Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan

Part 2 Local Plan

March 2023



Introduction

The schedule includes:

- The reference number for the main modification with the prefix 'MM'
- A cross reference to the section/ paragraph/ policy number/ figure or table to which the modification applies
- A cross reference to the relevant page number/s to which the modification applies
- Details of the proposed modification
- A reason as to why the modification is necessary

The following format has been used to denote the proposed main modifications:

- **Bold underlined** new text proposed
- Strikethrough text proposed for deletion

A separate schedule of proposed changes relating to minor modifications and the Policies Map have been prepared to illustrate the proposed changes arising from the modifications.

Representations will be invited on all the proposed modifications, including proposed changes to the Policies Map, but not on any other aspect of the plan.

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Introduction

MM1	Para 1.23	18	Amend text to paragraph 1.23 as follows:	For greater clarity
	112		Add the word bodies to second sentence after the words "specific consultation"	
			Reword the third sentence to add the words to inform any potential before the wording "cross boundary issues".	(Action Point 1)
MM2	Para 1.46 and	23	Amend paragraphs 1.46 and 1.47 as follows:	To address comments
	1.47		1.46 Areas of land located beyond the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA/ Ramsar site may also be important ecologically in supporting populations for which the SPA has been designated, these areas are defined as is also adjoined by Functionally Linked Land (FLL) ²² . FLL is adjacent or nearby land that lies outside the statutory designated SPA/ Ramsar area, but which in practical terms should be treated as if it forms an integral part of the SPA/ Ramsar site. For example, iIn the case of the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA, Natural England has advised that land beyond designated SPA/ Ramsar sites may provide foraging habitats for protected wintering bird species such as lapwing and golden plover. FLL has been considered through the HRA undertaken to support the Plan. Policy 4 of the JCS and the Special Protection Area SPD set out requirements where development would have an effect on the SPA to ensure that such development would have no significant effect on the SPA. The Special Protection Area SPD includes a Mitigation Strategy. The JCS Policies Map identifies two zones, one within a 3km buffer of the SPA and one within a 4km buffer of the SPA. Within the 3km buffer zone the SPA a Mitigation Strategy applies. For larger greenfield developments of 2ha or more, the Joint Core Strategy (paragraph 3.41) requires that within the 4km buffer these should be subject to site specific wintering bird surveys to determine if sites have a role as functionally linked land. The effectiveness and extent of the SPA buffer zones will need	from Natural England (Reps 48/13 and 48/16)

to be addressed through a review of the JCS, to ensure that a sustainable approach to future development proposals is agreed.

The SPA/ Ramsar site is also protected by 3 and 4km buffer zones shown on the adopted Policies Map, within which the SPA Mitigation Strategy²³ applies. Policy 4 of the Joint Core Strategy and the Special Protection Area supplementary planning document, incorporating the Mitigation Strategy (November 2016)24 require that prescribed development types within the 3 and 4km buffer zones of the SPA/ Ramsar site (defined as FLL) will need to make financial contributions to mitigate the impacts of these developments.

Add new paragraph as follows:

Natural England has raised concerns regarding the impacts of air quality and pollution upon the SPA/ Ramsar site. The local planning authority shares these concerns and since July 2020 the Council has required air quality assessments submitted in support of planning applications/ proposals, which are to be prepared in line with the East Midlands Air Quality Network (EMAQN) quidance.

Area Portrait

MM3 Paras	29	Amend paragraphs 2.10 and 2.11 as follows:	Factual
2.10 and			Update
2.11		Development of the Rushden East sustainable urban extension has been a commitment since adoption of the Joint Core Strategy in July 2016 (Policy 33). This is a new proposal including at least 2,500 dwellings and associated jobs and facilities, reflecting the status of Rushden as a Growth Town. Policy 33 identifies the broad location for this SUE, together with the key issues and development principles that need to be addressed as this is taken forward through master-planning. The masterplan will define the development boundaries and policy expectations for the SUE.	

¹ https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/11094/emaqn_aq_and_planning_developer_guide_-_july_2018

	F C N ii	An overarching vision for Rushden East was agreed by the Council on 17 July 2017 ² . Following on from this, the Council prepared the draft Rushden East Masterplan Framework Document (MFD) ³ . This was published in January 2020, for consultation during February – March 2020. Following this consultation, it was determined that the MFD should be incorporated into the Local Plan Part 2 (Planning Policy Committee, 21 September 2020, Item 5). Following the examination of the Plan it was agreed that the MFD would be taken forward as a Supplementary Planning Document supporting Policy EN33.	
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Spatial Development Strategy

MM4	Para 4.14	51	Amend paragraph 4.14 as follows: The eight largest freestanding villages within the district are significantly larger than other villages located in East Northamptonshire. These are identified as large villages; each having a substantive range of services and facilities. In many cases these serve a wider local cluster or network of rural settlements and may have the capacity to accommodate additional local growth, where for example, promoted through neighbourhood planning.	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.
MM5	Para 4.29	56	Amend paragraph 4.29 to reflect changes proposed to Policy EN1 as follows: Policy Policies EN1 and EN2 (below) explains how the spatial development strategy should apply. The policies It provides additional district-level direction to support the development management process or provides further strategic direction for the preparation of neighbourhood plans.	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.
MM6	Policy EN1	56	Amend Policy EN1-as follows:	

