators;	Yes
	Consult on the Scoping Report	Yes
B	Test the Local Plan objectives against the Sustainability Appraisal Framework	Yes
	Developing the Local Plan options	Yes
	Predicting the effects the Local Plan	Yes
	Evaluating the effects of the Local Plan	Yes
	Considering ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects	Yes
	Proposing measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Local Plan	Yes
C	Prepare the Sustainability Appraisal Report	Yes
D	Public participation on the Local Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal Report	Yes
	Appraising significant changes	Yes
	Appraising significant changes resulting from representations	Yes
	Making decisions and providing information	Yes
E	Finalising aims and methods for monitoring	Yes
	Responding to adverse effects	Yes

8. Saved Development Plan Policies and Material Considerations in dealing with Planning Applications

- 8.0 The documents to be produced as part of the Local Plan referred to in this Local Development Scheme will gradually replace the 'saved' policies from previous local and structure plans. The Government has made provision for Structure Plan and Local Plan Policies and proposals to be 'saved', i.e. remain in force until they are replaced by Local Plan. These 'saved' policies can be found at the respective Councils' websites. Together with the National Planning Policy Framework and Regional Strategy these now form the Planning Policy Framework for deciding Planning Applications in West Northamptonshire.

- 8.1 Since adopting the Local Plan, Daventry District Council has prepared and consulted upon a series of formal alterations. These alterations have not been subject to public local inquiry and in accordance with the arrangement of the new Planning System cannot be formally 'saved'; however the Council considers that the alterations remain relevant and will be retained as an important 'material consideration' in the determination of Planning Applications until withdrawn or replaced by new Local Plans.
- 8.2 The three Local Authorities currently have some existing Supplementary Planning Guidance that are based on saved policies or old plans from prior to the provisions of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act. If all or some of the content of these documents is to be converted to a Supplementary Planning Document, it must be prepared in accordance with Government Guidance and Regulations. This requires Supplementary Planning Documents to conform to policies included in a Local Plan or 'saved policy'.
- 8.3 In the interim, the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance listed in Appendix 4 will continue to be used as material planning considerations in determination of Planning Applications, until such time as they can be replaced or are no longer required.

9. Resources and Reporting Process

- 9.0 This Local Development Scheme represents a significant commitment in resources from the Councils. The process of production of this Scheme has involved detailed consideration of the tasks required to produce each document. In programming this available resource, allowances have been made for other areas of responsibility outside the preparation and production of Local Plans. Examples of the wider responsibilities that have been accounted for are listed below:
- National and other higher level Planning Policy Consultations, Community Strategy Engagement and Corporate work such as the Economic Strategy;
 - Liaison with WNDC on Planning matters relating to the five Regeneration sites in the Northampton Central Area with which they are engaged;
 - Liaison with Partner Councils on Planning matters;
 - Regeneration and Master Planning Projects/Development Management Advice;
 - Improvement Programmes for the Service;
 - General Enquiries;
 - Team Meetings;
 - Appraisals; and
 - Training.

- 9.1 To enable effective Project Management, each Local Plan has been allocated a Lead Officer. This information can be found in the profile of each document set out at Appendix 3.
- 9.2 The core resources expected to be available to progress work on these Local Plans identified in this Local Development Scheme are outlined in the schedules, also set out at Appendix 3.

West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit

- 9.3 This unit consists of a permanent establishment of :
- 1 x Head of Unit
 - 1 x DPDs Team Leader
 - 3 x Principal Planning Officer
 - 2 x Senior Policy Officer (one currently held vacant)
 - 2 x Policy Officers (one currently held vacant)
 - 2 x Administrator
 - 1 x Programme and Information Manager
 - 1 x Monitoring Officer
 - 1 x Technician
- 9.4 The Partner Councils are committed to providing resources to support this Local Development Scheme and future Planning needs. The timetable for this Local Development Scheme is predicated upon this level of resource being in place throughout the three years of the Local Development Scheme.
- 9.5 Each Council provides input to policy making using their existing staff. Consultants have been employed to prepare aspects of the evidence base. In addition, work that the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation has commissioned is to be shared and the Corporation is to provide support to the work.
- 9.6 Finally, each of the Councils will utilise resources from a range of internal teams, such as:
- Asset Management;
 - Finance;
 - Audit;
 - Human Resources;
 - Housing Strategy;
 - Conservation;
 - Economic Regeneration;
 - GIS;
 - Community Development; and
 - Administrative Support.

