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Appendix 1 – Examples of consultation material
1. Introduction

1.1. The purpose of this document is to set out the consultation undertaken on the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan. The Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2) is being prepared to provide policies and proposals to cover Kettering Borough to guide future planning decisions in the area. The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (Adopted July 2016) is the Part 1 Local Plan, the SSP2 will be the Part 2 Local Plan.

1.2. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) (‘the Local Plan Regulations) require that before submitting a plan to the Secretary of State, the local authority must make the proposed submission documents available for consultation. The regulations require that the proposed submission documents must include a statement setting out:

i. Which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under regulation 18,
ii. How those bodies and persons were invited to make such representations,
iii. A summary of the main issues raised by those representations, and
iv. How those issues have been addressed in the local plan

1.3. This document sets out the consultation that has been undertaken in the preparation of the SSP2, it sets out the main issues raised through the consultation and how these have been addressed in the SSP2.

1.4. A number of public consultations have been undertaken during the development of the SSP2, these are listed below:

- Site Specific Proposals LDD – Issues Paper (9th March 2009 to 20th April 2009)
- Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Options Paper (12th March 2012 to 23rd April 2012)
- Housing Allocations – Assessment of Additional Sites and Update (28th October 2013 to 9th December 2013)
- Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan Consultation (22nd June 2018 to 3rd August 2018)

1.5. In addition to these distinct consultations, additional consultation has taken place throughout the preparation of the document through on-going engagement with stakeholders, for example on Historically and Visually Important Local Green Space when consultation was undertaken with landowners and Town and Parish Council’s.

1.6. The outcome of consultations undertaken throughout the preparation of the plan have been reported to the Council’s Planning Policy Committee. These reports set out in detail how issues raised through consultations have informed the development of the plan. The reports, agendas and minutes of the Planning Policy Committee meetings are available using the following link: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/committee/45/planning_policy_committee
1.7. The Council has undertaken the consultation on the SSP2 in accordance with the Council’s Statement for Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI covers the North Northamptonshire area (Corby Borough, Kettering Borough, the Borough of Wellingborough and East Northamptonshire District), the most recent version of the SCI was adopted by the Council on 25th September 2019. Consultation on previous versions of the SSP2 were undertaken meeting the requirements of earlier versions of the SCI. The SCI sets out who will be consulted, how and when. The SCI can be viewed at: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/320/statement_of_community_involvement_adopted_25_september_2019. Examples of consultation material used during consultations is included in Appendix 1.

1.8. A consultation database was set up at the start of the plan making process and has been maintained throughout the preparation of the SSP2. The database meets the requirements of the Local Plan Regulations. The database includes:

- Specific consultation bodies
- General consultation bodies who have expressed an interest in being involved, this includes voluntary groups, special interest groups, developers, landowners, agents, national groups and local business groups
- Residents or persons carrying out business in the local planning authority’s area who have expressed an interest in being involved

1.9. Consultations were undertaken using the Council’s consultation portal.

Duty to Cooperate

1.10. Strategic matters are dealt with through the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy. Strategic cross-boundary issues were considered through the development of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS). The JCS Pre-Submission Plan Statement of Consultation (January 2015) (http://www.nnipdu.org.uk/publications/north-northamptonshire-joint-core-strategy-2011-2031-pre-submission-plan/) set out the approach taken to satisfying the duty to cooperate through the preparation of the JCS. The Inspector who examined the JCS concluded that the duty to co-operate had been met.

1.11. In addition to the work undertaken through the preparation of the JCS the Council has also undertaken on-going engagement with Duty to Co-operate bodies through the preparation of the SSP2. This has included:

- Meetings with Daventry and Harborough Council’s to discuss Duty to Co-operate issues at appropriate points in the preparation of the plan.
- Regular meeting with Northamptonshire County Council Education to discuss school provision.
- Monthly updates on progress made with Policy Managers from each of the North Northamptonshire authorities, Northamptonshire County Council and North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit.
- Six monthly meetings with Northamptonshire Planning Policy Managers
• Engagement with Key Stakeholders through the site assessment process, e.g. Anglian Water, Environment Agency, NCC Highways.
• Consultation with duty to co-operate bodies through the formal consultation stages.
• Six monthly SEMLEP Planners Forum.

2. Regulation 18 Consultation

2.1. This section of the report sets out the consultation undertaken under the various stages in the preparation of the SSP2, it sets out the main issues arising from each of the stages and sets out how these have been addressed in the plan.

2.2. Regulation 18 of the Local Plan Regulations requires that, when preparing a Local Plan, a local planning authority must:

• Notify each of the bodies or persons specified in paragraph (2) of the subject of a local plan which the local planning authority propose to prepare; and
• Invite each of them to make representations to the local planning authority about what a local plan with that subject ought to contain.

2.3. The Planning Practice Guidance, Paragraph 034, states that there is considerable flexibility open to local planning authorities in how they carry out the initial stages of plan production provided they comply with the specific requirements set out in Regulation 18 of the Local Plan Regulations on consultations, and with the commitments in their SCI. The PPG highlights that it is important to make clear how any consultation fits within the wider plan making process.

Issues Paper Consultation

2.4. The first consultation undertaken on the SSP2 was the Issues Paper consultation; this consultation satisfied the requirements of Regulation 18. This consultation took place for six weeks from 9th March 2009 to 20th April 2009.

2.5. This consultation looked at the full range of issues the document could cover with the intention of identifying which of these were key issues for Kettering Borough. The consultation document is available using the following link: https://kettering.objective.co.uk/portal/development_services/ssp_ldd/ssp_ldd

Who did we consult and how?