² https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/info/200153/planning_and_buildings/1881/rushden_sustainable_urban_extension

³ https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/11671/draft_masterplan_framework_document_-_january_2020

Future d Development proposals will respect the network of settlements across the district, in Hearings accordance with the spatial roles set out in the Joint Core Strategy (Table 1) along with local outcome considerations for assessing development proposals set out below and through Policy EN2 and the supporting text. and Table 4 above. The mixed rural/urban character of East Action Point 12 Northamptonshire will be recognised, with growth directed in accordance with the urban focussed spatial strategy. Settlements within the Plan area vary greatly in character, function and role. To provide greater clarity as to how the Spatial Strategy will be applied within East Northamptonshire, informed through Tables 4 and 5 of this Plan, the following approach will set out a context for development proposals: 1. Urban Areas Hearings outcome Rushden and Higham Ferrers - Rushden will be the focus for major development, as **Action Points** the designated Growth Town, concentrated upon the delivery of the Rushden East 13,14, 15 Sustainable Urban Extension and land to the east of the A6/Bedford Road (Policy EN28). Development at Higham Ferrers will take place within the current built up area of the town. with additional locally arising development needs directed towards Rushden. Irthlingborough, Raunds and Thrapston - Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Raunds, Thrapston and Oundle Development will be focussed upon the major committed development sites at Irthlingborough (including Crow Hill), Raunds, and Thrapston. Development at Higham Ferrers will take place within the current built up area of the town with additional locally arising development needs directed towards Rushden. Development at Higham Ferrers will take place within the current built up area of the town with additional locally arising development needs directed towards Rushden. Further development at these towns will focus upon urban re-imagination, to support job creation, regeneration and to secure and enhance the local service base. e) Oundle - At Oundle, Ddevelopment will be directed towards delivering the outstanding To address allocations, Further development proposals, proposals will seek to deliver the allocated comments sites to meet the Joint Core Strategy requirements for the latter half of the Plan period (2021from Francis

2031), will come forward in order to enhance Oundle's role as the main service centre for the

rural north of the District, as set out in the housing delivery section of the Plan.

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Homes (Rep 21/01 Freestanding Villages a)To support help maintain and strengthen local services at the eight larger villages (Table 4), small scale infill and windfall development infill development opportunities within the existing built up areas (footnote 50 deleted) will be supported, as defined through Policy EN2 and the supporting text, or a made Neighbourhood Plan, will be supported. 'Rural exceptions' affordable housing schemes (Policy EN5) or other small-scale employment and communitybased proposals will also be supported . Further development of an appropriate scale will be supported, where it can be demonstrated that this is necessary to fulfil a defined local need Further Development beyond the extent of the built-up area will be resisted, unless promoted allocated through a Neighbourhood Plan. b) Development opportunities at the small (other freestanding) villages (Table 5), will be limited to small scale infill and windfall development within the existing built up areas, "rural exceptions" affordable housing schemes or other small scale employment or community focused proposals. Within the eight larger freestanding villages (Table 4) larger scale ⁴development opportunities may be supported where it can be demonstrated that they are necessary to fulfil a defined local need. 5 and meet the requirements of Policy EN2, together with the supporting text, as being considered as part of the built-up area, or a made Neighbourhood Plan. 3. Open countryside and restraint villages a)There is a general presumption against new build residential development units in isolated locations away from defined villages, as shown in Table 5, although proposals for rural

⁴ Larger scale development proposals will need to take into account the guidance set out in Table 18 (Indicative rural housing need) of the Local Plan, as well as taking into account any development that has already been provided in a settlement within the plan period.

⁵ Locally defined needs (as referred to in the larger freestanding villages section of the Plan above) are generally defined through mechanisms such as housing needs surveys or community plans. These sites may be delivered by way of Rural Exceptions housing, Neighbourhood Plan proposals or rural diversification schemes.

