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Report Originator	Head of Development Services	Fwd Plan Ref No:	
Wards Affected	All	26 February 2019	
Title	SITE SPECIFIC PART 2 LOCAL PLAN – DRAFT PLAN CONSULTATION		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the responses to the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan - Draft Plan consultation; and for Members to endorse the officer responses set out in the comments schedule and summary sheets and agree the 'next steps' outlined in the summary sheets for officers to advance in the production of the Pre-submission Plan

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at 28 November 2018 and 22 January 2019 meetings of this Committee, Members were presented with the responses to the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2) – Draft Plan consultation, and asked to endorse officer responses and to agree next steps set out in the summary sheets for the majority of the document. There were two chapters which were not considered at these committees, these were the Natural Environment and Heritage chapter and the Stoke Albany chapter.
- 2.2 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with responses to the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan consultation for these two remaining chapters of the plan and to ask Members to endorse the officer responses to these set out in the comments schedule and summary sheets and agree the 'next steps' outlined in the summary sheets.
- 2.3 The summary sheets for these sections of the plan are attached at Appendix 1. Full officer responses to individual comments for these sections are available at Appendix 2 (provided as a part of the electronic agenda).
- 2.4 At the meeting on the 22 January 2019 Members considered the Desborough section of the plan. Officers would like to make Members aware that three comments were summarised, without them being correctly attributed to Desborough Town Council. They were within the summary of responses at Appendix 1c Desborough, commenting on the Town Centre/Lawrence's. Desborough Town Council commented:
- Redevelopment of the dairy site could be used for the medium sized food store (**id.246**)

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- The reference to Lawrence's should be updated to what is currently ongoing (**id.246**)
- Support for the statement regarding the Lawrence's site (**id.248**)

CONSULTATION

2.5 This report looks at each of the following sections of the document outlined below:

- Natural Environment and Heritage
- Stoke Albany

2.6 Natural Environment and Heritage (Appendix 1a and 2a)

Four objections were received, eleven supporting comments and fifteen neither supporting nor objecting. Comments were received relating to the need for a flood risk policy and the content of such a policy. Comments highlighted the need for the chapter to be strengthened in relation to biodiversity. There was support for the GI corridors and suggestions for amendments to the policy. There was general support for open space provision. Lack of reference to heritage was highlighted. There was objection to one Local Green Space.

2.7 Stoke Albany (Appendix 1b and 2b)

Forty nine objections were received, two supporting and 1 neither supporting nor objecting. Objection was raised to the scale of development proposed in Stoke Albany, the categorisation of the village, the expansion of the settlement boundary and to the two sites identified as potential proposed housing allocations. Concerns raised include the sustainability of the settlement, highway safety, impact on the historic character of the village, capacity of drains/ sewers, and impact on ecology.

2.8 These are the final chapters of the draft plan to be considered by Members, Officers are now preparing the Pre-submission plan which will be reported to Members at a future meeting of this committee, where Members will be asked to endorse the Pre-submission plan for consultation.

3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

3.1 The consultation on the Draft Plan was not a formal consultation stage (Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012). The responses to the consultation will contribute towards Kettering Borough Council's preparation of the next stage of the Part 2 Local Plan for consultation.

3.2 The next stage is Regulation 19 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, otherwise known as the Pre-submission consultation. This document will subsequently be that Submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration (Regulation 20), along with other supporting

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documentation, consultation responses and any further comments or resolutions agreed by the Authority.

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.

5. USE OF RESOURCES

- 5.1 The cost of preparation of the SSP2 will be met within the existing Development Services Planning Policy budget.

6. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- i. Members note the comments received during the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan consultation and endorse the Officer responses to these, subject to any appropriate amendments from Members of this committee; and
- ii. Members agree the approach proposed as Next Steps set out in the summary sheets for officers to advance in the production of a Pre-submission Plan.

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Previous Reports/Minutes:

Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Draft Plan Update
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Ref: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan – Update
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