



Councillors set to consider future strategy for West Northamptonshire

The next stage of the Joint Core Strategy for West Northamptonshire will be decided by members of the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee at their meeting on Monday 31 January.

The Joint Core Strategy will be the long term strategic plan for the development of Daventry District, Northampton Borough and South Northamptonshire Councils' administrative areas. The Committee will consider the latest version of the Strategy (known as the Pre-Submission) and decide whether it should be published for representations prior to it being submitted to the Government.

The Pre-Submission version of the Joint Core Strategy will supersede the consultation document published in July 2009, known as the 'Emergent Joint Core Strategy'.

The Joint Core Strategy sets out a vision for the whole of the West Northamptonshire area up to 2026, including strategic policies for steering and shaping development. It identifies specific locations for strategic housing and employment, and changes to transport infrastructure and other supporting community facilities, as well as defining where development will be restricted.

Commenting on the Strategy Councillor Millar, Chairman of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee, said: *'This document is of vital importance for the West Northamptonshire area which urgently needs an up to date planning framework as the local authorities existing local plans are dated. The Core Strategy will provide a robust plan to direct future development which is needed by local people to create sustainable locations, secure regeneration and inward investment in our urban areas, and to protect the whole area from inappropriate development proposals.'*

Joint Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

The next meeting is on **31st January 2011 at 6pm**, in the Great Hall, The Guildhall, Northampton. The papers for the Joint Committee, including the full draft of the Joint Core Strategy, are available now. To read the papers and find out more about the meeting please visit our website <http://www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org> and follow the links to the '[Joint Planning Committee](#)' page.

Key proposals in the Joint Core Strategy:

The strategy makes provision for 50,150 new homes to be built between 2001 and 2026. This is a substantial reduction from the Regional Spatial Strategy requirement of 62,125 homes. Over 15,500 have already been built in the period up to 31 March 2010, and planning permission has already been granted for a further 13,000 homes. So the Strategy is planning for a further 21,500 to be granted planning permission and built before 2026. This level of provision is based on what can be delivered and supported by infrastructure and will meet the needs of the existing population.

The Strategy also makes provision for a minimum net increase of 16,000 jobs 2010-2026 in the Plan area and aims to maintain a broad balance between homes and jobs over time. Policies will support the creation of a more diverse economic base.

The key strategic site allocations, referred to in the Strategy as Sustainable Urban Extensions, are summarised below:

Northampton

Northampton Kings Heath (3,500 dwellings, 10 ha. employment)

Northampton North (2,000 dwellings, 7 ha. employment)

Northampton North of Whitehills (1,000 dwellings, local employment opportunities)

Northampton South (1,000 dwellings, local employment opportunities)

Northampton South of Brackmills (1,000 dwellings, local employment opportunities)

Northampton Upton Park (1,000 dwellings, local employment opportunities)

Northampton West (1,500 dwellings, local employment opportunities)

Daventry

Daventry North East (2,500 dwellings, local employment opportunities)

Towcester

Towcester South (1,500 dwellings, 1,500 jobs)

Brackley

Brackley East (380 dwellings, 1,000 jobs)

Brackley North (1,380 dwellings, local employment opportunities)

Maps showing the locations of the above sites are available on the ['Joint Planning Committee'](#) page of our website.

These development proposals are supported by a range of strategic policies covering the following issues:

- Connections (Transport)
- Regenerating and Developing Communities
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Built and Natural Environment
- Infrastructure and Delivery
- Place based policies for Northampton, Daventry, Towcester, Brackley and the Rural Areas.

The Strategy is supported by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan which will ensure that the services and facilities required by new development and existing communities will be funded and delivered alongside the development proposals.

Timetable and Next Stages of Joint Core Strategy

If approved by the Committee, the Pre-submission Joint Core Strategy will be published for representations to give people the chance to have their say on the plan before it is finalised. **The representation period is expected to commence for a six week period starting on Thursday 17th February 2011 and ending on 31st March 2011.**

Make your Representations Online

Making representations on the Joint Core Strategy will be quicker and easier if you do it online. If you would like to register with the Joint Planning Unit for forthcoming consultations please go to the [Consultation](#) page on our website.

Evidence Base - Update

The Joint Core Strategy is supported by a range of technical evidence which has been used to inform the policies and proposals in the plan. Since the last newsletter was published the following documents have been added to [Documents](#) page on our website under the heading 'Evidence Base':

- Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)
- West Northamptonshire Employment Land Study
- Population and Household Forecasts
- The Proposed Housing Trajectory

Further documents will be published in the next few weeks so please 'keep an eye' on the website.

News from our Partners

Daventry Masterplan and Village Design Statements

Daventry District Council is in the early stages of producing a new masterplan for Daventry town. A series of workshops have been held with a wide range of stakeholders to gain their initial thoughts on the future of Daventry. The outputs from these workshops are now being considered, with a draft report to be produced for wider public consultation early in 2011. A website has also been set up: <http://www.daventry2040.info/>

Work is progressing on a number of Village Design Statements that have been produced by community groups across the District. These will be reported to the Council's committees in due course. A recent consultation on a partial review of the Crick Village Design Statement was approved by Full Council on 9 December 2010.

New Guidance on Sustainable Design

The West Northamptonshire Development Corporation has published guidance showing how UK developers can keep pace with the fast-moving sustainability agenda, whilst delivering profitable schemes. The guidance entitled: '[Integrated Sustainable Design Solutions – Developer Guidelines](#)' can be viewed on the publications page of WNDC's website: <http://www.wndc.org.uk>

Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF)

Planning for minerals and waste is the responsibility of Northamptonshire County Council. The County Council are making good progress in preparing the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that make up the Minerals and Waste Development Framework as follows:

Core Strategy DPD: The Core Strategy was adopted on 20 May 2010

Locations for Waste Development DPD/Locations for Minerals Development DPD: These DPDs, which allocate and designate land for minerals and waste development, were submitted for examination on 31 March 2010. The Inspector's Report into these two DPDs was published in December 2010, and the DPDs should be adopted the County Council in March 2011.

Control and Management of Development DPD: This DPD, which deals with controlling and managing minerals and waste development, was submitted for examination on 16 August 2010. Public hearing sessions were held on Tuesday 18 January 2011. The Inspector's Report is expected in February/March 2011.

Further information about all these documents is available on the [Minerals and Waste Development Framework](#) page of the County Council's website: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

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