			diversification or the appropriate Development will be refused for new build residential development units in locations beyond the built-up area of the settlements identified in Table 5. Development proposals for rural diversification or the re-use or conversion of rural buildings will be supported where this in accordance with Policy 11 of the Joint Core Strategy. b) The four restraint villages (Armston, Ashton, Wakerley and Wigsthorpe) together with other rural outliers, are defined as open countryside. Rural diversification or the appropriate re-use or conversion of rural buildings will be supported where this in accordance with Policy 13 Section 2 of the Joint Core Strategy the relevant policy guidance.	
MM7	Para 4.31	58	Amend the sub heading to this section of text at para 4.31 Settlement boundaries- differentiating between built up areas and the countryside Defining Built-up areas	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.
MM8	Para 4.35	59	Amend paragraph 4.35 as follows: These criteria could equally be applied for the urban areas. The default position for this Plan is that infill development will be generally supported within the urban areas. The development principles settlement boundary criteria in together with the supporting text to Policy EN2 provide more detailed criteria to support those in the Joint Core Strategy Add the following as new supporting text after para 4.35 The spatial development strategy (Table 2) sets out the settlement roles for the Plan area. The size of settlements ranges from the Growth Town of Rushden, as the largest settlement, down to the smaller rural settlements of defined villages such as Pilton and Newton Bromswold. The spatial approach for the rural areas is further explained in section 4 and Policy EN1 above, with a list of the freestanding villages set out in Table 5. The smallest freestanding villages accommodate upwards of 20 dwellings and a built-up area is therefore defined by those settlements that comprises a cluster of 20 or more residential buildings and are identified in Table 5.	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.

			The definition of that built-up area is considered to include areas that have a closer relationship, in character and scale, to that cluster of buildings defining a settlement, than that of the surrounding countryside, as set out in the Joint Core Strategy paragraph 5.17. This includes areas of land committed for development by way of an extant planning permission or development plan allocation adjoining the built-up area. The extent of the built-up area excludes the following uses, unless they are wholly enclosed on all sides by built development forming part of the built up area: a) existing employment use, caravan sites, cemeteries, churchyards and leisure use including sport and recreation b) freestanding built structures, including farmyards and associated agriculture buildings c) open spaces and allotments d) isolated properties or areas of ribbon development which are physically and visually detached from the main built form.	
MM9	Policy EN2	59	Policy EN2 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following policy: Policy EN2 Settlement boundary criteria -urban areas Whilst it is recognised that some made Neighbourhood Plans .contain settlement boundaries, infill development will generally be supported in the urban areas, as defined by Policy EN1 (1), where it meets the following criteria: a) Small in scale, relative to an otherwise built up frontage; b) Well related to the urban area (existing or committed); c) Clearly distinct from the countryside physically and visually; d) Bounded by compatible development (existing or committed); e) For land on the periphery of towns, bounded by compatible existing or committed development on at least two sides, which should be adjoined by a road (or other strong and distinct physical feature); f) Unlikely to be of any beneficial use as open land, including for agriculture, or; g) Committed for development by way of an extant planning permission or development plan allocation.	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.

			Policy EN2 Development Principles	
			Development proposals will be generally supported where they meet the following requirements/criteria:	
			(i) The site is allocated in the Local Plan or a made Neighbourhood Plan;	
			(ii) Infill development within a built-up area (as defined in supporting text) or within a settlement boundary, where that is defined by a neighbourhood plan, will be supported where the site is:	
			(a) well-related to the principal built-form of the settlement (existing or committed) and is not protected for any other use;	
			(b) clearly distinct from the surrounding countryside, both physically and visually;	
			(c) bounded by existing or committed development on at least two sides, which should be adjoined by a highway and such that developing it would not extend the built form away from a highway to create a "backland" form of development	
			(iii) They would not harm the settlement's character, form, or the surrounding countryside, including the need to avoid comprising key views, heritage assets and their settings, respect the importance of open, greenspace areas within the built up form of the settlement and seek to conserve special landscape designations; and	
			(iv) They would not be disproportionate to the settlement's size, form and range of facilities available.	
MM10	Para 4.39 and 4.40	60	Amend paragraph 4.39 as follows: At the freestanding villages, new residential infill development should occur within the existing built up areas, as defined by the Policy EN3 criteria (below) EN2 and the supporting text.	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.

MM11	Policy EN3	60-61	These criteria should be applied in managing small scale and/or residential infilling at the periphery of villages. Future development proposals. They may also be utilised for neighbourhood plans, where it has been decided to designate settlement boundaries, as is the case for the made Brigstock, Chelveston cum Caldecott, Glapthorn, King's Cliffe, Stanwick and Warmington neighbourhood plans. **Delete paragraph 4.40 in its entirety:** The settlement boundaries for the built up area(s) of designated freestanding villages do not necessarily need to be contiguous. These may consist of two or more separate elements. Small scale infill new-build development will be expected to take place within the defined settlement boundaries. These are defined by Policy EN3 (below) or (if designated through a neighbourhood plan) shown on the Policies Map. **Delete Policy EN3 in its entirety:** Policy EN3 Settlement boundary criteria- freestanding villages (Table5) Small scale residential infill development will be supported within freestanding villages. The extent of the built up areas of these villages is defined by the following principles: a) existing employment use, caravan sites, or leisure use on the edge of villages which are clearly detached from the main built up area are excluded: b) freestanding, individual or small groups of dwellings, nearby farm buildings or other structures which are clearly detached from the main built up area are excluded: c) public open spaces on the edge of villages are excluded: d) residential curtilages, where these are bounded by existing built curtilages on fewer than two sides, are excluded: and e) areas of land committed for development by way of an extant planning permission or development plan allocation adjoining the built up area are included.	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.
MM12	Paras 4.41- 4.43	61	Delete paragraphs 4.41-4.43 in their entirety 4.41 The Avenue Road/ Bedford Road/ Newton Road area of Rushden (population approximately 600) represents the most significant area of ribbon development. This lies to the south east of the main Rushden urban area and has a predominantly suburban character	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.

