



## West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy

### Issues and Options

### Questionnaire

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All comments and views received on the Issues and Options Discussion Paper will be carefully considered and made available to the public. **The consultation period for this paper is Wednesday 5 September – Wednesday 31 October. Therefore, comments should be made no later than 5pm on Wednesday 31 October 2007.**

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## Contact Details

Please supply your contact details so that we can contact you again about this consultation.

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Do your comments represent those of an organisation?      Yes       No

If yes, please state which organisation:

Please tick if you wish to be contacted about other Joint Planning consultation activities

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### Why do we need your feedback?

Your responses to this questionnaire will feed into the consultation process in developing the Joint Core Strategy.

### What happens to your feedback?

- ◆ The Joint Planning Unit will record your response to this consultation questionnaire along with your contact details.
- ◆ All representations made in response to this consultation form part of the statutory planning process and will be made available for public viewing. Your response cannot be treated as confidential.
- ◆ The findings from the consultation will be published and reported on (however we will only include your name, street name and town – we will not print your house number, telephone number or email address).
- ◆ Your details will be added to our Joint Planning database and we will keep you informed about the development of this strategy and of further consultation opportunities.

### What will we do with your details?

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**Issues on the Draft Vision**

**V1** Do you support the draft Vision or do you think changes should be made to it?

**V2** What changes would you like to see made to the draft vision?

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**Issues on the draft Spatial Objectives**

**SO1** Do you support the six theme? Yes  No

If not, what do you suggest instead?

**SO2** Do you support the draft objectives or do you think changes should be made to them?

**SO3** What changes would you like to see made to the objectives?

**SO4** Do you think any of the objectives are more important than others? Yes  No

If yes, please order the objectives to reflect what you consider to be the priorities and explain why?

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## **West Northamptonshire Issues**

**WN 1** Given the general strategy for housing growth in the RSS where are the most sustainable locations to accommodate this growth? Should we prioritise certain locations for development?

**WN 2** How do we make West Northamptonshire an economic success without prejudicing its character?

**WN 3** How do we develop the West Northamptonshire economy? Should we specialise or not?

**WN 4** How do we ensure that all necessary infrastructure is delivered and at the right time?

**WN 5** How do we ensure that the growth in West Northamptonshire minimises the impact on climate change in general and flooding in particular?

**WN 6** How do we ensure that the growth in West Northamptonshire does not add to congestion and enables a modal shift away from use of the car?

**WN 7** How do we provide more affordable homes in West Northamptonshire to meet local needs?

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## **West Northamptonshire Possible Options**

**WNO 1** Concentrate all development in the towns or direct some growth to the villages to sustain the rural way of life.

**WNO 2** Encourage developments that are of the highest design standards and eco friendly.

**WNO 3** Consider alternative ways of prioritising infrastructure e.g. available funding, local needs or to fit with others' strategies

**WNO 4** Develop an environmentally led strategy and policies

**WNO 5** Adopt a strategy and policies which promote non-car modes in the towns and rural areas

**WNO 6** Look at ways to encourage developers to build a greater proportion of affordable housing in their developments.

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## **Northampton Implementation Area Issues**

**N1** Taking into account your views on Issues V1 and V2, how and where do you think Northampton should grow, and why?

**N2** To what extent do you think the provision of a new parkway station to the south of Northampton is a realistic proposal, and to what extent should this influence the choice of directions of growth?

**N3** Should those parts of the Borough of Wellingborough that neighbour Northampton be included in the consideration of the definition of the Northampton Implementation Area?

**N4** Should development take place at a high density to reduce the amount of land needed to accommodate the growth?

**N5** Do you think that employment is the key to Northampton's future success and should there be more high quality employment particularly knowledge based ?

**N6** How can we increase and improve Northampton's cultural image and identity?

**N7** How can we improve the overall performance of the town centre?

**N8** What measures should we take to deal with capacity problems on the M1 and A45 and their junctions and with town congestion?

