

Appendix A

The Northamptonshire Arc: 'The Big Idea'

Proposed Outcomes and Strategic Priorities

Outcome: Transformed connectivity

Strategic Priority 1 – Support the opportunities provided by the HS2 proposal to secure better inter-city connections

Strategic Priority 2 – Secure a minimum of two fast services (with journey times of less than 40 minutes) per hour from the Northamptonshire Arc to London on both the West Coast and Midland Main Lines

Strategic Priority 3 – Better rail connections and reduced journey times to Birmingham, Manchester and other major centres

Strategic Priority 4 – Optimise the potential benefits provided by the connections to Eurostar services

Strategic Priority 5 – Utilise the potential provided by new technology and other measures to secure better reliability on the existing strategic national road network which connect the Northamptonshire Arc with other areas

Strategic Priority 6 – Secure investment and improvements to the strategic road network to support economic growth in the Northamptonshire Arc

Strategic Priority 7 – Gain recognition for the A34/A43/A45 between the M4 and A14 as an 'infrastructure gap' in the strategic national network

Strategic Priority 8 – Deliver improved reliability and resilience on the Northamptonshire Arc road network by utilising a package of measures, including new technologies

Strategic Priority 9 – Improve the Northamptonshire Arc (urban and inter-urban) road network where this is needed to support economic growth and as part of comprehensive approach which also incorporates investment to support public transport, low carbon modes and 'smarter choices'

Strategic Priority 10 – Secure support for and implement a Northamptonshire Arc Mass Transit urban and inter-urban network (NAT)

Strategic Priority 11 – Ensure that major growth locations provide connections to and support the Northamptonshire Arc Mass Transit network

Strategic Priority 12 – Identify and deliver the first 'pilot' phase (subject to funding) of a Northamptonshire Arc Mass Transit network by 2013

Outcome: Leadership on climate change & biodiversity

Strategic Priority 13 – Support 'low-carbon growth' through reducing the impact of development on climate change

Strategic Priority 14 – Establish and support a new multi-functional strategic Biodiversity Corridor with linkages to the main towns

Outcome: A stronger and greener economy

Strategic Priority 15 – Secure, target and deliver investment in schools to raise attainment, improve performance, widen opportunity, support economic growth and strengthen their role at the centre of local communities

Strategic Priority 16 – Identify and implement measures to ensure that Northamptonshire becomes a leader in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) related activities and sectors

Strategic Priority 17- Make Northamptonshire a compelling business case for next generation digital connectivity

Strategic Priority 18 – Support high-performance engineering and motorsport industries in Northamptonshire and the role of Silverstone as the focal point for automotive and high technology excellence in the UK and worldwide

Strategic Priority 19 – Ensure that Northamptonshire is an exemplar for construction-based innovation and delivery of low-carbon growth

Strategic Priority 20 – Support the economic growth of Northampton to enable it to become a powerful and growing regional centre

Strategic Priority 21 – Focus attention to regenerate Northampton's central area to enable it to become the commercial, cultural and retail heart of the Northamptonshire Arc and the focus for new employment and other economic activity

Strategic Priority 22 – Support the key growth centres of Corby, Daventry, Kettering, Towcester and Wellingborough and the important role of other towns, particularly Rushden, in relation to their regeneration plans and ambitions

Strategic Priority 23 – Support activities to bring forward employment sites and ensure that the town centres in the Northamptonshire Arc are the focus for much of the new commercial and employment-related development