			but is physically detached from the main urban area (lying beyond the A6 Bypass). Its status was set through the Neighbourhood Plan, which defined the area as a part of Rushden's rural hinterland. Policy H1 in the Neighbourhood Plan specifies the relevant development management criteria for this part of Rushden. 4.42 The rural hinterlands of Irthlingborough and Raunds also include areas of ribbon development which are similarly physically detached from the main urban area. Accordingly, two such areas are: Lower Crow Hill (Addington Road, Irthlingborough); and Brooks Road, Raunds. 4.43 In many regards the settlement boundary criteria for the smaller villages may not be appropriate in the case of the outlying ribbon developments. Indeed, these have a specific character and built form that differentiates them from the freestanding small villages, although it must be recognised that these have a linear built form which lends itself to accommodating appropriate windfall development. Accordingly, Policy EN4 (below) explains the circumstances where residential infill development would be appropriate in the case of the lower Crow Hill and Brooks Road ribbon developments.	
MM13	Policy EN4	61	Policy EN4 Settlement boundary criteria- ribbon developments Within the ribbon development areas of lower Crow Hill (Irthlingborough) and Brook Road (Raunds), as shown by a linear designation on the Policies Map, development will be supported provided that it; a) is bounded by existing built curtilages on at least two sides; b) has a frontage to the highway and a depth similar to adjoining residential curtilages e) does not extend the built form away from the main highway to create a "backland" form of development; and d) has regard to positive local character and distinctiveness.	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.
MM14	Policy EN5	63	Amend Policy EN5 title and policy as follows:	To reflect changes to the

			Policy EN5 Development on the periphery of settlements with a defined settlement boundary and rural exceptions housing. Beyond the extent of the built up area defined settlement boundaries, as defined in the supporting text to by policies Policy EN2—EN4 (or defined, by a settlement boundary, within a made Neighbourhood Plan), new build residential development will not generally be supported. However, proposals for rural diversification, the re-use or conversion of rural buildings, or rural exceptions housing schemes will be supported where it fulfils the relevant development plan policies. In recognition of the rural nature of the district the following criteria will apply when taking into account assessing the suitability of settlements to provide for rural exceptions housing on the periphery of settlements: a) the proposed development will encourage the promotion of would assist in supporting services in the settlement or assist in supporting services which are provided in neighbouring settlements, and or in a cluster of nearby settlements. b) proposals will need to take into account the policy requirements set out in Policy 13 of the Joint Core Strategy, balanced against the need to assist in meeting a locally identified need for affordable housing provision and a desire for people to continue to live in their local community even though services may be restricted evidenced by a local needs housing survey	spatial policies.
MM15	Policy EN6	64	Amend Policy EN6 as follows: Proposals for new build replacement dwellings in the countryside will be granted where they meet the following criteria:	To reflect changes to the spatial policies.
			a) The original dwelling has not been abandoned or allowed to fall	

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⁶ Relevant policies for rural exceptions housing or economic development are Joint Core Strategy policies 13 and 25, and/or equivalent policies in a Neighbourhood Plan.

⁷ This would avoid the situation where, for example, a specialist housing scheme for older people may be turned down in a village if there are no services there for older people. If the properties are provided, then the services are likely to follow. but which are provided nearby.

into a state of dereliction and disrepair, so that any replacement would in effect be treated as a 'new dwelling' (a structural survey will be required where any signs of dereliction or disrepair is—seen_visible_, or the building has been unoccupied for some time); b) The original dwelling is not a temporary or mobile structure; c) The replacement dwelling is located within the site boundary of the original dwelling; d) The replacement is of a size, scale and massing similar to the original dwelling, and the footprint and floor space should be a similar amount to the original dwelling; e) Where an existing dwelling is considered too small for modern living standards (to be assessed having regard to the latest applicable national space standards), the floor space may be increased to meet nationally described space standards, however this should not be to the detriment of the open countryside or character of the area; and f) The design, materials and layout of the replacement dwelling should be sympathetic to the surrounding area by preserving and/ or enhancing the immediate setting and the wider character area, taking into account any wider impact of the development in its general location. Conditions or unilateral undertakings will should be used to ensure the demolition and removal of the existing dwelling is undertaken prior to the first occupation of the new dwelling or prior to construction of the new dwelling where more appropriate.	(e)Hearings Action Point 22 (f)Hearings Action Point 23
	Hearings Action Point 24

Natural Capital

MM16	Supporti	68 - 70	Amend second sentence of paragraph 5.12 as follows:	Hearing Action
	ng text to			Points 142,
	Policy		As this requirement may affect the viability of smaller developments a threshold of 10 or more	146, 147, 150
	EN7		dwellings; 0.53 ha or more for housing schemes; or more than 1000m² for commercial	
	Para		schemes, is set (Policy EN7, below) to enable developer contributions towards the local GI	
	5.12 &		and Greenway.	
	Figure 7			

Add two new paragraphs after paragraph 5.12 as follows:

There are many ways that development can link in with the existing GI network. In addition to the GI corridors shown on the Policies Map there are maps available which identify the wider GI network in a location, for example the GI standards suite prepared by Natural England has a mapping tool where all GI can be seen. Developments should consider early in the design process where the local GI is located and how the development can link to it, both for people and wildlife benefit. There are various policies and guidance available on how good design can facilitate this.