Decision Making Arrangements

9.7 The Joint Strategic Planning Committee is the decision making body for the jointly prepared parts of the whole Local Plan, such as the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. The Head of the Joint Planning Unit will report to the Joint Strategic Planning Committee. A Business Sub Group of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee will monitor the Local Development Scheme Work Programme and its resourcing and report to the Joint Strategic Planning Committee. An Officer Programme Board, comprising Senior Officers from the three Borough/District Councils, the County Council as well as the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation will steer the technical process. In addition, Technical Officers Groups will deal, as necessary, with the evidence and policy matters arising, ensuring clear contributions from all Partners. The Joint Strategic Planning Committee will be engaged in the production of joint Local Plans, consider them, approve them and adopt them, following examination, where appropriate, by an independent Inspector.

10. Risk Assessment

10.0 In preparing the Local Development Scheme, it has been found that the main areas of risk relate to:

- **Maintaining adequate resources:** The Authorities are all under significant pressure to reduce budgets. All possible efficiencies have been implemented to their maximum extent.
- **Staff turnover:** Loss of staff will have an impact on the programme, as recruiting and then training up replacement staff takes time;
- **Capacity of the Planning Inspectorate and other Agencies to cope with demand nationwide:** This is out of the control of the Local Authorities. However, early consultation has been undertaken on this Local Development Scheme, which should enable other Agencies, such as the Planning Inspectorate, to take the Councils' Local Plan preparation programme into account;
- **Political differences:** The Joint Committee arrangements are designed to ensure a measure of consensus is reached;
- **Delays in Examination process and/or legal challenge.** This will be minimised by ensuring that Local Plans are 'sound' and founded on a robust Evidence Base and well-audited Stakeholder and Community Engagement systems. The Planning Advisory Service Soundness Self Assessment Toolkit will be used to assist in this process; and
- **Changes to National or Regional (until it is revoked) Guidance.** Where possible, changes to Government guidance will be accommodated. However, major changes to Government Policy may result in delays that are outside the control of the Partner Councils.

11. Evidence Base

11.0 In preparing the Local Plans referred to in this Local Development Scheme, a range of background work needs to be undertaken or taken into account. This work will be published in the form of background documents. Most of these will be produced either by, or for, the Partner Councils. Each background document will be publicly available. Many of these background documents have already been identified and produced but others may be published in the course of preparing Local Plans. They are to be found on the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit website at www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org

12. Monitoring and Review

12.0 Following its adoption, the Local Development Scheme will be monitored on an annual basis from April to the end of March. The Joint West Northamptonshire Annual Monitoring Report will assess the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the objectives of policies in Local Plans are being successfully achieved. Each year, an Annual Monitoring Report will be prepared that will include an assessment of:

- Whether the Partner Local Planning Authorities are meeting, or on track to meet, the targets set in Local Plans and if not, the reasons why and how they can be brought on track;
- What impact the Local Planning Authorities Policies are having on other targets set at national, regional (up to revocation under the Localism Act) and local levels;
- Whether the Local Planning Authorities need to replace any policies in order to meet their Sustainable Development Objectives; and
- What action needs to be taken if policies need to be replaced.

12.1 The Joint West Northamptonshire Annual Monitoring Report will be available to view on the Joint Planning Unit's and Partner Councils' websites. This will be used to determine whether there is a need to amend this Local Development Scheme.

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13.0 If you have any queries on this Local Development Scheme please contact us using the details below.

