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Title	SITE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT – HISTORICALLY AND VISUALLY IMPORTANT OPEN SPACE BACKGROUND PAPER		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the Historically and Visually Important (HVI) Open Space Background Paper and to ask Members to endorse the sites recommended to be progressed as HVI open space allocations in the Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document (SSPLDD).

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 Members will recall that the Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document (SSPLDD) – Options Paper which was endorsed for consultation at this Committee on 22 February 2012, included an option to allocate Historically and Visually Important (HVI) open space and identified potential sites to be allocated as HVI open space.

2.2 The methodology for identifying HVI was set out in the *Open Space and Allotments Background Paper* (KBC, February 2012) which is attached at appendix 2. This paper was prepared because work progressing the Kettering Borough Site Specific Proposals LDD highlighted a gap in areas of open space not protected as open space identified through the Boroughs PPG17 assessment. These are spaces which are important, not necessarily because of their accessibility, but because of the role they play in providing the setting, form or character of a settlement. These spaces are considered to be either historically or visually important. Sites were identified through the following sources of information:

- A desk-top study
- A review of previously allocated Environmentally Important Open Space (policy 94 of the Local Plan for Kettering Borough)
- A review of Conservation Area Appraisals and Reviews
- Rural Masterplanning Report
- A mail-out to all Town and Parish Councils
- Site visits

2.3 The Options Paper consultation took place in March and April 2012. At the meetings of this Committee on 4 and 13 September 2012 responses to the SSPLDD Options Paper consultation were reported along with a set of next steps. The recommendation in relation to HVI open space was that the

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designation of HVI open space was progressed in the Pre-submission plan but that the process for identifying sites was reviewed in light of the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), to ensure the methodology is in accordance with paragraphs 76 and 77 of the NPPF. These paragraphs allow the designation of Local Green Space to protect green areas of particular importance and set criteria for when the designation should be used. In addition to comments on the general principle of designating sites, comments were received supporting or objecting to HVI open space identified in the Options Paper and additional sites were suggested.

- 2.4 In order to inform the identification of HVI open space, River Nene Regional Park (RNRP) were commissioned to assess sites identified in the Options Paper and additional sites promoted through the Options Paper consultation in relation to visual importance. In a number of cases MADE Environment, a small historic buildings and landscape consultancy, were also commissioned to provide an historical assessment to inform the identification of HVI open space. Northamptonshire County Council Archaeology also provided comments on a number of sites.
- 2.5 The *Historically and Visually Important Open Space Background Paper (July 2014)* attached at Appendix 1 provides a summary of the historical and visual assessments and assesses the sites against the criteria set out in paragraph 77 of the NPPF. The background paper provides a recommendation for each site in terms of its suitability for allocation as HVI open space.
- 2.6 The assessment included 62 sites. It is recommended that 42 of these should be designated as HVI open space. The sites which are recommended to be designated as HVI open space are set out in the following table:

Table 1:

Location	Site Reference
Kettering and Barton Seagrave	HVI053 and HVI071
Kettering and Barton Seagrave	HVI068
Burton Latimer	HVI056
Burton Latimer	HVI057
Burton Latimer	HVI058
Desborough	HVI069
Rothwell	HVI054
Ashley	HVI001
Ashley	HVI002
Ashley	HVI081
Braybrooke	HVI006 & 007
Broughton	HVI011
Broughton	HVI012
Cranford	HVI013
Cranford	HVI015
Cranford	HVI080
Geddington	HVI016

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Grafton Underwood	HVI017
Grafton Underwood	HVI018
Harrington	HVI020
Harrington	HVI021
Little Oakley	HVI022
Little Oakley	HVI023 & 026
Little Oakley	HVI024
Little Oakley	HVI025
Loddington	HVI027
Loddington	HVI028
Loddington	HVI054A
Pytchley	HVI033
Rushton	HVI067
Rushton	HVI070
Stoke Albany	HVI040
Sutton Bassett	HVI042
Warkton	HVI043
Warkton	HVI044
Weekley	HVI045
Weekley	HVI046
Weekley	HVI047
Weston by Welland	HVI048

- 2.7 A number of sites which were identified as potential HVI have not been progressed. Some of these sites were included in the Site Specific Proposals LDD – Options Paper as potential sites. The methodology applied has sought to identify only those sites which are of historical or visual importance and therefore where more detailed analysis of the sites has concluded the significance is not enough to warrant designation sites have been discounted. The sites which are recommended to be discounted are set out in the following table:

Table 2:

Location	Site Reference
Burton Latimer	HVI072
Burton Latimer	HVI073
Burton Latimer	HVI074
Desborough	HVI055
Desborough	HVI064
Desborough	HVI066
Rothwell	HVI063
Ashley	HVI082
Braybrooke	HVI083
Broughton	HVI052
Broughton	HVI075
Broughton	HVI076
Broughton	HVI077
Broughton	HVI078

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Cranford	HVI014
Geddington	HVI079
Harrington	HVI051
Newton	HVI032
Sutton Bassett	HVI041
Weston by Welland	HVI049

2.8 Maps showing the locations of these sites are contained in the *Historically and Visually Important Open Space Background Paper (July 2014)* attached at Appendix 1.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 Consultation on the SSPLDD Options Paper took place in March and April 2012 and representations made during that consultation have been taken into account in preparing the *Historically and Visually Important Open Space Background Paper (July 2014)*. Further public consultation will take place on the Pre-Submission Plan.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The HVI allocations will form part of the Kettering Borough SSPLDD. When adopted this will form part of the Development Plan for North Northamptonshire.

5. FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None directly related to the report.

6. RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the Historically and Visually Important (HVI) Open Space Background Paper and endorse the list of sites set out in table 1 to be progressed as HVI open space allocations in the pre-submission SSPLDD and the list of sites set out in table 2 to be discounted as HVI open space allocations.

Appendix 1: Historically and Visually Important Open Space (HVI) Background Paper (July 2014)

Appendix 2: Background Paper: Open Space and Allotments (February 2012)

Background Papers:

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