When determining contributions towards GI, consideration needs be given to the relationship between Policy EN7 and EN8. Contributions should reflect the scale and location of the site under consideration and should be proportionate. The relationship with Policy EN7, EN8 and EN10 also need to be considered. GI and Open Space are clearly related with open spaces forming an integral part of the GI network.

Opportunities to combine open space and green infrastructure schemes should be sought to optimise design and keep contributions proportionate. The Council will take care to avoid double counting between strategic and local green infrastructure and open space requirements when calculating contributions. A Supplementary Planning Document for Open Space and GI provision will be prepared to set out a step by step guide for calculating requirements.

Amend the Figure 7: Priority Green Infrastructure Corridors Legend as follows:

New Suggested Local GI Corridors

Amend final sentence of paragraph 5.14 as follows

The longer term management and maintenance of new public open spaces or other Green Infrastructure will be achieved through mechanisms such as a management company or a maintenance fund managed by the relevant Town or Parish Council for the lifetime of the development. In order to secure the long term management and maintenance of new public open spaces or other Green Infrastructure developers should work with the council to determine the most appropriate long term management and maintenance arrangements.

MM17	Policy EN7	70	Amend EN7 Policy title as follows:	Hearings Action Point
			Policy EN7: Local Green Infrastructure corridors	141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146
			Amend Policy EN7 as follows:	
			<u>Local</u> Green Infrastructure corridors are identified on the Policies Map <u>and Figure 7</u> . These <u>local</u> corridors will be protected and enhanced <u>bythrough development proposals</u> . <u>Development proposals will be expected to</u> :	
			 a) Ensur<u>eing</u> that, <u>where opportunities exist</u>, new development, including open space, is connected to the <u>Local Green Infrastructure network</u>, <u>this includes the local GI corridors and the wider Green Infrastructure network</u>; 	
			 Ensur<u>eing, through the design and layout of schemes,</u> the delivery of ecosystem services, through measures such as green roofs and walls, the protection of soils, plus new tree planting, including planting of new street trees, using native species; 	
			 c) Using developer contributions, and additional funding streams, where possible, to facilitate appropriate additions to, or improve the quality of, the <u>existing and</u> <u>proposed</u> Green Infrastructure network; and 	
			d) Requiring sites of 10 dwellings or more (or 0.5ha or more) and commercial sites of 1000m² or more to make on-site provision and/ or pProvideing off-site contributions, to create connections to the defined Green Infrastructure corridors in accordance with the most up to date standards/standards in the SPD.	
			Opportunities to create the following <u>local</u> Green Infrastructure corridors and incorporate them into the wider Green Infrastructure network will be supported:	
			i) Duddington – Gretton (via Wakerley Woods)	
			ii) King's Cliffe – Wansford	
			iii) Blatherwycke – Fotheringhay	
			iv) Brigstock – Fotheringhay (via Glapthorn Cow Pasture and Lower Benefield)	

			v) Brigstock Country Park – Oundle vi) Oundle – Great Gidding (via Ashton Wold) vii) Aldwincle – Twywell (via Drayton House) viii) Oundle circular cycle/ pedestrian network	
MM18	Supporti ng text to Policy EN8 Paras 5.15 – 5.17 & Figure 8	71-73	Amend paragraph 5.15 second sentence as follows: It will provide an alternative means of transport, predominantly for walkers and, cyclists and equestrian users where appropriate and to provide opportunities for informal recreation. Add new paragraph after paragraph 5.17 as follows: Contributions towards The Greenway will need to be considered alongside the requirements of Policy EN7 and EN10 to ensure that requirements are proportionate and take into account the scale and location of the development, and that no double counting of contributions is requested. Contributions towards the Greenway will be sought from development located in settlements where there is access to The Greenway or where there are opportunities to create or enhance connections to The Greenway. A Supplementary Planning Document for Open Space and Gl provision will be prepared to set out a step by step guide for calculating requirements. Remove Unsuitable Greenway Routes from Figure 8: The Greenway and amend the Legend as follows: Unsuitable Greenway Routes	To address comment by British Horse Society (Rep 34/01) Hearing Action Points 149, 151, 153
MM19	Policy EN8	74	Amend Policy EN8 and delete footnote 62, add the text from the footnote to the end of the policy and amend as follows: The Greenway routes, both existing and proposed, as identified on the Policies Map and figure 8-abeve, comprise a priority Green Infrastructure project for the Council, requiring both investment and improvement to ensure its satisfactory delivery. This includes the	To address Historic England comments. (Rep. 39/03 and SOCG)