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Appendix 1

Definitions

Definitions

Title	Definition
Area Action Plan (AAP)	Local Plan providing a Planning Framework for areas of change and areas of conservation.
Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	Assesses the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and extent to which the policies in Local Plans are being achieved.
Appropriate Assessment	Assessment of the potential impact of a proposed plan on one or more European sites comprising Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protected Areas.
Community Strategy	Strategy prepared by Local Strategic Partnerships with the purpose of improving the social, economic, environmental well-being of their areas.
Core Strategy (CS) (See also under Local Plan)	Sets out the long-term spatial vision for the Local Planning Authority area and the Strategic Policies and proposals to deliver that vision.
Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG)	The Government department with responsibility for Planning and Local Government.
Development Management Policies	A suite of criteria-based policies which are required to ensure that all development within the area meets the vision and strategy set out in the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan .
Development Plan (DP)	Consists of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) (until it is revoked), 'saved' policies and Local Plans set out in the Local Development Scheme as they become adopted.
Development Plan Document (DPD) (See also under Local Plan)	Local Plans that are subject to independent examination. There will be a right for those making representations seeking change to be heard at an independent examination. These documents can also be referred to as Local Plans.

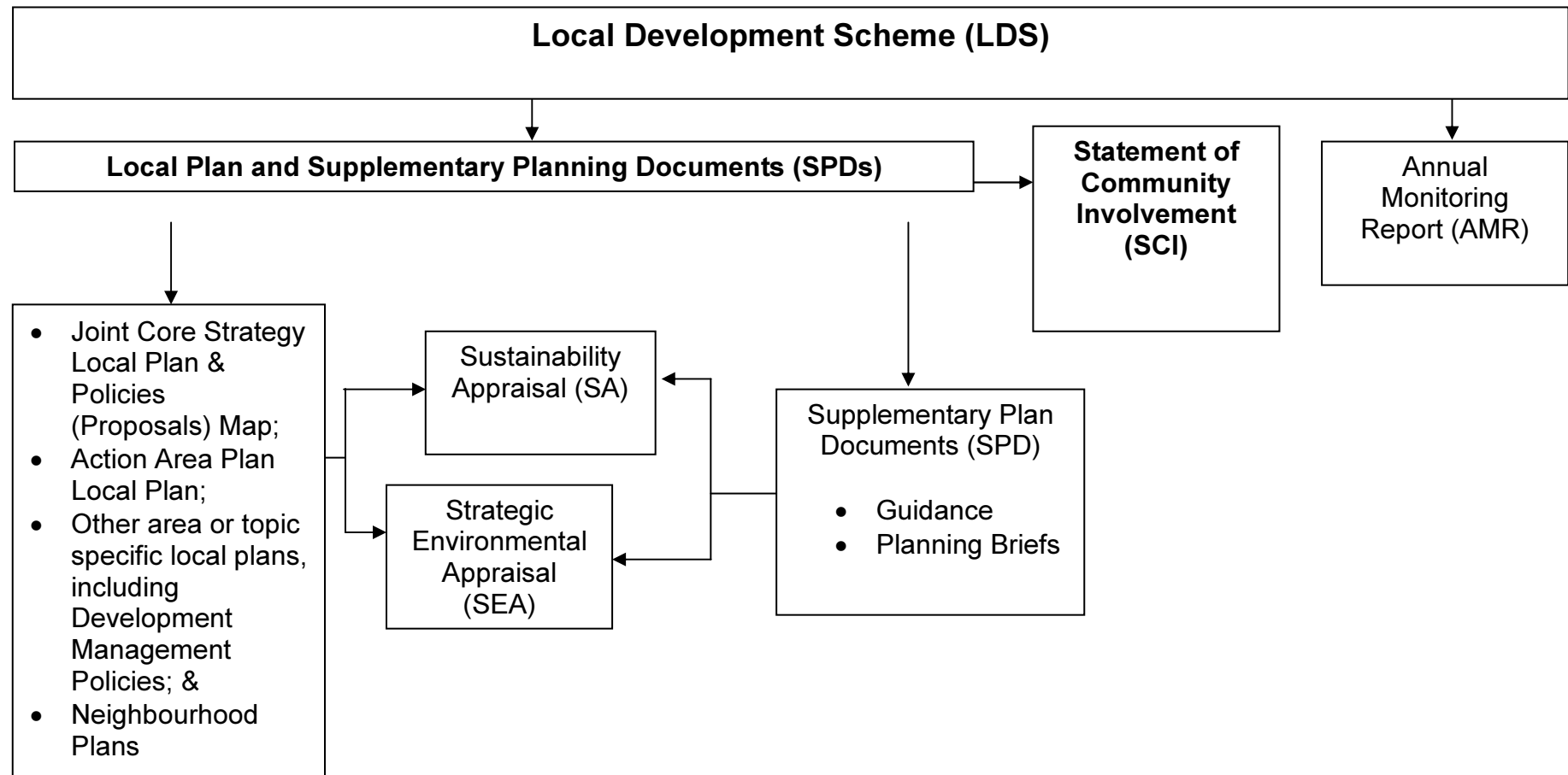
Title	Definition
Key Diagram	Diagrammatic interpretation of the Spatial Strategy as set out in the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. To illustrate the broad strategy for the area in a similar fashion to former Structure Plan Key Diagrams. It is most likely to be appropriate to an area of significant change where the general location of broad areas of future development can be identified together with linkages between such areas and the relationship to other strategies and neighbouring areas. Broad areas of protection/little anticipated change can also be shown.
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	A partnership between local business and Councils with the task of determining local economic priorities and driving economic growth and the creation of jobs. Two LEPs operate in the area covered by the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. These are the Northamptonshire Local Enterprise Partnership (NEP) and the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP).
Local Plan	The Plan (or Plans) for the future development of an area, drawn up by the local planning authorities in consultation with the community. In law this is described as the development plan documents adopted under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. These documents are sometimes referred to as Local Development Documents or Development Plan Documents.
National Planning Policy Framework	A framework that sets out the Government's Planning Policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.
Neighbourhood Plan	A plan prepared by a Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum for a particular neighbourhood area (made under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004). Specific Neighbourhood Plan(s) in their current form are introduced by the Localism Act (2012).

