Section Title – Infrastructure Number of responses – 9

Total number of Objections – 1 Total number of Support – 2 Total number of neither Object nor Support - 6

Summary of main points

Statutory Consultees

Natural England (Id 396) - Natural England supports that 'district' GI corridors will improve access to GI across the Borough. Natural England also supports that SSP2 will identify locations and projects where delivery and implementation of new GI or GI enhancements will be focused on identifying Borough GI assets to supplement GI corridors identified in the NNJCS. Therefore, Natural England are in support of policies ENV01 and ENV03.

Northamptonshire Highways (Id 200) - Northamptonshire Highways will continue to work closely with Kettering Borough Council to identify site specific infrastructure required to deliver development as identified in the SSP2.

Anglian Water (Id 351) - We note that the North Northamptonshire Core Strategy already includes a borough wide policy relating to water supply, water quality and wastewater infrastructure (Policy 5). Therefore it is not considered necessary to include a similar policy in the Part 2 Local Plan.

However it would be helpful to consider whether there any specific development criteria for the proposed allocation sites which are needed relating to water and water recycling infrastructure.

Consideration should also be given to ensuring that reference is made Anglian Water's existing water and water recycling assets where these are located within the boundary of an allocation site so that we can ensure that access is safeguarded for maintenance (where it isn't already included in SSP2).

Desborough Town Council (Id 263) - Question 6 - Yes, the need to build the Link Road first at Rothwell North in order to alleviate the obvious construction traffic increases that will flow through the narrow Harrington Road from the A14 to the west and also through Desborough when approaching from the North.

And any new developments that come forward need to have the infrastructure put in place first of schools, medical facilities, transport links and social provision in the ever expanding towns of Desborough and Rothwell.

Other Comments

Area feeding to and from the A14 (J7-10) and A43/ A509 is becoming increasingly congested. This leads to rat-runs through villages. Needs urgent review as rural roads not designed to cope with large volumes of traffic. (Id

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No need to repeat infrastructure requirements in JCS. If site specific infrastructure requirements are identified these could be separately set out within site specific policies for each allocation (Id 483)

Burton Latimer Medical Centre should be identified as an infrastructure project in the SSP2. The land south of Higham Road should be allocated for this purpose in conjunction with residential development at the site. (Id 295)

Support is given to the overarching approach to deliver of infrastructure. (Id 496)

Infrastructure requirements set out in NNJCS should not be repeated. It is reasonable for specific allocation policies within the SSP2 to set out site specific infrastructure requirements. (Id 555)

Implications of New National Planning Policy Framework

Paragraph 28 of the NPPF allows local planning authorities to use nonstrategic sites to set out more detailed policies for specific areas, neighbourhoods or types of development this can include allocating sites and the provision of infrastructure.

Paragraph 34 of the NPPF requires plans to set out the contributions expected from development; these policies should not undermine the deliverability of the plan.

Summary of officer comments

The site allocation policies seek to specify requirements relating to water and water recycling infrastructure and seek to ensure that access to water and water recycling assets is maintained.

Rothwell North is a strategic allocation; requirements relating to this scheme are set out in Policy 38 of the JCS.

Schemes are identified in the North Northamptonshire Delivery Plan for the A509 (Isham Bypass) and A43 (Northampton to Kettering Dualling).

Sufficient site have been identified to meet housing requirements in Burton Latimer in the plan period in accordance with the Spatial Strategy. Comments relating to the capacity of the medical centre are noted, this will be discussed further with healthcare providers.

Next steps

• Site specific infrastructure requirements to be identified in site allocation policies in the Pre-submission Plan.