			aspirational connections, where opportunities will be explored within the areas delineated by the dashed lines on the Policies Map and Figure 8. Development should: therefore a. be designed to protect and enhance the Greenway, and to strengthen connections to the wider green infrastructure network within the District-: b. tes development must protect and enhance heritage assets and their settings.; and c. on residential developments of 10 or more dwellings (or sites more than 0.5ha) and commercial sites of 1000m² or more which are located in settlements with access to The Greenway, or where there are opportunities to connect to The Greenway, contributions toward enhancement of The Greenway will be required in accordance with the most up to date standards set out in the SPD. Opportunities for the creation/ enhancement of connections to The Greenway will be required in line with EN7. The aim will be- to provide fully integrated connections along the Nene Valley; linking Wellingborough, Peterborough and the Rockingham Forest. This will be achieved via development or through mechanisms such as developer contributions ⁶² and additional funding streams where appropriate. Future maintenance of the Greenway and especially the area that adjoins it should be secured. by legal agreement; be it by way of a financial developer contribution to the relevant public body towards management of the Greenway or through the setting up of a management company, as appropriate Developers should work with the Council to determine the most appropriate future maintenance arrangements. Footnote 62: Future maintenance of the Greenway and especially the area that adjoins it should be secured by legal agreement; be it by way of a financial developer contribution to the relevant public body towards management of the Greenway or through the setting up of a management company, as appropriate	For greater clarity Hearing Action Point 152, 153, 155
MM20	Policy EN9	75	Amend Policy EN9 as follows: Policy EN9: Designation of Local Green Space	Hearing Action Points 157, 158, 159, 160

		In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework guidance, Local Green Space may be designated through Neighbourhood Plans, where it has been identified by the community and it fulfils the following criteria: a) The site is closely related to the main built up area of a the settlement it is intended to serve; b) Where local value can be demonstrated, in terms of providing one or more of the following functions:	
MM21 Para 5.25 - 5.31	76 - 78	Amend Para 5.25 amend second to last sentence and delete the last sentence (including footnote 65) as follows: The latter contains detailed standards regarding development contributions for open space, sport and recreational facilities, which will be replaced by the standards in this Plan (Tables 6-89, below; derived from the KKP study or any subsequent updates). The KKP study should also be utilised in conjunction with other targeted investment strategies such as the Local Football Facility Plan (March 2020). Amend paragraph 5.30 as follows: New housing developments create additional need with regard to open space, however the viability of small housing schemes may be affected. Therefore, a threshold of 10 or more dwellings or 0.35 ha or more for housing schemes will be established for the requirement of	To address Sport England comments. (Rep. 20/01) To address issues raised by Bellway Homes (Rep 26/02) Hearing Action Points 163, 164, 165, 166

developer contributions towards the provision and enhancement of open space which is suitable for children and younger people as well as older people. The preference is for provision to be made onsite, however wWhere sites are physically constrained, if necessary to achieve development viability, it may be appropriate to seek development contributions towards off-site provision where this can be justified.

Amend paragraph 5.31 as follows:

The open space for the Sustainable Urban Extension of Rushden East will be dealt with as a separate matter and the precise detail of what is to be provided there will be agreed-via through Policy EN33 and informed by the Masterplan Framework Document for that development (Appendix 6). Further direction is also provided at section 9.0 (Delivering sustainable urban extension) and Policy EN33 (section 9.0).

Add two new paragraphs after paragraph 5.31 as follows:

Open space requirements will be calculated using the most up to date evidence on open space. An Open Space SPD will be prepared which will provide a step by step guide for calculating open space requirements. Contributions toward open space would be spent in accordance with the Open Space Study and Local Infrastructure Plan.

There is a clear relationship between open space and the green infrastructure network.

Open spaces form an integral component of the green infrastructure network. To ensure a commensurate approach when determining contributions, the requirements of EN7 and EN8 should be taken into account. Opportunities to combine open space and green infrastructure schemes should be sought to optimise design and keep contributions proportionate. The Council will take care to avoid double counting between strategic and local green infrastructure and open space requirements when calculating contributions.

Amend footnote 69 as follows:

The figure of 0.04 ha per 1000 population is a minimum. For the Rushden East SUE, the amount of provision will be dealt with via the Masterplan Framework Document.