**N9** How can we improve and increase public transport patronage?

**N10** How do we regenerate existing run down parts of the town?

**N11** How do we deal with the potential conflict of growth and flooding?

**N12** How do we deal with the current shortage of employment land bearing in mind the need to accommodate significant housing growth?

## **Northampton Implementation Area Possible Other Options**

**NO1** Develop Northampton as a specialist knowledge base in employment terms

**NO2** Adopt a more restrictive approach to the re-use of employment land to prevent it being lost to housing

**NO3** Enhance public spaces and buildings in the town including through using public art, design and materials and features in public spaces and building iconic buildings

**NO4** Carry out selective redevelopment and refurbishment

**NO5** Look at better ways of accessing the town centre

**NO6** Locate development so as to have minimal impact on major roads and junctions

**NO7** Look at adopting alternative means of, and greater investment in, public transport

**NO8** Provide greater co-ordination and partnership working to improve run-down and deprived areas

**NO9** Increase the number of high rise developments in the town centre.

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## **Daventry Issues**

**D1** Do we want to put knowledge based employment at the heart of the growth of the town which would improve the skills offer?

**D2** How do we deal with the under performance of the town centre?

**D3** How do we provide the additional infrastructure (including community infrastructure) to meet the growth of the town?

**D4** How can we help to improve educational standards?

**D5** How should the Country Park be enhanced to provide for the needs of the growing population?

**D6** What should be done to regenerate the Southbrook, Grange and Headlands estates?

## **Daventry – Possible Options**

**DO1** Provide more diverse employment base and provide complementary skills training and education

**DO2** Base future employment and investment on green technology development

**DO3** To facilitate mixed-use development in the town centre and improve connectivity

**DO4** To seek to influence funding streams and greater co-ordination and partnership working with relevant partners

**DO5** To provide further education opportunities at Danetre and William Parker schools

**DO6** To develop a greenspace strategy and the designation as a conservation area

**DO7** Selective redevelopment and greater partnership working

## **Daventry Town – Possible Options for Directions of Growth**

**DO8** Growth to be located to the East of Borough Hill north of the A45

**DO9** Growth to be located along Long Buckby Road

**DO10** Growth to be located at Monksmoor Farm, east of Welton Lane

**DO11** Growth to be located to the North of Daventry, east of the A361

**DO12** Growth to be located to the north of Daventry and east of the A45

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## **South Northamptonshire Issues**

**SN1** How should we distribute the future growth between Brackley and Towcester and the rural areas?

### **South Northamptonshire – Possible Options**

**SNO1** To allow growth solely at Towcester (e.g:4,000 homes by 2026) in order to develop its role as a sustainable rural centre and to enable the delivery of essential infrastructure.

**SNO2** To concentrate growth at Towcester (e.g: 3,000 homes) and direct the remaining growth to Brackley (e.g: 1000 homes) to develop their roles as sustainable rural service centres and to enable the delivery of essential infrastructure. Development would be restricted in the villages.

**SNO3** To concentrate growth at Towcester (e.g: 3,000 homes) and direct the remaining growth to Brackley (e.g: 500 homes) to develop their roles as sustainable rural service centres and to key sustainable villages (e.g: 500 homes).

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## **Towcester Issues**

**T1** What measures should be taken to ensure that the town centre remains economically viable following the construction of the A5 bypass. How will the bypass change Towcester's role as a Rural Service Centre?

**T2** How can we most appropriately regenerate the town centre?

**T3** How do we deal with the high levels of out commuting for work?

**T4** How can we deal with the identified shortage of playing fields and sports pitches?

**T5** How can we ensure that the infrastructure required to meet Towcester's needs is delivered and on time?

## **Towcester Possible Options**

**TO1** Growth be located south and west of Towcester

**TO2** Growth be located south and west of Towcester (extended area)

**TO3** Growth be directed to other areas around Towcester.

**TO4** In addition to Moat Lane further underused or vacant land is allocated for re-development for uses that support the vitality and viability of the town centre.