2.6. The consultation involved specific and general consultation bodies and residents and people carrying out business in the area. The following consultation was undertaken:

• A letter or e-mail was sent to specific and general consultation bodies as well as people listed on the consultation database who have asked to be consulted on this document.
• A general press release was sent to local media informing of the consultation and highlighting the call for sites.
• Information was provided on the Council’s website and the document was available to view and comment on through the Council’s consultation portal.
• Information packs were sent to Parish Council’s and schools, these packs included posters to be displayed on village and school notice boards.
• Display boards and leaflets were located in libraries, the mobile library, Council Offices and the KBC town centre shop.
• 2 Drop in sessions were held in the Kettering Borough Council town centre shop.
• Copies of the document and representation procedure were available at the Council Offices and Kettering, Desborough, Rothwell and Burton Latimer libraries.

2.7. During the consultation 410 comments were received and over 70 people attended the staffed exhibitions in the town centre shop. A circular letter with 450 signatures produced by Desborough Civic Society was received that supports the provision of a permanent home for Desborough Heritage Centre within its town.
Main Issues Raised:

- National policy/ Core Spatial Strategy (CSS) policy should not be repeated.
- Document should focus on site allocations and the CSS rather than reinvigorating and seeking to replace old Local Plan style policies.
- Relationship with other development plan documents needs to be clear.
- Environmental quality should be improved and sustainable design embedded within the plan to reduce the effects of climate change.

Portrait of Kettering Borough, Vision and Objectives

- General support was given to the identified vision and objectives, but they need to reflect local distinctiveness and be broadened to include reference to the built and natural environment. A distinction needs to be made between urban and rural communities.
- Diagrams and maps could have been included throughout the Paper to better outline the spatial portrait and the issues of delivery within the Borough as a whole.

Location of Development

- Support for settlement hierarchy and identification of Local Service Centres and restraint villages.
- Respondents preferred the use of settlement boundaries rather than a criteria based policy for controlling development in the open countryside. A number of boundary changes were put forward with most consultees considering amendments/revision to the existing Local Plan settlement boundaries as the most appropriate way forward.
- Support for criteria based approach and removal of settlement boundaries from Government Office

Housing

- A significant number of housing sites have been put forward for housing development across the Borough.
- Affordable housing provision was supported, particularly within rural areas.
- Respondents proposed that a range of densities should be applied across the borough rather than setting a single density across the district.

Employment

- A number of potential employment sites were put forward including land to the north of Desborough, North Kettering Business Area and land south of the A14 at Rothwell.
- Support for the inclusion of Live/Work units.
Retail

- Conflicting views were received regarding retail allocations within Desborough and the potential for development of Key Site 1 (High St / Station Rd), Key Site 2 (Lawrence’s Factory) and Key Site 3 (Station Yard) as identified in the Desborough Town Centre Urban Design Framework (DTCUDF).

Transportation

- Improvements to the footpath and cycleway network are a priority.
- Support for the provision and identification of parking facilities for Heavy Goods Vehicles.

Renewable Energy and Climate Change

- Support for a policy that sets out the criteria for locating renewable energy development, with many noting that the Council should be encouraging this type of development.
- A number of consultees highlighted the difficulty in allocating land for renewable energy development given the rate of technological advancement and the complex technical studies required in identifying suitable locations.

Leisure and Community Facilities

- A need for a community centre for Desborough, leisure facilities in Burton Latimer, Kettering and Rothwell were highlighted.

Open Space and Biodiversity

- The Ise Valley was proposed as a potential green infrastructure corridor that could benefit residents of both Rothwell and Desborough.
- Biodiversity should be protected and enhanced to contribute to a high quality natural environment both now and in the future.

Environmental Features and Historic Heritage

- Support for a policy to protect locally listed buildings. Such a policy should however make clear that such local important buildings do not enjoy the full protection of statutory listing.
- The policies in the document should respect and enhance the quality and character of the open countryside and protect areas of specific interest.

Built Environment

- Support for the continuation of protection of Residential Character areas with suggested additions including Paradise Lane, Kettering.
How the Issues have been Addressed

2.8. The structure of the SSP2 was amended to reflect the more spatial approach highlighted. Each comment was responded to individually, the responses were agreed at the 1st September 2009 Planning Policy Committee and are available on the consultation portal: https://kettering.objective.co.uk/portal/development_services/ssp_ldd/ssp_ldd?pointId=604354#document-604354.

2.9. The issues addressed in the Issues Paper were considered individually and a decision made on whether these were to be included in the Options Paper was made, this took into account consultation responses and consideration of national and strategic planning policy. Where issues were considered to be adequately covered by national or strategic polices these were not taken forward in the options paper, for example, telecommunication development and archaeology. Other issues which were not taken forward included public car parking and temporary dwellings.

2.10. In order to address the issues raised through the consultation the Council prepared a number of evidence documents. These were used to inform the next iteration of the Plan which is the Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document Options Paper. These include:

2.11. During the preparation of these background papers additional consultation was undertaken with Town and Parish Councils and with stakeholders, details of this consultation is provided below.

Consultation with Parish Council's

2.12. During October, November and December 2010 officers from Kettering Borough Council attended Parish Council meetings to discuss the Site Specific Proposals LDD and aspirations and needs for the future of their villages. The following Parish Councils were attended:

- Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley
- Ashley
- Barton Seagave
- Sutton Bassett
- Harrington & Thorpe Underwood
- Pytchley
- Stoke Albany
- Rushton
- Grafton Underwood
- Cransley
- Cranford
- Lodddington
- Dingley
- Weston by Welland
- Wilbarston
- Broughton

2.13. The findings of this consultation fed directly into the Rural Masterplanning Report which forms part of the evidence base for the SSP2. Summaries of the consultation with Parish Councils are provided in the Rural Masterplanning Report which is available using the following link: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/193/rural_master_planning_february_2012.
Consultation with Town Councils

2.14. During January, February and March 2011 officers attended Burton Latimer, Rothwell and Desborough Town Council meetings to discuss their aspirations and needs for the future of the towns.