MM22	Policy EN10	79	Amend Policy EN10 as follows: With the exception of the Rushden East Sustainable Urban Extension, <u>aAII</u> new residential development of 10 or more dwellings (or sites more than 0.3 <u>5</u> ha) will be required to contribute to the enhancement and provision of open space to meet the needs of the population arising from the development.	To address Bellway Homes comment. (Rep. 26/02 and SOCG)
			The provision of new open space will be required for development where there is <u>an</u> <u>identified quantitative and/ or qualitative need. Requirements will be</u> <u>determined in accordance with the most up-to-date evidence base insufficient access to existing open space <u>identified</u> within the local area⁷⁰. Where applicable, new open space will need to be provided in order to meet the following requirements (or subsequent updates to these requirements set out in the most up-to-date evidence base):</u>	Hearing Action Points 161, 162, 167, 168
			 Quality and value criteria in Table 6; Accessibility standards in Table 7; and Quantity standards in Table 8. Rushden East SUE will have its own bespoke open space, sport and recreation facilities which will be agreed in accordance with Policy EN33, via the Masterplan Framework Document for that development. (Appendix 6).	
			For all other qualifying development, contributions to enhance the quality and value of existing open space <u>onsite</u> , <u>or where appropriate offsite</u> , including enhanced connectivity between open spaces and the Green Infrastructure network within the locality, will be required. Developer contributions will be calculated based on the quantity standards for the scale of development proposed.	
			The long term management and maintenance of all new open space must be secured. This will be delivered by way of either adoption of the open space by the	

			relevant Town/	Parish Counci	l, or the setting up of a	management company	- Developers	
					, C 1	the most appropriate		
					ce arrangements.			
				d as Parish are	,	sponsibilities of Town ar	nd Parish	
			Councils for ma	lintaining their s	stock of public open spa	ices		
MM23	Supporti	80-83	Add new sub he	eading above p	aragraph 5.32 as follow	/S:		Hearing Action
	ng text to Policy EN11		Sport and Rec	<u>reation</u>				Points 169, 170, 173
	paras 5.32 to		Delete figure 9,	footnote 71 an	d heading as follows:			
	5.36		Figure 9: Playi	ng Pitch Strate	egy and Action Plan -	North and South area	IS⁷²	
			Footnote 71 : K	KP Playing Pito	ch Assessment, Figure	1.1		
			Dalata Tabla O	f-II				
			Delete Table 9	as follows:				
			Table 0: Pla	wing pitch do	mand calculator			
				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , 			T = 4.1	
			Type of facility	Analysis area	Current demand shortfall	Future demand shortfall	Total demand	
			Football	North	1.5 youth (11v11)	0.5 adult match	0.25 adult	
			(grass		match sessions	sessions	pitches	
			pitches)		1.5 youth (9v9)	2.5 youth (11v11)	2 youth	
					match sessions	match sessions	(11v11)	
						2.5 youth (9v9)	pitches	
						match sessions	2 youth	
							(9v9)	
		<u> </u>					pitches	

		South	2.5 adult match	4 adult match	3.25 adult
			sessions	sessions	pitches
			1 youth (11v11)	5 youth (11v11)	3 youth
			match sessions	match sessions	(11v11)
			0.5 youth (9v9)	4.5 youth (9v9)	pitches
			match sessions	match sessions	2.5 youth (9v9) pitches
	otball (3G SPs)	North	One 3G pitch	-	One 3G pitch
		South	Demand being met	-	-
	igby ches	North	4.5 senior match sessions	-	2.25 senior
			3 mini match sessions		pitches 1.5 mini pitches
		South	5 senior match	-	2.5 senior
	eckey and AGPs)	Districtwide	Demand being met	-	-
	icket	North	Demand being met	-	-
pit	ches	South	2 match sessions	5 match sessions	3.5 pitches
	nnis urts	Districtwide	Demand being met	-	-
Be	wling eens	Districtwide	Demand being met	-	-

			enhancement of sport and recreation facilities playing pitches or make provision for these on site. Add new paragraph after 5.36 as follows: A Sports and Recreation SPD will be prepared to set out the process for determining contributions. This will set out a step by step process for calculating requirements using Sport England planning tools to inform decision making. The focus for investment of contributions will be the Playing Pitch Strategy (or subsequent update), and where appropriate, other relevant documents, including Sports Facilities Strategies, Physical Activity and Sports Frameworks, Health and Wellbeing Strategies, Neighbourhood Plans and/ or plans or strategies prepared by National Governing bodies for sport and physical activity.	
MM24	Policy EN11	84	For aAll other qualifying new residential development of 10 or more dwellings (or sites more than 0.5 ha) and employment development of 5ha or more will be required, contributions to enhance the quality and value of existing sports and recreation facilities playing pitches within the locality and/or create new facilities to meet needs arising from the development. will be required, where these comply with the relevant legislation. Developer contributions will be calculated based on the quantity standards for the scale of development proposed. most up-to-date evidence base. New strategic development for employment and housing will be required to contribute to the provision of playing pitches to meet the need arising from the development. Preference will be to meet that—need through new onsite provision, though off-site provision and enhancement of existing facilities will be considered, where a need for such an approach can be fully justified.	Hearing Action Points 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176
			Rushden East SUE will have its own bespoke sport and recreation facilities which will be agreed in accordance with Policy EN33 and set out in detail through the Masterplan Framework Document.	

