

## **PPEAP 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Item 5 Appendix B**

### **Summary of Scope and Issues Workshops feedback**

#### **Town council workshop 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

- Concern about quality of some town centre schemes-poor quality, not meeting space standards, etc.
- Regeneration also a priority for Market Towns.
- Need to consider opportunities for higher density development but balance with quality.
- Concerns over infrastructure delivery and funding for this including council support for projects.
- Concern whether the council is listening, particularly re planning applications.
- Concern over the implementation of existing policies.
- Whether there are any plans in place to support Market Towns.
- Strong support for maintaining ongoing dialogue and collaborative working where possible.
- Support for virtual meetings with day and evening sessions.

#### **Parish council workshop 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

- Concern about impact of existing development on character of villages and infrastructure capacity.
- All parish representatives agreed that they had concerns regarding the delivery of infrastructure required to support growth. It was felt that delivery is poor both in road, health and education infrastructure.
- Rural affordability pricing some existing residents out.
- Concerns raised in relation to the level of public transport servicing the villages.
- Public Transport connections need to be improved.
- Improved pedestrian and cycle networks would be welcomed. Many of the villages are within just one or two miles from services and therefore improved connections would help.
- Concerns were raised that the parking standards and methodology used are not always appropriate to the situation.
- Concerns were raised that strategic policies are agreed but not necessarily considered or upheld when planning applications are approved.
- That consideration be given to holding future workshops/meetings in the evenings to allow those who work during the day to attend.
- Support for virtual meetings.
- Highlighted the importance of strategic policies matching up across the council i.e. North Northamptonshire Transport strategy, public transport strategies etc.

## **Member workshop 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Member feedback has been grouped into the topic areas discussed in the Scope and Issues consultation document for ease of analysis.

### *Relationship with Oxford-Cambridge Arc*

- OxCam Arc – unclear what government are wanting.

### *Climate change*

- Electric Vehicle parking for new developments.
- Net zero construction.

### *Levelling Up*

- Levelling Up and regeneration – Scrutiny Review Group report coming out soon – three neighbourhood areas to address in Strategic Plan.

### *The spatial strategy for the distribution of development*

- The current JCS had an urban focus which has led to a lack of development in the villages, leading to their decline. Being urban focussed and making villages unsustainable is short sighted.
- Housing delivery – allow more freedom to develop in areas where there is no opposition.
- Include new villages and towns to help meet targets.
- Increase the range of areas to build.
- The villages do recognise the need for right development and are not anti-development.
- Not currently meeting local needs.
- More sustainable communities lead to less travel - look at 15 minute zones.
- Look at the cumulative impact of development.

### *Housing*

- More stringent standards for buildings.
- More social housing needed in the area.
- Care/retirement villages.
- Need to talk about accommodation needs.

### *Economic Growth*

- Does not like the emphasis on B8 and logistics, which is downgrading skills.
- Need for mix of employment – too many B8 schemes.
- Encourage the provision of a higher education establishment.
- Need to bring extra employment.
- Employment – need to be aspirational.

- Empty offices/warehouses – incentives for conversion, make it easier.

### *Town Centres*

- Very strong policies needed on regeneration.

### *Infrastructure*

- Lack of the right type of infrastructure when building.
- Need to understand what people want – Infrastructure Register required.
- Negotiate the right S106 agreements.
- Encourage better employment in the area.
- Issues in both rural areas and towns due to lack of transport.
- Proposed taxi harmonisation – lack of public transport.
- Need for infrastructure – GPs, school places.
- Need to be very strong on infrastructure.
- Need to ensure developments do not impact on transport and highways.

### *Place-making/sustainable development*

- Improvement of health and wellbeing should feature strongly in the Plan, to enable the Council to be able to reject planning applications on health and wellbeing grounds.
- Need parking standards introduced.

### *Natural and Historic Environment*

- Biodiversity Net Gain – Cambridge is pushing 20%. Look at bespoke percentages for different areas.
- Mitigation monitoring – build in Strategic Plan.
- Biodiversity – closed landfill sites should be in Strategic Plan.

### *Other comments*

- Public engagement – how do we increase responses.
- Use of interactive models and online resources.
- NNC website needs more information.
- Strategic part of plan needs to be more visible to the public.
- Use of large signs on potential sites when publicising consultations on strategic sites.