2.15. The findings of these consultations fed into the preparation of background papers and the settlement specific chapters of the plan.

Consultation with Stakeholders on Housing Sites

2.16. As part of the assessment of housing sites the following stakeholders were consulted to gain their views on the potential of sites and to identify any constraints affecting the sites. Each stakeholder was sent an assessment sheet with relevant questions and asked to comment on the sites individually and to comment on any cumulative impacts development of the sites would have.

- Anglian Water
- British Gas
- National Grid
- British Telecom
- English Heritage
- English Nature
- KBC Environmental Health
- NCC Highways Authority
- Highways Agency
- Mobile Operators
- Natural England
- NCC Walking and Cycling
2.17. The findings from these consultations were fed into the housing site assessments which have been updated as preparation of the document has progressed.

Options Paper Consultation

2.18. The Options Paper consultation took place for 6 weeks from 12 March 2012 to 23 April 2012. The consultation document is available using the following link: https://kettering.objective.co.uk/portal/development_services/sspldd/sspldd

2.19. This consultation sought to gain views on a range of options to be addressed by the Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document.

Who did we consult and how?

2.20. The consultation involved specific and general consultation bodies and residents and people carrying out business in the area. The following consultation was undertaken:

- A letter or e-mail was sent to specific and general consultation bodies as well as people listed on the consultation database who have asked to be consulted on this document.
- Two general press releases were sent to the local media informing of the consultation.
- Information was provided on the Council’s website and the document was available to view and comment on through the Council’s consultation portal. A banner was placed on the Council’s homepage.
- A report was presented to a combined Kettering Town, A6 and Rural Forum
- Information packs were sent to Parish Council’s, schools, Ward Councillors and community groups to distribute, these packs included posters to be displayed on village and school notice boards, leaflets, details of the consultation and extracts from the document.
- Copies of the document and leaflets were located in libraries, the mobile library and the Council Offices.
- Display boards were placed in Kettering Library, the Council Offices and 1 Horsemarket, Kettering
- 5 Drop in sessions were held, two in Kettering and one in each of the Market Towns, Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell.
- A statutory notice was placed in the two newspapers which cover the area.
- A report and presentation was made to the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)
- A presentation and planning exercise took place with Rothwell Infant and Junior schools.
- Officers attended the Kettering Youth Council and the Pensioners Parliament.

2.21. A copy of the Statutory Notice is provided below.

![Statutory Notice](image.png)

2.22. The deadline for submitting comments to the consultation was extended until the 21st May 2012 due to the level of interest in the document and to allow local groups and Parish Councils to hold public meetings.
2.23. There was significant interest in the consultation and 2,124 comments were received from 482 different consultees. Copies of the comments and officer responses to these are available on the consultation portal: https://kettering.objective.co.uk/portal/development_services/sspldd/sspldd?pointId=1546312#document-1546312

Main Issues Raised:

2.24. The comments, officer responses to the comments and proposed next steps were presented to Members of the Planning Policy Committee at meetings on the 4th and 13th September 2012. The report included a full schedule of comments with officer responses to each comment. The reports are available using the following links:

- 4th September 2012 Planning Policy Committee https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1018/planning_policy_committee
- 13th September 2012 Planning Policy Committee https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1037/planning_policy_committee

2.25. The main issues raised were:

- Need for the document to be reviewed to ensure compliance with the NPPF and draft Joint Core Strategy.
- Vision needs to recognise the historic environment
- Concern over the scale and location of development and lack of jobs identified in the document.
- Support for settlement boundaries but concern about the approach being consistent with the NPPF. Some alterations to settlement boundaries suggested.
- Concern over viability in relation to affordable housing thresholds.
- Support for the identification of development sites and opportunities for redevelopment in the smaller town centres
- Concern over the removal of the sequential test and impact assessment.
- Need to ensure existing strategies for the natural and historic environment chapter are taken into account.
- Resistance to the identification of Historically and Visually Important Local Green Space
- Issues were raised in relation to individual sites

How the Issues have been addressed:

2.26. Officers considered each comment and provided individual responses to each comment setting out how the issues raised would be addressed. The summary sheets which were presented to Planning Policy Committee included a series of next steps to be undertaken to address the issues identified through the consultation. These included:
The options and background papers were reviewed to take account of the NPPF and draft Joint Core Strategy, the summary sheets for each section set out the changes made as a result of this.

The Historically and Visually Important Open Space work was reviewed, and additional assessment was undertaken.

Additional work was completed to explore the potential for employment sites at the smaller towns.

Settlement boundary background paper was reviewed to take into account consultation responses.

Further work was undertaken to progress town centre development sites and environmental improvements.

Site assessments were reviewed to take into account comments received and new sites promoted were assessed.

### 2.27
Following the updated work in assessing housing sites, it was considered necessary to carry out an additional focused consultation. This was called the Housing Allocations – Assessment of Additional Sites and Update Consultation (October 2013) and is summarised below.

**Housing Allocations – Assessment of Additional Sites and Update Consultation**

2.28. This consultation focused on housing sites, it included an update to sites assessed in the Housing Allocations: Background Paper (Feb 2012) and an assessment of new sites put forward through the consultation on the Site Specific Proposals LDD – Options Paper.