Title	Definition
Pre-Examination Meeting	Procedural meeting held by Inspector appointed to hold examination into a Local Plan or Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the management of the examination.
Policies (Proposals) Map	Illustrates the policies and proposals in Local Plans and any saved policies that are included as part of the Development Plan as a whole.
Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) (until it is revoked)	Prepared by the Regional Planning body. It sets out the policies in relation to the development and use of land in the region and will be approved by the First Secretary of State. (Formally known as Regional Planning Guidance RPG). It is anticipated that the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) will be revoked (removed from the suite of documents that make up the Development Plan) during the life time of this Local Development Scheme.
Sustainability Appraisal (SA)	An Appraisal to ensure that all policies and proposals in Local Plans reflect sustainable proposals. This will be carried out at the same time as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
Site Specific Allocations and Policies	Allocations of sites for specific or mixed uses or development. Policies will identify any specific requirements for individual proposals.
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Sets out the standards which the Local Authority intends to achieve in relation to involving the Community in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of all Local Plan and in significant Development Control decisions, and also how the Local Planning Authority intends to achieve those standards. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is not a Local Plan, however, it is a non-Planning Policy related document and is subject to independent examination. A consultation statement showing how the Local Planning Authority has complied with its SCI in the preparation of each Local Plan will be required.

Title	Definition
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	A generic term used internationally to describe Environmental Assessment as applied to Policies, Plans and Programmes. The European 'SEA Directive' (2001/42/EC) requires a formal 'Environmental Assessment' of certain Plans and Programmes, including those in the field of planning and land use.
Saved Policies	Existing adopted Plans (or parts of them) can be saved for three years from the date of commencement of the Act or until replaced by up to date Local Plans.
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Policy guidance to supplement the Policies and Proposals in Local Plans. They will not form part of the Development Plan or be subject to independent examination. (Formally known as Supplementary Planning Guidance SPG)

