

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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| <b>Wards Affected</b>    | All   | 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 |                |
| <b>Title</b>             | <b>SITE SPECIFIC PART 2 LOCAL PLAN: DRAFT PLAN - CONSULTATION</b> |                            |                |

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To make members of the Forum aware of the consultation on the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan.

### 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 A six week consultation on the SSP2 – Draft Plan is taking place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> June to the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018. The purpose of this consultation is to consult stakeholders, interested parties and members of the public on the draft SSP2.
- 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 JCS, this section sets out how the draft plan will contribute to achieving these

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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 At the meeting officers of the Borough Council will present the contents of the SSP2 and will answer questions. Members of the Forum are encouraged to make their communities and local groups/ organisations aware of the consultation.
- 2.9 This is an early stage of consultation on the SSP2 and views are sought to further develop the Plan. Views are sought on the policies proposed in the Plan and on whether the proposed content of the Plan covers everything it should.

### **3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 The Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan consultation will run for 6 weeks from the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 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 (25<sup>th</sup> June), A6 (27<sup>th</sup> June) and Rural Forums (28<sup>th</sup> 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. A timetable for the events will be provided at the meeting. 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 Borough and Town/Parish councillors have attended and spoken directly to interested parties.

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- 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. RECOMMENDATION**

That members of the Forum note the consultation on the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan

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