2.29. The consultation took place for six weeks from 28th October 2013 to 9th December 2013. The consultation document is available to view on the following webpage: [https://kettering.objective.co.uk/portal/sspldd_ha](https://kettering.objective.co.uk/portal/sspldd_ha)

2.30. Based on the findings of the site assessment work targeted consultation was undertaken in the following settlements:

- Burton Latimer
- Desborough
- Mawsley

2.31. There were 304 comments received to the consultation from 259 consultees, these included Town and Parish Council’s, Statutory consultees, residents, local community groups and other interested parties.

**Main Issues Raised**

2.32. As this consultation focused on housing sites the issues raised focused on sites which had been either identified as potential allocations or discounted. These included comments both of support and objection to the proposals.
How the Issues have been addressed:

2.33. All comments received were responded to, the comments along with summary sheets setting out next steps were reported to Planning Policy Committee on 30th January 2014, the summary sheets set out how issues raised would be addressed. The report is available using the following weblink: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1236/planning_policy_committee

2.34. Next steps included reviewing development principles to take into account issues raised through the consultation, assessing new sites using the site assessment criteria, amending site assessments to take into account issues raised through the consultation and undertaking further detailed assessment of sites where site specific issues have been identified.

2.35. Following the Options Paper consultation (2012) and the Housing Allocations – Assessment of Additional Sites and Update consultation (2013) a number of background papers were prepared which set out how issues identified through these consultations were addressed. Some additional focused consultation was undertaken during the preparation of these documents.

- Historically and Visually Important Open Space Background Paper (September 2015) (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/190/historically_and_visually_important_open_space_september_2015) – A focused consultation with landowners and Town and Parish Councils on the Historically and Visually Important Open Space took place from 30th October 2015 to 11 December 2015. The Historically and Visually Important Local Green Space Background Paper – Summary of Landowner and Town/Parish Council Consultation and Site Assessment Update (June 2016) (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18274/historically_and_visually_important_open_space_june_2016) sets out the issues raised through this consultation and how these issues were addressed.


- Town Centre and Town Centre Uses Background Paper (Update) (April 2018) (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18273/town_centre_and_town_centre_uses_update_april_2018) This document was informed by a focused consultation on town centre boundaries which was undertaken in April/May 2016 with Town Councils and Chambers of Trade/ Town Centre Partnerships.
• A Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan (GIDP) for Kettering Borough (March 2018) (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18170/green_infrastructure_deliver_plan_march_2018). Stakeholder and community consultation was undertaken through the development of the GIDP.
• Housing Allocations Background Paper (2018) (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18281/housing_allocations_march_2018) – Consultation with site promoters and key stakeholders was undertaken as part of this consultation. The stakeholders are those set out in paragraph 2.16.

2.36. These background papers were used to inform the preparation of a Draft Plan which was subject to public consultation. This consultation is detailed below.

Draft Plan Consultation

2.37. The draft Plan consultation took place from 22nd June 2018 to 3rd August 2018. This consultation was in addition to that required by the regulations and provided an extra opportunity for people to help shape the document ahead of the statutory consultation on the Publication Plan.

2.38. This consultation involved specific and general consultation bodies and residents and people carrying out business in the area. The following consultation was undertaken:

• A letter or e-mail was sent to specific and general consultation bodies as well as people listed on the consultation database who have requested to be consulted.
• A general press release informing of the consultation was sent to the local media
• Information was provided on the Council’s website and the document was available to view and comment on through the Council’s consultation portal.
• Information was put on the Council’s social media informing people of the consultation.
• Report were presented to Kettering Town, A6 and Rural Forums.
• Information packs were set to Parish Council’s, schools, community groups and for Ward Councillors, these packs included posters, to be displayed on village and school notice boards.
• Inspection copies of the plan were made available at the Council Offices and libraries.
• Events were held at 7 locations across the Borough where people could view display material and talk to officers about proposals.
• A presentation was given at the Kettering Interfaith Forum
• Information was provided to the Kettering Business Network
2.39. There were 557 comments received from 239 individuals or organisations, these included Parish Councils’ statutory consultees, residents, local community groups and other interested parties. Approximately 220 people attended the consultation events.
2.40. All comments received were responded to, the comments along with summary sheets setting out next steps were reported to Planning Policy Committee on the following dates:

- 28th November 2018 (General comments, Introduction, Spatial Portrait, Vision and Objectives, Location of Development, Housing, Employment and Town Centres)  
  [https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1689/planning_policy_committee](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1689/planning_policy_committee)
- 22nd January 2019 (Kettering and Barton Seagrave, Burton Latimer, Desborough, Rothwell, Rural Area, Ashley, Braybrooke, Broughton Cranford, Geddington, Great Cransley, Harrington, Lodddington, Mawsley, Newton, Pytchley, Rushton, Weston by Welland, Wilbarston, Infrastructure)  
  [https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1699/planning_policy_committee](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1699/planning_policy_committee)
- 22nd February 2019 (Natural Environment and Heritage and Stoke Albany)  
  [https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1712/planning_policy_committee](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1712/planning_policy_committee)
- 5th June 2019 (Stoke Albany)  
  [https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1742/planning_policy_committee](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1742/planning_policy_committee)

Main Issues Raised

2.41. The full range of issues raised through the consultation are available in the summary sheets, however a summary of the main issues includes:

- Flood risk, contamination, education, health and well-being, air quality and pollution, sustainable transport and faith issues require further consideration.
- Need for a Sustainability Appraisal to accompany the plan was highlighted.
- Greater reference needs to be made to historic environment.
- Objection to the inclusion or exclusion of land from settlement boundaries.
- A Policy on rural buildings should be included.
- Concern raised over the approach to windfall allowance.
- Some support for the inclusion of policies on category 3 and older persons housing and self and custom-built housing
- Issues raised over the size of the buffer applied to the housing requirement.
- Concern raised in relation to the type of units allowed in live work units.
- Need to consider non-B class uses in relation to employment areas.
- Concern over the cumulative impact of proposals in relation to impact assessment thresholds.
- Site promoted as a location for a medium sized food store in Desborough.
- Alternative wording suggested for the protection of local services and facilities policy.
- New housing sites were put forward and issues raised in relation to the inclusion/ exclusion of various housing sites, these included site specific issues and objections to the level of development in some settlements.
• Objections were raised to the inclusion of some areas as Historically and Visually Important Local Green Space and a new area was put forward.
• Capacity of roads, services and facilities and schools was highlighted.
• Objections to the amount and distribution of development in the rural area.
• Objection to the categorisation of villages and the use of settlement boundaries.
• Policy on biodiversity needs to be strengthened
• Support for GI corridors, amendments suggested to the policy.
• General support for the provision of open space.

How the issues have been addressed

2.42. The summary sheets set out a series of next steps to address the issues raised through the consultation. These next steps including updating a number of the background papers and preparing additional background papers to address issues raised. In addition to this the supporting text and wording of policies was updated to address issues raised and new policies have been included in the plan.

• An Infrastructure Delivery Schedule has been included in the plan to set out the infrastructure required to support the growth identified in the Plan.
• An update to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been prepared which has informed the preparation of the Publication plan (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/download/28/strategic_flood_risk_assessments).
• Policy wording for flood risk has been updated to take into account comments made.
• Wording relating to contamination has been updated.
• A health and well-being policy has been included in the plan and the visions and objectives have been updated.
• The wording of the community facilities policies has been updated.
• More detail has been added to the plan of the historic environment.
• The settlement boundary background paper has been updated to address issues raised (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18888/settlement_boundary_background_paper_update_october_2019).
• A policy on development in the open countryside has been included in the plan.
• A Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment have been prepared.
• A background paper on the provision of Category 3 and General Housing for Older Persons has been prepared and policies on housing for older people included in the Publication Plan (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18886/provision_of_category_3_and_general_housing_for_older_persons_october_2019).
• A background paper on Self Build and Custom Build housing has been prepared and policies included in the Publication Plan (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18887/self_build_and_custom_build_background_paper_august_2019).
- A Housing Land Supply background paper has been prepared which sets out the justification for the flexibility allowance, distribution of housing in the rural area and provides evidence for the windfall allowance used (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18884/housing_land_supply_background_paper_october_2019).
- The live work unit policy has been updated.
- A policy on non-employment uses (non-B use class) in Safeguarded Employment Areas has been included.
- An Employment Land Review has been completed which has informed the allocation of employment sites in the Publication Plan (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18882/employment_allocations_background_paper_august_2019).
- An assessment of the Old Dairy Site, Desborough was undertaken, and the site was discounted as a potential location for a medium sized supermarket (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18879/assessment_of_the_old_dairy_site_as_a_medium Sized_supermarket).
- The Housing Allocations Background Paper was updated to address issues raised through the consultation and to update site assessments, this informed the allocation of sites in the Publication Plan (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18883/housing_allocations_background_paper_update_october_2019).
- An update was prepared to the Historically and Visually Important Local Green Space Background Paper, this informed the designation of Local Green Space in the Publication Plan (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18885/historically_and_visually_important_local_green_space_background_paper_update_october_2019).
- Development principles for sites were reviewed and updated to take into issues raised through the consultation.
- A background paper on the Categorisation of Villages was prepared which sets out the approach and justification for categorising villages (https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18880/categorisation_of_villages_background_paper_october_2019).
- Town centre opportunities redevelopment sites and environmental improvements have been reviewed and the Rothwell Library site was removed as an opportunity for redevelopment.

3. Conclusion

3.1. The preparation of the SSP2 has included an extensive consultation process, this included four formal public consultations, several informal focused consultations and on-going dialogue with key agencies and adjoining authorities.

3.2. The plan has been prepared in the context of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy which is the strategic Part 1 Local Plan. In addition to the work undertaken through the preparation of the JCS to address strategic duty to co-operate issues, the Council has continued to engage with adjoining authorities and public bodies.
3.3. Responses to the Issues Paper consultation helped to identify what issues the SSP2 should cover and to identify additional areas where further technical work was required. This led to the development of a series of options for addressing those issues. The responses to the consultation on Options helped to further refine the policy areas to be included in the SSP2 and to identify additional technical work required to support the policies. The consultation on Housing Allocations – Assessment of Additional Site and Update enabled the housing sites options to be further refined.

3.4. The consultation on the draft plan enabled respondents to comment on the detail of policies and to help refine those issues where additional work was being undertaken, this included the work in assessing employment sites.

3.5. The focused consultations undertaken throughout the process have helped to refine and develop individual policy areas and enabled issues raised to be addressed throughout the preparation of the plan.

3.6. Extensive consultation has been undertaken throughout the preparation of the plan. At each stage individual comments have been responded to and the responses have been summarised and next steps set out for addressing the issues raised. The Council has addressed and response to the key issues raised through the consultation. This has facilitated the development of a robust, sound plan which takes forward the strategy set out in the JCS. The extensive evidence base which has been prepared, along with the consideration of reasonable alternatives through the Sustainability Appraisal has reflected the need to respond to and test issues that have been identified through the consultation.