**TO5** Additional employment land be allocated to reduce out commuting

**TO6** Land within or outside an urban extension be identified for playing fields

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## **Brackley Issues**

**B1** What should be done to regenerate the town centre?

**B2** How can we reduce the high levels of out commuting for work?

**B3** How can we ensure that the need for improved health provision, through the relocation of Brackley Cottage Hospital, is delivered?

**B4** How can we improve the provision of education and community infrastructure?

**B5** How can we deal with the problems of town centre parking?

## **Other Options**

**BO1** Growth is located to the north of Brackley.

**BO2** Growth is located to the west of Brackley.

**BO3** Growth is located to the east of Brackley.

**BO4** Additional employment land is allocated to try to reduce the level of out commuting

**BO5** Ensure that the scale of new development maximizes education opportunities

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## **Silverstone Circuit Issues**

**SC1** How much and what type of development is appropriate at the Circuit?

**SC2** Should we work proactively with the owners and other relevant partners to secure the long-term retention of the Grand Prix?

**SC3** Should future employment be restricted to motor related uses only?

**SC4** Should the proposals include education in the form of a university campus?

**SC5** Should the development opportunities at the Circuit influence and enhance the role of Silverstone village as a location for modest growth?

## **Silverstone Circuit – Possible Options**

**SCO1** To allow a wider range of investment opportunities at the Circuit to enable its role to develop.

**SCO2** To allow for a more flexible approach towards development to incorporate, for example, leisure, tourism, retail.

**SCO3** To allow new employment that has less of a direct link with motor racing but is nevertheless related to knowledge based, research and high technology industry.

**SCO4** To create an educational facility at the Circuit centred on technology and engineering

**SCO5** The expansion of development of the Circuit could make it a more sustainable place if this were to be accompanied by some housing growth and other community facilities.

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## **Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (DIRFT)**

### **Issue**

**DT1** Do you consider that further expansion of DIRFT should be provided for, and whether it should be restricted to rail connected development only?

### **Options**

**DT01** No further expansion beyond that already permitted.

**DT02** A monitor and manage approach, reviewing the need for further expansion throughout the plan period

**DT03** Allow further expansion only where it is directly connected to the rail network.

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## **Weedon Depot**

### **Issues**

**WD1** Given its rural location and the size of the depot what uses could the buildings be put to which would secure their retention without having a negative impact on nearby towns and villages.

### **Weedon Depot – Possible Options**

**WDO1** Use the depot for large scale retail, residential, offices, cultural, tourism (or a combination of each) that may not normally be acceptable.

**WDO2** Allow new development as part of the regeneration of the site

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## **Rural Areas**

### **Issues**

**RA1** Should we allow further development in our villages, particularly employment development, and if so which villages would be most appropriate for development and why?

**RA2** Should we define village confines boundaries?

**RA3** Should we be seeking to increase the provision of housing that is affordable to meet local needs?

**RA4** How can we improve accessibility to services and facilities for those without a car within and beyond West Northamptonshire?

**RA5** How can we support and protect village facilities and local economic needs?

**RA6** Should we continue to be supportive of farm diversification?

**RA7** How do we ensure the provision of services and facilities to meet the needs of our rural population?

### **Rural Areas – Possible Options**

**RAO1** Disperse development to villages to meet identified local needs regardless of their size and range of services and facilities

**RAO2** Allow for some modest new development in the larger villages possessing a good range of services and facilities

**RAO3** Adopt a 'cluster approach' towards the provision of new development where a small group of well connected villages would provide a range of key services and facilities for its hinterland.

**RAO4** Provide greater investment in rural public transport to provide links to services, facilities and employment.

**RAO5** Provide additional resources and investment to assist and encourage villages in maintaining services