

Appendix 1c – Spatial Portrait, Vision and Outcomes

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Number of responses - 11

Total number of Objections - 3

Total number of Support - 5

Total number of neither Object nor Support - 3

Summary of main points

Statutory Consultees

Sport England – Supports the SSP2 draft vision having regard to promotion of a healthy lifestyle. Draw attention to guidance on Active Design which should help deliver JCS outcomes 7 and 10. (id 98)

Historic England – Draft Vision – reference to the historic environment is welcomed. Outcomes – it is disappointing that the historic environment is not referenced within the JCS outcomes. (id 406)

KBC Environmental Health – Paragraph 2.38 – there is little mention of taking steps to improve health and wellbeing.

NCC Archaeology – 2.14 green infrastructure and open space – this should also include a consideration of the historic environment GI is not only about the natural environment. 2.19 this should also include a consideration of the historic environment GI is not only about the natural environment. (ID 318)

Desborough Town Council – Supports draft vision – Kettering supported by thriving market towns and town centre regeneration – A good principle for Desborough as is. Section 2.22 – “protecting and enhancing the role of Desborough in providing local services and facilities” (233)

Other comments

- Support the recognition of the differing roles of the centres in the retail hierarchy with Kettering remaining as the main town centre supported by complimentary market towns and village centres (1) (id 157)
- Support JCS vision – Recommend air quality is measured regularly, to pre-empt and detect problem areas. Strong commitment to cycle lanes and cycle routes forms an essential requirement to achieve this vision. (1) (id 274)
- Supporting – general support for the vision but suggested greater emphasis given to the benefits of residential development in supporting the vitality of towns and villages. (1) (id 484)
- Objection to bullet point 4 of paragraph 2.17 – objective of minimising travel is understood but there also needs to be a focus on the

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importance of access to different sustainable modes of transport. Kettering should remain the focus for retail, services and civic uses. Spreading development to minimise movement is unlikely to be the most sustainable solution (1) (id 158)

- Objection – JCS Outcome 1 (2.13-2.15), JCS Outcome 3 (2.19-2.21), JCS Outcome 8 (2.34-2.35), JCS Outcome 10 (2.38-2.39) – good words included here are ignored when it comes to looking at details. Outcome 1 – Braybrooke – 95% of respondents to 2012 consultation strongly opposed re-drawing of boundary to include RA/128 but proposal has been renewed. Local communities are not empowered. Outcome 3 – RA/128 will do nothing to protect and enhance biodiversity. Outcome 8 – No need for allocation of more market homes in an unsustainable location. Outcome 10 – No need for RA/128, this area should be protected open space (1) (id 235)
- Objection to Draft vision and outcomes – outcomes 4, 7 and 10 will not be achieved without amendments to the SSP2. Burton Latimer medical centre has no room for expansion. Land south of Higham Road could provide land to increase capacity. Outcome 4 cannot be achieved without additional residential allocations in Burton Latimer which would increase capacity of healthcare facilities. Outcome 7 – Land south of Higham Road, Burton Latimer is a sustainable location in transport terms. Outcome could be achieved with this allocation. Outcome 10 – will not be achieved through over-reliance on Desborough North, Rothwell North and other strategic developments in these towns. Land south of Higham Road should be allocated to maintain sufficient housing land supply and to meet housing and affordable housing needs (1) (id 284)

Implications of New National Planning Policy Framework

The Spatial Portrait, Vision and Outcomes cover a wide range of issues which are addressed by a number of the sections in the NPPF. The draft vision is consistent with the relevant sections of the NPPF.

Summary of officer comments

The text will be updated to ensure that it is clear that consideration of GI includes the historic environment.

Paragraph 2.17 – bullet point 4 – The purpose of this statement is not to spread development to minimise movement but to locate development where it would be close to existing services and facilities, this approach would support Kettering as the focus for retail, services and civic uses, as a growth town and the focus for future growth. The wording of the statement will be reviewed to ensure that its purpose is clear.

The outcomes are overarching objectives which the policies and proposals in the plan will contribute to as a whole. The impact of proposals on certain

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objectives will need to be balanced against the impact on other objectives.

Burton Latimer has already exceeded its housing requirement and only one small site is identified within the town. Further development at Burton Latimer of the scale proposed would dilute the focus of development on the Growth Town of Kettering.

It is not considered that this additional emphasis is needed in the vision in relation to the benefits of residential development. The benefits of residential development are adequately addressed through policies in the plan, e.g. town centre development principles.

Further consideration will be given to the need to include more specific references to health and wellbeing in the plan.

Next steps

- Update text relating to the historic environment and paragraph 2.17.
- Further consideration to be given to health and wellbeing in the plan.
- Clarify wording of paragraph 2.17, bullet point 4.