Appendix 2

Main Components of this Local Development Scheme



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Appendix 3

Profile of Local Plans to be Prepared

West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan		
Brief Description		
<p>To set out the Spatial Vision, Spatial Objectives and Spatial Strategy for all Sustainable Communities in West Northamptonshire accounting for its wider context.</p> <p>To assist delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategies during the Plan Period to 2026 and in certain specified cases and circumstances, beyond.</p> <p>To set out Strategic Policies for the Regeneration, Growth and Conservation of the area including strategic allocations for development in the form of Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) on the edge of the existing urban areas of Northampton, Daventry, Towcester and Brackley. The document will also address the roles of these important towns in their wider spatial setting. The Joint Core Strategy Local Plan also addresses Strategic Rural and Affordable Housing matters, together with the phasing and associated infrastructure for their delivery. These Strategic Policies will assist in addressing the management of Urban Regeneration and Growth and Protection of appropriate Rural Settlements through the inclusion of a framework for a future settlement hierarchy.</p> <p>The document will also set out the role of the rural areas including their conservation, protection, vitalisation and diversification.</p> <p>The document will address the nature of the future economy including the development of Rural Enterprise, access to Housing and other services, Educational Standards and provision, Health and Leisure opportunities and how these are accommodated. The document will set out how much and what type of development is intended to happen, together with where, when and how it will be delivered and who will deliver it.</p> <p>The document will make strategic allocations to 2026 and in certain specified cases, beyond, and ensure the maintenance of at least the five year housing land supply.</p> <p>With respect to the growth of urban areas, the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan will include some detail of the SUEs to be brought forward early in the life of the plan through its accompanying Housing Trajectory and associated phasing policy. Further detail may be found in the Evidence Base that accompanies the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. The Joint Core Strategy Local Plan will also provide an integrated framework for investment including associated strategic social infrastructure such as Health and Leisure facilities, Green Infrastructure, the Transport and Accessibility Strategy and phasing of development. The associated and supporting West Northamptonshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will be instrumental to this. It will provide a vital platform from which to launch bids for public funding. It will also provide the context for other Local Plans and will set out a monitoring and implementation framework for West Northamptonshire as a whole.</p>		
Geographical Area Covered		The whole of West Northamptonshire
Status		Local Plan
Will it be produced jointly?		Yes, Joint Local Plan
If yes, which Authorities?		Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council
Chain of Conformity	1	Government Policy
	2	RSS (up to its revocation under the provisions of the Localism Act)
	3	West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan

	3=	Other Local Plans (prepared jointly or by individual Partner Councils)
	4	Neighbourhood Plans
	5	Supplementary Planning Documents
<i>Timetable for Production and Conformity with Appropriate Regulations</i>		
Commencement of Preparation (25 of 2004 Regulations)		Sept 2006
Preparation of Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report (pre-June 2008 Regulations)		October 2006
Consultation on Options (25 of 2004 Regulations)		March 2007 – October 2009
Publication (27 of 2004 Regulations)		February 2011
Submission of Local Plan and SA Report (22 of 2012 Regulations)		December 2012
Adoption of Document (26 of 2012 Regulations)		October 2013
<i>Arrangements for Production/Approval</i>		
Lead Authority/Division		West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit
Management Arrangements		Joint Programme Board/ Business Sub Group/Joint Strategic Planning Committee
Resources		Est. 14 FTE. per year plus assistance from Partner Councils, as needed, and some consultancy support. (NOTE: it is unlikely that all of these FTEs will be filled during the life of this LDS)
Lead Officer		Head of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit: Phone: 01604 838412
Community Involvement		Through the adopted Statements of Community Involvement.

West Northamptonshire Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People Allocations Local Plan		
Brief Description		
To allocate sites for the occupation and use of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Show People in the West Northamptonshire area.		
Geographical Area Covered	The whole of West Northamptonshire	
Status	Local Plan	
Will they be produced jointly?	Yes, Joint Local Plan	
If yes, which Authorities?	Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council	
Chain of Conformity	1	Government Policy
	2	RSS (up to its revocation under the provisions of the Localism Act)
	3	West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan
	3=	West Northamptonshire Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People Allocations Local Plan
	3=	Other Local Plans (prepared jointly or by individual Authorities)
	4	Neighbourhood Plans
	5	Supplementary Planning Documents
<i>Timetable for Production and Conformity with Appropriate Regulations</i>		
Commencement of preparation/ Consulting Statutory Bodies on the scope of Sustainability Appraisal (18)	September 2012	
Publication of Local Plan (19)	December 2013	
Submission of Local Plan and each SA Report (22)	April 2014	
Adoption of Local Plan (26)	February 2015	
<i>Arrangements for Production/Approval</i>		
Lead Authority/Division	West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit	
Management Arrangements	Joint Programme Board/Business Sub Group/Joint Strategic Planning Committee	
Resources	Est. 4 FTE. per year, plus assistance from Partner Councils, as needed, and some consultancy support. (NOTE: it is unlikely that all of these FTEs will be filled during the life of this LDS)	
Lead Officer	Head of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit: Phone: 01604 838412	
Community Involvement	Through the adopted Statements of Community Involvement.	

