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Report Originator	Head of Development Services	Fwd Plan Ref No:	
Wards Affected	All	6 June 2018	
Title	SITE SPECIFIC PART 2 LOCAL PLAN: DRAFT PLAN FOR CONSULTATION		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To agree the contents of the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan for consultation and to agree the methods of consultation.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2) will form part of the statutory North Northamptonshire Development Plan. The Development Plan, as it relates to Kettering Borough, will consist of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (Part 1 Local Plan) adopted July 2016; the Kettering Borough Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan; the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan (July 2011); the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update (July 2017); the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations policy; and any made Neighbourhood Plans.
- 2.2 The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) provides a set of strategic planning policies for Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough Borough Councils, and East Northamptonshire District Council. Whereas, the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2) will provide local planning policies to cover Kettering Borough, and will include the identification of sites for housing, employment, recreation and other land uses. The SSP2 should not repeat policies which are included in the JCS but will provide further local detail to policies in this document. The SSP2 should be read alongside the JCS.
- 2.3 Members will recall that at the 19th April 2018 Planning Policy Committee Members were provided with an update on a series of background papers which have been presented to committee and which have been used to prepare the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan. A copy of the Draft SSP2 is provided at appendix 1. The appendix is available to view at www.kettering.gov.uk/planningpolicycommittee
- 2.4 The draft Plan includes draft policies and proposals to be included in the SSP2. Previous consultation responses, the evidence base and the sustainability appraisal of options have been used to prepare the policies and proposals in the draft plan.
- 2.5 The document begins with the Spatial Portrait, Vision and Outcomes. The vision seeks to build on the vision provided in the JCS to provide a more locally distinctive vision for Kettering Borough. The outcomes are those set out in the

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JCS, this section sets out how the draft plan will contribute to achieving these outcomes. This is followed by a section on the location of development, which sets out the spatial strategy, scale of development and settlement boundaries.

- 2.6 The document then includes a number of topic based policies; these cover chapters on housing, employment, town centres and the natural environment and heritage. This is then followed by chapters for Kettering, Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell. These sections set out the category of settlement, settlement specific policies, housing allocations, Local Green Space, town centre boundaries, town centre opportunity sites, environmental improvements and development principles.
- 2.7 The next chapter covers the rural area and sets out village categories and general development principles. This is then followed by sections for each village which cover housing allocations, settlement boundaries, development principles and Local Green Space.
- 2.8 While the majority of the draft plan is complete there are a couple of areas where further work is being undertaken. These are sections on employment and open space, sport and recreation. In addition further work is also required in relation to policies in the housing chapter.
- 2.9 The chapter on employment provides an update on the evidence base for this section. An Employment Land Review is being prepared, a Property Market Review and Assessment of Employment Sites is currently being undertaken to inform this. This work will be completed during the summer of 2018 and will inform the development of policies and proposals in the Pre-Submission SSP2.
- 2.10 The chapter on Open Space provides an update on evidence for open space. To inform policies in this section of the plan an Open Space, Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategy is being commissioned; this will comprise an Open Space Assessment and Strategy Update; Built Sports Facilities Assessment and Strategy Update and a Playing Pitch Strategy. This work will be undertaken over the coming months, to influence the Pre-Submission SSP2.
- 2.11 The chapter on housing highlights policies which could be included in the plan and identifies additional work which would be required if these policies areas are progressed.
- 2.12 There are a number of topics which were previously covered in the Site Specific Proposals LDD – Options consultation which have not been progressed in this plan. These include topics such as HGV parking, affordable housing targets and thresholds, Locally Listed Buildings, biodiversity and tourism and leisure. These topics are covered in sufficient detail in the JCS.
- 2.13 There are also a number of areas where it has been suggested a policy could be included which have not been progressed, these include Houses of Multiple Occupation and Special Landscape Areas. A policy on HMO's has not been

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included because it is not considered that a policy in the SSP2 is the most appropriate mechanism for dealing with HMO's, other mechanisms are being explored. Special Landscape Areas have not been included because it is considered that Policy 3 of the JCS sufficiently covers landscape issues.

3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

3.1 The Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan consultation is scheduled to take place in June/July 2018. It is proposed the consultation will run for six weeks and will include:

- Letter/ e-mail to consultees
- General press release informing of consultation
- Information on the Council's website
- Information on the Council's social media
- Report to Kettering Town (25th June), A6 (27th June) and Rural Forums (28th June)
- Information packs for Parish Councils, schools, community groups and for Ward Councillors to give out
- Posters, for example to be displayed on village notice boards, in libraries and community buildings
- Inspection copies of the plan available at the Council Offices and libraries
- Events will take place in each of the towns and three villages listed below. The events will address the wider area and rural parishes will be invited to attend any of these events. In the past, events have been successful where Members have attended and spoken directly to interested parties. It would be appreciated if Member's could attend events, a timetable for events will be provided when the events have been finalised.
 - Kettering
 - Burton Latimer
 - Desborough
 - Rothwell
 - Geddington
 - Mawsley
 - Wilbarston

3.2 The consultation on the Draft Plan is not a formal consultation stage but will contribute towards ensuring that stakeholders and local communities can input into the plan at an early stage.

3.3 The next consultation of the SSP2 will be the Pre-submission consultation, which will take place October-December 2018.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The SSP2 will form part of the North Northamptonshire Development Plan and will guide the provision of sustainable growth in Kettering Borough.

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5. USE OF RESOURCES

5.1 The consultation proposals in this report will be met within the existing Development Services Planning Policy budget.

6. RECOMMENDATION

1. That Members agree the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan for consultation, and the consultation strategy proposed in section 3 of this report; and
2. That final editing of the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan be delegated to the Head of Development Services in consultation with the Chair of Planning Policy Committee.

Previous Reports/Minutes:

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan: Background Papers
Date: 19th April 2018

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Desborough and Rothwell Housing Allocations
Date: 27th March 2018

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Town Centres (Market Towns)
Date: 22nd November 2017

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Covering 1) Housing Land Allocations (Broughton, Cranford, Geddington, Newton and Stoke Albany). 2) Draft Chapters for Kettering and Burton Latimer
Date: 4th October 2017

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Update
Date: 5th September 2017

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Kettering and Barton Seagrave and Burton Latimer
Date: 5th September 2017

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Rural Area
Date: 5th July 2017

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Housing Land Allocations (Villages)
Date: 19th April 2017

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Housing Land Allocations (Villages)
Date: 23rd November 2016

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Ref: North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (Part 1 Local Plan) and Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan Programme
Date: 1st November 2016

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Housing Allocations (Towns)
Date: 1st November 2016

Ref: Report on Focused Consultation Comments to Town Centre Boundary Update
Date: 21st July 2016

Ref: Historically and Visually Important Local Green Space
Date: 8th June 2016

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Updates for Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell Town Centres
Date: 15th March 2016

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Progress & Programme
Date: 2nd September 2015

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Settlement Boundary (Update) Background Paper
Date: 2nd September 2015

Ref: Site Specific Proposal Local Development Document – Historically and Visually Important Open Space Background Paper
Date: 2nd September 2015

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Historically and Visually Important Open Space Background Paper
Date: 31st July 2014

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Housing Allocations Assessment of Additional Sites and Update Consultation
Date: 30th January 2014

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Housing Allocations Paper
Date: 30th September 2013

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Options Paper
Date: 13th September 2012

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Options Paper
Date: 4th September 2012

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Options Paper Consultation

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Date: 22nd February 2012

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Background Papers and Consultation Proposals

Date: 4th October 2011

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Update on Progress

Date: 31st August 2010

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Issues Paper

Date: 1st September 2009

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