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Central Bedfordshire (North) Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Planning Inspector finds Plan sound

Following the Public Examination, which was held in October/November 2010, Central Bedfordshire Council have now published the Planning Inspector's Report which has concluded that the Site Allocations Development Plan Document is sound and that no changes to the Document are required.

The Council may now proceed to formally adopting the Document as part of their Local Development Framework (LDF).

The Document, which must be in conformity with the Core Strategy, identifies land for new housing, employment and other forms of development. The Inspector's Report states that the Document "*provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the area over the next 15 years*", that it is consistent with the Core Strategy and that "*the most appropriate sites have been selected following a consideration of reasonable alternatives*".

The Document covers the former Mid Bedfordshire area and allocates land for development in a number of settlements, with the majority of allocations focussed in the Major Service Centres of Biggleswade, Sandy, Ampthill, Flitwick and the new Wixams settlement.

Along with the Inspector's Report, the Council have also produced a '*Schedule of Changes*' which are minor in nature and have been completed in response to representations made, following the examination hearing sessions or simply for clarification or updating purposes. These changes have been considered by the Planning Inspector; they do not require further consultation.

If you would like to hear more about the specific allocations contained within the Document, or discuss what the potential implications are for your interests in the area, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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