Northampton Related Development Area Allocations and Development Management Policies Local Plan		
Brief Description		
To set out any specific allocations for the Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA), as defined in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. It will include policies against which Planning Applications for the development, management and use of land and buildings will be considered, in addition to site specific policies that will help in the determination of Planning Applications and in the delivery of Regeneration, Growth and Conservation objectives. It will include the identification, phasing and implementation of local infrastructure for sites. This Local Plan will not include strategic allocations for Sustainable Urban Extensions; this is done through the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. This Local Plan will include smaller site-specific allocations. These allocations will cover land uses together with policies that will help in the determination of planning applications and in the delivery of regeneration, growth, design, built and natural heritage objectives. This Local Plan will also include the identification, phasing and implementation of local infrastructure for sites. As an example of some of its policies content, it will include boundaries of Retail Centres, Residential Allocations, new and existing Employment Sites, Historic Conservation, protection of Open Space, Nature Conservation, Highway Issues and Car Parking.		
Geographical Area Covered		The Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA) as defined in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan.
Status		Local Plan
Will it be produced jointly with other Authorities?		Yes. Joint Local Plan
If yes, then with which Authorities?		Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council
Chain of Conformity	1	Government Policy
	2	RSS (up to its revocation under the provisions of the Localism Act)
	3	West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan
	3=	Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA) Allocations and Development Management Policies Local Plan
	3=	Other Local Plans (prepared jointly or by individual Authorities)
	4	Neighbourhood Plans
	5	Supplementary Planning Documents
<i>Timetable for Production and Conformity with Appropriate Regulations</i>		
Commencement of Preparation/Consulting Statutory Bodies on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal (18)		October 2012
Publication of Local Plan (19)		January 2014
Submission of Local Plan and SA Report (22)		June 2014
Adoption of Local Plan (26)		February 2015
<i>Arrangements for Production/Approval</i>		
Lead Authority/Division		West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit
Management Arrangements		Joint Programme Board/Business Sub Group/Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Resources	2 FTE per year from the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit, 4 FTE from Northampton Borough Council, plus assistance from other partner Councils, as needed and some consultancy support. (NOTE: it is unlikely that all these FTEs will be filled during the life of this LDS.)
Lead Officer	Head of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit: Phone: 01604 838412
Community Involvement	Through the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

Northampton Central Area Action Plan Local Plan

Brief Description

To set out the vision and strategic objectives for the Central Area up until 2026 and provide a set of policies to guide Developers. The document will facilitate the transformation of the Town Centre, with thriving Retail, Residential and Office Development and the Regeneration of deprived areas. This Local Plan will also ensure development of the highest environmental and urban design standards, capitalising on Northampton's rich tapestry of architectural heritage and the Waterside for Tourism and Leisure. The new Town Centre will give greater priority to pedestrians and cyclists and be at the hub of a comprehensive public transport system linked to surrounding areas.

Geographical Area Covered	Covering Northampton town and central areas as defined in the Pre-submission version of this Local Plan Document, November 2010.	
Status	Local Plan	
Will it be produced jointly with other Authorities?	No	
If yes, then with which Authorities?	N/A	
Chain of Conformity	1	Government Policy
	2	RSS (up to its revocation under the provisions of the Localism Act)
	3	West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan
	3=	Central Area Action Plan Local Plan
	3=	Other Local Plans (prepared jointly or by individual Authorities)
	4	Neighbourhood Plans
	5	Supplementary Planning Documents

Timetable for Production and Conformity with Appropriate Regulations

Commencement of Preparation (25 of 2004 Regulations)	November 2006
Preparation of Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report (pre-June 2008 Regulations)	Dec 2006 - March 2007
Consultation on Options (25 of 2004 Regulations)	June 2007- September 2009
Publication of Local Plan (27 of 2004 Regulations)	November 2010

Submission of Local Plan and SA Report (22 of 2012 Regulations)	May 2012
Adoption of Local Plan (26 of 2012 Regulations)	January 2013
Arrangements for Production/Approval	
Lead Authority/Division	Northampton Borough Council/Regeneration Enterprise and Planning Department
Management Arrangements	Northampton Borough Council Cabinet
Resources	5 FTE over four years drawn from within Northampton Borough Council. Co-operation with other Local Authorities on transferable issues and solutions.
Community Involvement	Through the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

