

Comments

Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan - Main Modifications Consultation (19/03/21 to 30/04/21)

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Which Main Modification, change to the Policies Map or section of the Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum or Habitat Regulations Assessment Addendum does your comment relate to?

MM9

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Representation

MM9 relates to the expansion of employment development for sites in areas located immediately adjacent to a safeguarded employment area but outside the settlement boundary. MM9 sets out a positive approach to enable the expansion of employment sites where the potential benefits of the proposal are considered against the impact on the local area consistent with the requirements of national policy. However, this same flexibility is not provided for residential development on sites located adjacent to sustainable settlements but outside the development boundary. The SPP2 relies heavily on the delivery of a small number of Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) which have under delivered compared to the projections which were first published in the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (NNJCS). This matter is discussed in more detail in response to MM93. However, the inherent risks associated with the NNJCS strategy of relying on these sites risks the deliverability of the SPP2 and continues to warrant the need to provide contingencies and flexibility over the duration of the plan period in order to maintain a rolling five-year housing land supply. Therefore, Gladman reiterate that the SPP2 needs to take a positive approach to housing provision at sustainable settlements, such as Desborough, and the introduction of a pragmatic approach to settlement boundary policies is required (see section 3.2 of Gladman's representations to the Regulation 19 consultation and our Matter 4 Hearing Statement) as well as the introduction of additional small-medium scale site allocations to support the SUEs.