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Councils Affected	All	Date: 12 th August 2015	
Report Title	STAKEHOLDER GROUP – NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the establishment of a stakeholder group which brings together all the main players in the delivery of urban extensions in North Northamptonshire.

2. INFORMATION

2.1 At CLG's instigation, the capacity bid document referred to the desirability of establishing a stakeholder group for the whole area, which would provide:-

- A forum for tackling area wide issues and challenges
- Ensuring a good level of dialogue between developers and public agencies
- Keeping up the profile of the area with government bodies and ultimately with ministers.
- Agreeing an external communications strategy

The idea came from CLG's advocacy of the stakeholder group which was established for East Kettering at a time when the Borough Council was trying to raise the profile of the East Kettering SUE, and its need for government support on major items of infrastructure.

2.2. The existing East Kettering stakeholder group is supported by and chaired by the HCA, and comprises representatives from NCC, KBC, SEMLEP, NEP, and the developer, as well as Highways England, CLG, DfT and BISS. It meets every two months. It has worked well to tackle major blockages and has helped secure and embed central government support for a new Junction 10A on the A14. It is suggested that this is a model for a North Northamptonshire-wide group, although perhaps meeting quarterly to begin with. The HCA has confirmed that they would be willing to support and, if required, chair the North Northants group.

2.3. It would not preclude more local groups being established, on the model of the East Kettering group, for the three other district areas, and it assumes the continued existence of the East Kettering body.

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2.4. If approved, it is suggested that the North Northants Stakeholder Group comprise:

- representatives from the five local authorities
- representatives of developers and housebuilders
- HCA, SEMLEP and NEP
- BISS, CLG, DfT and Highways England
- Anglian Water
- JPU and JDU Managers

3. RECOMMENDATION

That the HCA be asked to establish a North Northants wide stakeholder group on the basis of the proposals above.