South Northamptonshire Settlements and Countryside Local Plan		
Brief Description		
To establish detailed policies for the Management of Development across South Northamptonshire (excluding those parts within the Northampton Related Development Area). These policies will guide the decision making process on planning applications. This will include establishing a hierarchy for settlements within the District, setting revised town and village confines and identifying areas of important green space within those settlements, as well as addressing development needs in those settlements in accordance with the framework set out in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. This Local Plan will include site-specific allocations and accompanying policies. Allocations will be included for land uses, together with specific policies for the development, delivery management and use of land and buildings and in the regeneration, growth, design, built and natural heritage objectives, together with the protection of important landscapes.		
Geographical Area Covered	South Northamptonshire District (less the part of the Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA) in South Northamptonshire District)	
Status	Local Plan	
Will it be produced jointly with other Authorities?	No	
If yes, then with which Authorities?	N/A	
Chain of Conformity	1	Government Policy
	2	RSS (up to its revocation under the provisions of the Localism Act)
	3	West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan
	3=	South Northamptonshire Settlements and Countryside Local Plan
	3=	Other Local Plans (prepared jointly or by individual Authorities)
	4	Neighbourhood Plans
	5	Supplementary Planning Documents

Timetable for Production and Conformity with Appropriate Regulations	
Commencement of preparation/Consulting Statutory Bodies on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal (18)	April 2012
Publication of Local Plan (19)	January 2013
Submission of Local Plan and SA Report (22)	September 2013
Adoption of Local Plan (26)	March 2014
Arrangements for Production/Approval	
Lead Authority/Division	South Northamptonshire Council Policy Directorate
Management Arrangements	South Northamptonshire Policy Review and Development Committee South Northamptonshire Cabinet South Northamptonshire Full Council
Resources	2 FTE drawn from the Planning Policy and Heritage Team with support from the Development Management Team of South Northamptonshire Council
Community Involvement	Through the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

Daventry District Settlements and Countryside Local Plan

Brief Description

To establish detailed Policies for the Management of Development across Daventry District (excluding those parts within the Northampton Related Development Area). This Local Plan will build on the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan and will include a detailed and wide variety of Policies to guide the decision making process for future Planning Applications across Daventry District (excluding those parts within the Northampton Related Development Area). It will provide policies for Daventry Town, and it will establish a Rural Settlement Hierarchy for settlements within the District, setting revised town and village confines and identifying areas of important green space within those settlements, as well as addressing development needs in those settlements in accordance with the framework set out in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan. This Local Plan will include site-specific allocations and accompanying policies. Allocations will be included for land uses, together with specific policies for the development, delivery management and use of land and buildings and in the regeneration, growth, design, built and natural heritage objectives, together with the protection of important landscapes.

Geographical Area Covered	Daventry District (less the part of the Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA) in Daventry District)
Status	Local Plan
Will it be produced jointly with other Authorities?	No
If yes, then with which Authorities?	N/A
Chain of Conformity	1 Government Policy

	2	RSS (up to its revocation under the provisions of the Localism Act)
	3	West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan
	3=	Daventry District Settlements and Countryside Local Plan
	3=	Other Local Plans (prepared jointly or by individual Authorities)
	4	Neighbourhood Plans
	5	Supplementary Planning Documents
<i>Timetable for Production and Conformity with Appropriate Regulations</i>		
Commencement of Preparation/ Consulting Statutory Bodies on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal (18)	July 2012	
Publication of Local Plan (19)	October 2013	
Submission of Local Plan and SA report (22)	April 2014	
Adoption of Local Plan (26)	February 2015	
<i>Arrangements for Production/Approval</i>		
Lead Authority/Division	Daventry District Council	
Management Arrangements	Daventry District Council Strategy Group	
Resources	0.75 FTE drawn from Daventry District Council, together with cooperative assistance with other partner Councils where possible and appropriate. 1.5 FTE providing support drawn from the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit	
Community Involvement	Through the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.	