3.7. This Statement of Consultation demonstrated that the preparation of the SSP2 has met and exceeded the requirements of plan preparation and has been prepared in accordance with the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement.
Dear Clerk,

DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan

I write to inform you that from **22nd June 2018 to 3rd August 2018**, Kettering Borough Council will be consulting on the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan, a key document that will form part of the North Northamptonshire Development Plan and includes local planning policies for Kettering Borough.

This document will allocate land for housing, employment, recreation and other uses. It will designate historically and visually important local green space and identify green infrastructure corridors, as well as identifying potential sites for town centre redevelopment and environmental improvements in the Market Towns. It will also contain policies, such as protection of local services and facilities, open space and design principles, which will be used when assessing planning applications.

An interactive version of the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan is available to view on the Council’s consultation portal: [http://consult.kettering.gov.uk/portal](http://consult.kettering.gov.uk/portal). The accompanying Background Papers and other associated documentation are also available to view on the Council’s website.

Please find enclosed a guidance note for your reference. Also enclosed are:

- Posters advertising the consultation
- Comment forms
- Summary sheets of the proposals
- A map of your town or village showing proposals

The purpose of sending this material is to enable you to engage with local people, provide information, answer questions where you are able and to respond to us via a variety of means, such as editing the maps provided to accompany any written response. In addition, you may wish to use this material to carry out your own consultation within the Parish. Posters are available for local advertisement and/or
Parish notice boards. If you have queries or questions, regarding this or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Consultation on this document will commence on 22nd June 2018 and conclude at 5.30pm on 3rd August 2018.

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The exhibitions are intended to provide members of the public and stakeholders with the opportunity to ask questions, view display material, make comments in writing or find out more about making comments online via our consultation portal.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Planning Policy team on [01536 534316](tel:01536534316).

Yours sincerely,

Julia Baish
Development Team Leader – Planning Policy
Kettering Borough Council has prepared the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan for public consultation. When adopted the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan will form part of the Development Plan for Kettering Borough.

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Kettering Borough Council will be consulting on the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan from 22nd June 2018 until 5.30pm on the 3rd August 2018.

Copies of the Draft Plan will be available view electronically at http://consult.kettering.gov.uk/portal. Hard copies of the document will be available to view during normal opening hours at the following locations:

- Kettering Borough Council - Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN15 7QX
- Kettering Library - Sheep Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN16 0AY
- Desborough Library - High Street, Desborough, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN14 2QS
- Rothwell Library - Market Hill, Rothwell, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN14 6EP
- Burton Latimer Library - High Street, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN15 5RH

Events will also be held at the following locations, where people can view documents, speak to officers and make written comments:

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Representations on the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan are invited and must be received no later than 5.30 p.m. on 3rd August 2018. Representations should be submitted electronically via Kettering Borough Council’s web site [http://consult.kettering.gov.uk/portal](http://consult.kettering.gov.uk/portal), this is the Borough Council’s preferred method for receiving responses. Representations may also be sent in writing using the response form to Development Services at Kettering Borough Council, Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified, at a specified address, of further consultation; the submission of the document for independent examination; the publication of the inspector’s recommendations; or the subsequent adoption of this Local Development Document.

If you have any questions on the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan please contact Kettering Borough Council’s Development Services on 01536 534316 or via planning@kettering.gov.uk.
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Help us set the tone for the place you live in. The Council is consulting on one of its key planning documents now. This document sets out where new development might go, how the environment is protected and what design standards we want for this area.

The consultation on the Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document (LDD for short) commenced on 12th March 2012.

This document, once adopted, will contain planning policies which will guide all future development and decision making on all planning applications across the whole of the Borough.

The Borough Council have already held two successful events on the Horsemarket in Kettering where 138 people came along to talk to Officers and Councillors about proposals outlined in the document.

People across the Borough are invited to attend one of our remaining events to discuss the options put forward in the document which propose the allocation of land for housing, employment, retail and leisure and community facilities. The document also looks at design, affordable housing, protection of the open countryside; and protection of environmental assets.

The remaining events include:

| Civic Centre, High Street, Burton Latimer | Thursday 29 March | 2pm – 8pm |
| Methodist Church, Rothwell | Tuesday 10 April | 2pm – 8pm |
| Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough | Thursday 12 April | 2pm – 8pm |

For further information please contact the SMT Support Team

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Date: 27 March 2012
Ref: 918
All members of the public, stakeholders and interested parties are invited to attend any of the remaining ‘drop-in’ events to view documents, speak to officers and make written comments with regards to any of the widespread and varied options which are contained within the document.

Cath Bicknell, Kettering Borough Council’s Head of Development Services said “This is a great opportunity to help shape the Borough’s future. Please take a few minutes to look at the options on our website or at one of the planned events and send your comments to the Council.”

Councillor Russell Roberts, Leader of Kettering Borough Council says “We are at the moment consulting with the Public on our Site Specific Proposals. It is our way of working with the community to ensure that we all have a clear understanding of where, if any, future developments will take place. This is very important and this document will help to shape the future of Kettering Borough. It is our chance to influence where the jobs, houses and open spaces might be. I urge you to get along to one of these drop-in events and have your say.”

The consultation closes at 5.30pm on 23rd April 2012.

For further information please contact the SMT Support Team

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Date: 27 March 2012
Ref: 918
The purpose of this public consultation is to consult stakeholders, interested parties and members of the public on the draft Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2). This is an early stage of consultation on the SSP2 and we would like to know your views, to further develop the plans. Views are sought on the policies proposed in the plan and on whether the proposed content of the plan covers all issues which you think it should.

