Comments

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Tests of Soundness

Do you consider the Local Plan is sound in terms of being:

Justified
Effective
Positively prepared
Consistent with National Policy

Reasons

Please give the reason(s) why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the statutory Duty to Cooperate.

Could you explain why it was not felt necessary to have a specific heritage policy? Is this because you feel that the JCS Policy 2 (Historic Environment) and the NPPF are sufficient?

Heritage 8.33- I did wonder if the text could be modified to reflect the range of heritage within Kettering Borough. I have provided some suggested wording below although this is only a suggestion you may wish to change it but I feel that section 8.33 does need to be broader in scope.

Many sites of historic and/or archaeological interest have been found across the Borough. The Historic Environment Record (HER) contains information which demonstrates the diversity of archaeological activity within Kettering Borough. Recent archaeological investigations within the area have identified a high density of of mid-late Iron Age and Roman settlement, particularly around Kettering and down the Ise Valley.

A small undefended small Roman town was located within the northern part of Kettering. A roman burial site is also present to the west of the Roman town. It is unfortunate that 19th Century quarrying and residential housing have removed much of the evidence although pockets of survival do exist.

The settlement appears to be a focus for iron smelting and possibly pottery manufacture. The town lay within a nationally important wider iron producing landscape.

Evidence of settlements and villas have been found at various locations including around Kettering and Burton Latimer.
In the late Saxon and early medieval period the royal estate centre of Rothwell overshadowed Kettering. In the 13th the prosperity of the town increased as a result of being at the convergence of a number of important roads. Rothwell was a major royal estate centre in the late Saxon period and a probable old minster serving a wide parochia, although in the early Saxon period the princely burial site and possibly also a defended residence was at the adjacent settlement of Desborough.

In the second half of the 17th century Kettering saw a further substantial development in response to the re-establishment of woollen cloth production in the town. However the woollen industry collapsed in the late 18th century and Kettering appears to have experienced a period of relative stagnation in the later 18th and earlier 19th century, although the boot and shoe industry did to a limited extent take the place of the woollen industry.

In the last two decades of the 19th century Kettering became the second largest town in Northamptonshire. Due to the growth of the boot and shoe and the iron industries.

Notifications

Do you wish to be notified?