Appendix 4

Existing Supplementary Planning Guidance

Northamptonshire-wide - Supplementary Planning Guidance

Planning Out Crime in Northamptonshire (2003)

Daventry District Council - Supplementary Planning Guidance

Boughton Village Design Statement (2003)
Brixworth Village Design Statement (2005)
Creaton Village Design Statement (2004)
Crick Village Design Statement (2004)
Daventry Town Design Statement (2008)
Farthingstone Village Design Statement (2004)
Flore Village Design Statement (2008)
Hollowell and Teeton Village Design Statement (2008)
Long Buckby Village Design Statement (2008)
Naseby Village Design Statement (2008)
Norton Village Design Statement (2008)
Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement (1999)
Scaldwell Village Design Statement (2008)
Sibbertoft Village Design Statement (2008)
Boughton Conservation Area Appraisal (2002)
Grand Union/ Oxford Canal Conservation Area (1995)
Moulton Conservation Area Appraisal and Design Guide (1997)
Scaldwell Conservation Area Appraisal and Design Guide (1998)
Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal Phase 1 Development Brief
Middlemore 1 Development Brief (2001)
Middlemore 2 Development Brief (2001)
Middlemore 3a Development Brief (2001)
Middlemore 3b Development Brief (2001)
Middlemore 3c Development Brief (2002)
Middlemore 5a Development Brief (2004)
Infrastructure Interim SPD (2004)
Braunston Canal Strategy (2000)
Church Brampton (Residential Development Guidelines) (1997)
Daventry Conservation Area Shopfront Design Guide
Design and Location of Agricultural Buildings (1999)
Shopfront Security
Designing House Extensions (1997)
The Retention of Playing Pitches (2000)

Northampton Borough Council - Supplementary Planning Guidance

Delapre Abbey
Residential Extension Design Guide
Shop Front Design Guide

South Northamptonshire Council – Supplementary Planning Guidance

Advertisements (Feb 1996)
Affordable Housing (Dec 2003)
Backland Development (March 2004)
College Place, Brackley, Development Brief (Sept 2002)
Conservation Areas (March 1998)
Developer Contributions (Aug 2001)
Energy and Development SPD (March 2007)
Elementis Pigments Site, Deanshanger, Planning Brief (April 2001)
Farm Diversification (Feb 1996)
Grange Park, Courteenhall Planning Brief (Sept 1997)
Horse Related Development (June 1999)
Interim Rural Housing Policy (July 2009)
Light Pollution (Oct 1998)
Listed Buildings (Aug 2002)
Moat Lane, Towcester, Planning Brief (Nov 2007)
Nature Conservation (Feb 1996)
Northamptonshire Canal Partnership Strategy (Aug 1999)
Paulerspury and Pury End Village Design Statement (2005)
Radstone Technology, Towcester, Planning Brief (Jan 2003)
Residential Design In the Countryside: Planning Guidance Notes and Village Design Guides (Jan 1996)
Reuse of Rural Buildings (April 2005)
Residential Extensions (Sept 1998)
Roofscapes (Sept 1998)
Satellite Dishes (May 2002)
Shop Fronts (Feb 1996)
Silverstone Circuit Planning Brief (2005)
Silverstone Campsite Appraisal (Nov 2003)
Springfield Way, Brackley (July 2002)
Sun Moon and Stars, Blisworth, Planning Brief (June 2004)
Telecommunications (Nov 2002)
Thatching (Feb 1996)
Trees and Development (Feb 1996)
Trees in Conservation Areas and TPO's (March 2001)
Walkerpack, Roade, Planning Brief (May 2004)
Whittlebury Design Statement (Feb 1999)
Windows and Doors (Feb 1996)
Working From Home (November 1998)

Appendix 5

Composite Timetable for the Preparation of Local Plans

West Northamptonshire LDS timetable	2012										2013										2014										2015					
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M
West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan								S									A																			
West Northamptonshire Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People Allocations Local Plan						C															P				S										A	
Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA) Allocations and Development Management Policies Local Plan							C														P					S									A	
Northampton Central Area Action Plan Local Plan																																				
South Northamptonshire Settlements and Countryside Local Plan																																				
Daventry District Settlements and Countryside Local Plan																																				

KEY

Development Plan Documents:

C- Commencement of preparation

P- Publication of document for representations

S- Submission of document

A- Adoption of document