**HEADCASE ISSUES**

1) Settlement boundaries are re-defined, taking into account land use / policy changes, proposed allocations, previous consultation comments and planning decisions;
2) Town centre boundaries are re-defined, taking into account land use / policy changes, previous consultation comments and planning decisions (market towns only);
3) Retail, leisure and office development proposals located outside town centres will require an impact Assessment where the proposed floor area exceeds the proposed locally set threshold for each town (Policy TC15). The respective floor area thresholds for each town are:
   - Burton Latimer: 400m²
   - Debyshire: 300m²
   - Kettering: 150m²
   - Rothwell: 500m²
4) Greater clarity is given to application of the Sequential Test which should be applied when main town centre use proposals not located within a town centre are submitted (Policy TC16);
5) Policy support is given to proposals which propose new markets or enhance existing markets (Policy TC2);
6) The following number of Historically and Visually Important Local Green Spaces Areas are proposed for protection in the following areas (Policy ENV2):
   - Burton Latimer: 3
   - Debyshire: 2
   - Kettering: 2
   - Rothwell: 1
   - Rural Area: 36
7) Support is given to proposals for allotment proposals where specific criteria is met (Policy ENV2);
8) Policy support is given to the protection and enhancement of Borough Level Green Infrastructure (BLGI) corridors and the delivery of BLGI projects (Policy ENV3);
9) Policy protection is to the safeguarding of existing identified employment sites (Policy EMP1);
10) Policy support is given to the provision of new livestock units subject to specific criteria being met (Policy EMP2);
11) Policy support is given to proposals for retirement housing or care home development in sustainable locations (Policy HOU1).

**HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**
The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) is a strategic policy document covering the North Northamptonshire Area. The JCS sets out housing and employment requirements for each of the North Northamptonshire Counties over the plan period up to 2037 which is further broken down for each of the towns and across the rural areas.

The table below sets out the JCS housing requirement for each of the towns and the rural area within the borough, together with the level of housing delivered/committed between 2011 - 2017, the outstanding requirement, and housing site yields identified to address the shortfall.

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<td>1,066</td>
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<td>325 (4,000)</td>
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**LOCAL GREEN SPACE & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

Paragraph 76 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) allows local communities to identify for special protection, green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space, local communities will be able to rule out development other than in very special circumstances. Policy support is also given for the protection and enhancement of Borough Level Green Infrastructure corridors (Policy ENV3).

**EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS**

An employment land review is currently being prepared, which focuses on potential sites of 5 hectares or less. To inform the Employment Land Review, a Property Market Review and Assessment of Employment Sites is being undertaken. This work will be finalised prior to the pre-submission consultation and will inform the contents of the pre-submission document in terms of identifying the need for additional employment land and allocation requirements. Sites in excess of 5 hectares in size have been considered through the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, with allocations made at land north and south of Kettering (Policies 26 and 37 of the JCS).

**SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY**

Proposed changes to the current settlement boundaries follow a set of 4 guiding principles which take into account draft housing allocations (excluding affordable housing allocations), strategic housing and employment allocations, historic planning permissions for built development (both built out and unimplemented live permissions), and previous public consultation comments. Boundary changes exclude public open space located on the edge of settlements. These boundaries may evolve further as public consultation comments are received and employment allocations through the Part 2 Local Plan are finalised.
HEADLINE ISSUES

1) Development Principles for the town centre are defined (Policy BLA01);

2) Opportunity Re-Development Sites within the town centre, together with development criteria are proposed in order to make better use of land and regenerate the town (Policy BLA02);

3) Opportunity Environmental Improvement Sites within the town are proposed to enhance the town (Policy BLA03);

4) Policy support is given to residential development within town centres where specific criteria are met (Policy TCE3);

5) 4 potential housing sites within Burton Latimer are identified (3 of which have planning permission). The site which does not already have planning permission is estimated to yield 22 new houses;

6) Development criteria are proposed for each of the housing allocation sites to guide positive development and ensure the highest standards of design (Policies BLA04 - BLA07);

7) Proposed changes to the settlement boundary are made, taking into account land use / policy changes, allocations, planning decisions and previous consultation comments.

EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS

The following existing employment sites within Burton Latimer are being considered as potential safeguarded employment areas in the draft Part 2 Local Plan through Policy EMP01:

- Latimer Business Park
- Station Road Industrial Estate

BURTON LATIMER TOWN CENTRE

The top three suggestions for improving the town centre which came out of the shoppers and residents views and behaviour survey of the most recent health check-up date for the town were:

- 38%
- 24%
- 19%

Policy BLA01 (Burton Latimer Town Centre Development Principles) and Policy BLA02 (Opportunity Re-development sites within Burton Latimer) aim to support proposals which meet these objectives.
Desborough

HEADLINE ISSUES

1) Development Principles for the town centre are defined (Policy DES01);

2) Opportunity Re-Development Sites within the town centre, together with development criteria are proposed in order to make better use of land should the current occupiers relocate (Policy DES02);

3) Opportunity Environmental Improvement Sites within the town are proposed to enhance the town (Policy DES03);

4) Support is given to proposals for a medium sized food store serving the Rothwell and Desborough catchment area where specific criteria are met (Policy TCE1);

5) 2 potential housing sites within Desborough are identified (1 of which has planning permission already). The site which does not already have planning permission is estimated to yield 186 new houses;

6) Development criteria are proposed for each of the housing allocation sites to guide positive development and ensure the highest standards of design (Policies DES04 – DES06);

7) Proposed changes to the settlement boundary are made, taking into account land use / policy changes, allocations, planning decisions and previous consultation comments.

EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS

Sites currently being assessed within Desborough as part of the pending employment land review include:

- Land at Magnetic Park (D1)
- Land at Humphrey's Lodge (D7)

The following existing employment sites within the Desborough area are also being considered as potential safeguarded employment areas in the draft Part 2 Local Plan through Policy EMP01:

- Pipewell Road Industrial Estate
- Eckland Lodge
- Evedon Factories

DESBOROUGH TOWN CENTRE

The top three suggestions for improving the town centre which came out of the shoppers and residents views and behaviour survey of the most recent health check update for the town were:

- 52%
- 37%
- 30%

Policy DES01 (Desborough Town Centre Development Principles), Policy DES02 (Opportunity Re-development sites within Desborough), and Policy TCE1 (Proposals for a medium sized food store) aim to support proposals which meet these objectives.
Rothwell

HEADLINE ISSUES

1) Development Principles for the town centre are defined (Policy ROT01);

2) Opportunity Re-Development Site within the town centre, together with development criteria are proposed in order to make better use of land should the current occupiers relocate (Policy ROT02);

3) Opportunity Environmental Improvement Site within the town is proposed to enhance the town (Policy ROT03);

4) Support is given to proposals for a medium sized food store serving the Rothwell and Desborough catchment area when certain criteria are met (Policy TCE1);

5) 1 potential housing site within Rothwell is identified. The site is estimated to yield 300 new houses;

6) Development criteria are proposed for the housing allocation site to guide positive development and ensure the highest standards of design (Policy ROT04);

7) Proposed changes to the settlement boundary are made, taking into account land use / policy changes, allocations, planning decisions and previous consultation comments.

EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS

Sites currently being assessed within Rothwell as part of the pending employment land review include:
- Coopers Coachers Site (R13)
- Land south of A14 Junction 4 (R16)

ROTHWELL TOWN CENTRE

The top three suggestions for improving the town centre which came out of the shoppers and residents views and behaviour survey of the most recent health check update for the town were:

22% 19% 16%

Policy ROT01 (Rothwell Town Centre Development Principles) and Policy TCE2 (Markets – General Principles) aim to support proposals which meet some of these objectives.
Kettering

HEADLINE ISSUES

1) The character and density of specific existing residential areas will have policy protection from undesirable change resulting from redevelopment, infilling or sub-division (Policy KET01);  

2) The residential character of specific (centr)al edge of town centre residential areas will have policy protection from undesirable change resulting from re-development or change of use to non-residential uses (Policy KET02);  

3) 10 potential housing sites within Kettering are identified, with a further site still being assessed for consideration. The housing sites are estimated to yield between 946 and 947 new houses;  

4) Development criteria are proposed for each of the housing allocation sites to guide positive development and ensure the highest standards of design (Policy KET03-KET13);  

5) Policy protection is proposed for identified local centres within Kettering and Barton Seagrave (Policy TCE1);  

6) Proposed changes to the settlement boundary are made, taking into account land use / policy changes, allocations, planning decisions and previous consultation comments.

EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS

Sites currently being assessed within Kettering as part of the pending employment land review include the Ampthill Yard, Poyntley Lodge Road (site ref KE70/4a) which will inform its assessment as a potential housing site.

The following existing employment sites within Kettering are also being considered as potential safeguarded employment areas in the draft Part 2 Local Plan through Policy EMP01:
- North Kettering Business Park
- Kettering Way Industrial Estate
- Kettering Parkway
- Northfield Avenue

LOCAL SERVICES, FACILITIES & RETAIL

The Joint Core Strategy defines the hierarchy of centres within the North Northamptonshire Area and sets out an approach to ensuring the vitality and viability of towns, leaving it to the Part 2 Local Plan to identify the extent of town centres, sites to accommodate town centre uses, and Primary Shopping Areas. The Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan (KTCAP) sets out the policy framework for Kettering with respect of this. However, the draft Part 2 Local Plan also recognises that local centres provide an important retail service at a neighbourhood level and their protection and enhancement should be supported. The following local centres are identified in the Kettering (including Barton Seagrave) area for protection and enhancement (Policy TCE2):
- Belvoir Drive, Barton Seagrave
- Biggles, Kettering
- Bramblebeads, Kettering
- Cedar Road, Kettering
- Grange Place, Kettering
- Hampden Crescent, Kettering
- Hawthorn Road, Kettering
- St John's Road, Kettering
- 37-39 St Stephen's Road, Kettering

Emerging Local Centre
- Harwood Park, Kettering (East Kettering)
Rural Area

HEADLINE ISSUES

1) Settlements are categorised in policy according to their degree of sustainability (Policies RS01, RS02, RS03);

2) Proposed changes to current settlement boundaries will only relate to category A and B villages within the rural area;

3) Development Principles for the Rural Area are defined (Policy RS04);

4) Development Principles for each settlement (category A & B villages) in the rural area are also defined (Policies ASHD1, BRAD1, SRT01, CRAD1, GEC01, GRAD1, GRDC1, HARP1, LOAD1, LGD01, MAM01, NOV01, PYD01, RLS01, STA01, SU01, THMD1, WAR01, WEX01, WES01 and WILD1);

5) 13 potential housing sites across the rural area are identified. The housing sites are estimated to yield between 171 - 179 new houses;

6) Policy support is given to the protection of facilities in rural villages (Policy TCE5);

7) Proposed changes to settlement boundaries are made, taking into account land use / policy changes, allocations, planning decisions and previous consultation comments.

EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS

Sites currently being assessed within the rural area as part of the pending employment land review include:

- Geddington South West (RA10)
- Land between Carlton Road and Kendall’s Close, Wilbarston (RA20)

The following existing employment site within the rural area is also being considered as a potential safeguarded employment area in the draft Part 2 Local Plan through policy EMP01:

- Grange Road, Geddington