

**At Item 8 in the Agenda for the meeting of the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October the Chair made the following announcement:**

“As the Committee will recall at the recent Public Examination hearings relating to the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, the Examination Inspector required the Joint Planning Unit to undertake additional work. Essentially, this work fell into two parts:

- 1) Undertaking an Objectively Assessed Housing Need assessment under the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF); and
- 2) Undertaking addendum Sustainability Appraisal work to rectify shortcomings in the work done to date.

This work is progressing well and I am sure the Committee will understand, is of a complex nature.

Unfortunately, this work is taking longer than originally anticipated as a result of its complex nature.

A revised timetable is being prepared and is in the process of being finalised.

In the light of that timetable, it is expected that the next meeting after today of this Committee will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and the meeting currently scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November will therefore be cancelled. It is expected that the work relating to the Joint Core Strategy will be presented to this Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

These changes to the diary of this Committee will be given effect to as soon as possible in the days ahead this week.

These changes to dates will also be made available on the Joint Planning Unit’s website as soon as possible.

It is expected that public consultation on any proposed modifications to the Joint Core Strategy will follow early in 2014 for 6 weeks and the Examination Hearings will reconvene in early spring. Dates will be confirmed on the JPU’s website as soon as possible”.

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