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North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit – Local Development Framework

The Joint Planning Unit (JPU) has recently opened an 'Issues Consultation' in relation to their review of the Joint Core Strategy, covering Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough. The consultation period runs until the 28th March 2011, prior to which a number of 'drop-in events' are scheduled.

The review is taking place for a number of reasons, including the economic recession, delays in infrastructure provision and the need to ensure that the Plan looks ahead at least 15 years. The Issues Consultation is not a statutory requirement, but instead, provides an early opportunity for interested parties to make comments on the issues contained within the JPU's 'Issues Paper'.

Once adopted the reviewed Joint Core Strategy DPD will form part of the Local Development Framework (LDF); all other Local Development Documents that make up the LDF must conform to the Core Strategy.

Contents of the Issues Paper

The JPU have labelled the Paper a "discussion document" which contains a number of Issues which must be tackled in the Core Strategy review. These are listed below with a brief outline of some of the questions being asked.

New Homes and Population Growth

- Are the JPU right in scaling back housing targets?
- Where would you support additional housing?

Services and Facilities

- What infrastructure is needed and where?
- What are the infrastructure priorities and why?

Employment

- What type of jobs are required and where?
- Where should warehousing development be permitted?
- Should the new Plan identify large employment sites of regional/national importance?

Further Issues include development within the countryside, market towns and the role of Rushden and climate change and green infrastructure.

The Next Steps

Comments can be submitted up until the 28th March 2011. Once these comments have been received, they will inform, along with a number of technical studies, the preparation of their 'Preferred Options' document. Public consultation on the Preferred Options document is scheduled for July 2011, followed by consultation on the 'Pre-submission' document in early 2012. Following examination in summer 2012, the JPU anticipate adopting the reviewed Joint Core Strategy late 2012, at which point it will completely replace the existing Joint Core Strategy.

If you would be interested in DLP Planning submitting comments on your behalf in respect of the Joint Core Strategy review then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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