

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Title</b>	<b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME</b>		

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ian Jelley

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To adopt an update to the Council's Local Development Scheme.

### 2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a project plan setting out the timetable for the preparation of documents that make up the Council's contribution towards the North Northamptonshire Development Plan. The Development Plan for Kettering Borough is made up of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (adopted July 2016); saved policies from the Local Plan for Kettering Borough (adopted January 1995); the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan (adopted July 2011); and once adopted, will include the emerging Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan. Neighbourhood Plans, prepared by local Neighbourhood Groups, will also be included within the Development Plan.
- 2.2 The Joint Core Strategy is the strategic Part 1 Local Plan for North Northamptonshire, providing the big picture for development across the wider area. The Part 2 Local Plan will be prepared by Kettering Borough, and will provide locally specific policies and make further land allocations to complement those agreed through the Joint Core Strategy.
- 2.3 Section 15(1) of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requires that the "local planning authority must prepare and maintain a scheme to be known as their local development scheme". Since the implementation of the Act, the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit has co-ordinated the preparation of the shared LDS, based upon the submissions made by each of the partner authorities. There was also a requirement that the LDS was submitted to the Secretary of State. The introduction of the Localism Act in 2011, removed this requirement. The new legislation as a result now only requires that the LDS is simply brought into effect and published. To achieve this two actions need to be carried out:
- i. the Council should resolve that the LDS is to have effect; and
  - ii. it should specify the date from which the LDS is to have effect.
- 2.4 The Council's constitution sets out that it is the responsibility of the Planning Policy Committee to consider and recommend to Full Council for approval the

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Plans and alterations which together comprise the Development Plan. Also, that it is the responsibility of Full Council to consider for approval the Plans and alterations which together comprise the Local Development Framework.

- 2.5 Members of the Planning Policy Committee met on 25 January 2017 and agreed a revised Draft Local Development Scheme to be recommended to Full Council for adoption, subject to minor changes delegated to the Chair for agreement. This report sets out the updated draft LDS, with a recommendation that it be adopted by Full Council.

## **Local Development Scheme**

- 2.6 The purpose of the LDS is to provide a timetable against which the documents making up the Council's Development Plan can be viewed, allowing any parties interested in taking part in the preparation of the Plan to be notified of the programme and to be involved in its development.
- 2.7 It has been some time since the LDS has been reviewed, and so it is now important to comprehensively refresh this document. Before progressing towards the first more formal stage in the preparation of the Part 2 Local Plan, it is also considered important to ensure the Council is complying with the necessary tests, by agreeing and publishing a new LDS for public consumption.
- 2.8 To allow a short period for the new LDS to filter into public awareness, it is considered best to delay publication of the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan: Draft Plan for consultation until June/July 2017. The new LDS for progressing the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan is therefore proposed as follows:
- Draft Plan for publication – June/July 2017
  - Pre-Submission Plan for consultation – October/November 2017
  - Submission to Secretary of State – January 2018
  - Examination – April 2018
  - Receipt of Inspector's Report – July 2018
  - Adoption – September 2018
- 2.9 The LDS also includes additional plan-making documents, those being Proposals Maps, the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension Area Action Plan (AAP), and a review of the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan.
- 2.10 The Rothwell and Desborough AAP is currently on hold, the AAP's Submission to the Secretary of State having been delayed in 2010. Planning applications for both preferred sites have been submitted, the urban extension at Desborough was subsequently granted outline planning permission in April 2014; the Rothwell North Sustainable Urban Extension (policy 38) is now embedded in policy within the newly adopted Joint Core Strategy. There are however a number of policy principles/proposals outside of these application boundaries considered worth retaining, and potentially incorporating within the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan. It is therefore proposed to keep these documents within the LDS, until these

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principles are either picked up or dropped, at the Submission stage in preparing the Part 2 Local Plan.

2.11 In addition, once the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan has been adopted, it is proposed to review the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan. This should be towards the end of 2018, at which point resources can be directed towards the review, and a clearer evidence base is likely to be available in assessing the impact of the major out-of-town retail development at Rushden Lakes, due to open in July 2017.

2.12 A draft copy of the LDS agreed by Members of the Planning Policy Committee is provided at **Appendix 1**. The LDS is recommended for adoption, to have effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

### **3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT**

3.1 No consultation is necessary in agreeing an LDS.

### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The LDS is required under Section 15(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Formulating the timetables within the LDS, keeping them up-to-date, and making it publically available on the Council's website will ensure that the Council complies with the necessary tests in preparing a Local Plan for Examination.

### **5. USE OF RESOURCES**

5.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

### **6. RECOMMENDATION**

That Members adopt the draft LDS as discussed at paragraph 2.6 to 2.12; and attached at Appendix 1.

#### Previous Reports/Minutes:

Ref: Planning Policy Committee – Local Development Scheme

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