Playing pitches, sports or recreational facilities will be provided for strategic development, in accordance with the accessibility standards set out in Table 7 (above).

For all other qualifying development, contributions to enhance the quality and value of existing playing pitches within the locality will be required, where these comply with the relevant legislation. Developer contributions will be calculated based on the quantity standards for the scale of development proposed.

The long term management and maintenance of all new <u>sport and recreation facilities</u> playing pitches must be secured. This will be delivered by way of either adoption of the open space by the relevant <u>authority</u>Town/ Parish Council, or the setting up of a management company. <u>Developers should work with the Council to determine the most appropriate</u> long term management and maintenance arrangements.

Delete footnote 73 as follows:

Strategic development sites are defined in the Joint Core Strategy as developments of 500 or more dwellings/ 5ha or more of employment uses

Social Capital

MM25		87	Amend paragraph 6.10 (6 th bullet point), as follows:	To address
	6.10- 6.11		Movement and access - providing infrastructure to encourage and enable access for all by prioritising non-motorised means of transport such as walking, cycling and horse riding, together with public transport, balancing access by private car with any negatives impacts. Amend paragraph 6.11 as follows:	comments by the National Trust (Rep 27/01) and British Horse Society (Rep 34/03)
			A range of good practice exists in regard to designing for good health and wellbeing. Three documents are cited as particularly useful references ⁷⁵ . The local planning authority also recognises the implications of air quality and pollution for health and wellbeing, and in July 2020 introduced a requirement for air quality assessments supporting planning	To address comments from Natural

			applications/ proposals to be prepared in line with the latest EMAQN guidance [link to document already provided at section 1].	England (Rep 48/15)
MM26	EN12	88	Amend Policy EN12 as follows:	Hearings Action Points
			Policy EN12: Health and wellbeing	122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127
			Development proposals should demonstrate that the design will contribute positively to health and wellbeing by enabling and promoting healthy lifestyles and minimising any negative health and wellbeing impacts, through:	120, 120, 127
			 a) Effective application of the <u>design and</u> place shaping principles; set out in Policy 8 of the Joint Core Strategy and other relevant development plan policies relating to the management and delivery of good design; b) Creating a distinctive, high quality and accessible public realm which promotes and encourages physical activity and social engagement; c) Giving due consideration Having regard to the implications for and access to healthcare services and demonstrate how this will be addressed; d) Engagement with local and national health bodies, including local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (or replacement body), to inform proposals relating to healthcare provision and / or access; and e) Undertaking Health Impact Assessments at an early stage to ensure HIA influences 	
			in the design process, for example, through pre-application advice, to ensure that the issues identified can be addressed or incorporated into the design proposals, in accordance with and have regard to the Northamptonshire Planning and Health Protocol.	
			Health Impact Assessments will need to be objective and proportionate, dependent upon the scale of development proposed ⁷⁸ . In line with the Northamptonshire Planning and Health Protocol, all major development proposals (Development of 10 or more homes (or with a site area of 0.5 ha) or for non-residential development of 1000m ² or more) will need to be accompanied by an appropriate HIA.	
			Delete footnote 78 as follows:	

			are expe	de, HIAs for large major development (say, 100 dwellings + or 5000m ² floorspace +) ected to be substantial, in accordance with the guidance set out in the Planning and trotocol and HIA toolkit				
MM27	Policy EN13	90	Amend I	Policy EN13 as follows:	Hearings Action Points			
			Policy El	N13: Design of Buildings/ Extensions	128, 129, 130 131			
				Development proposals should relate well to and where possible enhance the surrounding environment, and will be supported where the design:				
			a)	Integrates positively with the surrounding area and creates a continuity of street frontage in terms of appearance, layout, massing and scale;				
			b)	Does not detract from the character of the existing building(s);				
			c)	Creates visual interest through careful use of detailing and appropriate materials;				
			d)	Is locally inspired where appropriate, reflecting local distinctiveness;				
			e)	Incorporates accessible and well-designed amenity space <u>proportionate to the scale of the unit of an adequate size for the property</u> and space for waste management to serve the needs of all end users;				
			f)	In the case of Houses in Multiple Occupation, complies have regard to with the minimum space standards as defined in 'The Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Mandatory Conditions of Licences) (England) Order 2018 or any amendment to that Order;				
			g)	For all other developments, meets the provide sufficient internal space in line with National Space Standards as referred to in Criterion (b) of Policy 30 of the Joint Core Strategy; and				
			h)	Includes parking provision in line with the Countywide parking standards and, where appropriate, incorporates changing points for electric vehicles; and where appropriate, incorporates changing charging points for electric vehicles; and	To address Bellway comment (Rep. 26/03			

	i	i) Does not result in unacceptable problems of significant harm arising from light pollution.	SOCG)
MM28 Policy EN14	In co Area give Dev sign use: Prop heri con that a) th b) th c) w prop	considering proposals that affect a designated heritage asset or its setting, a Conservation a or a registered Historic Park and Garden or archaeological remains, great weight will be en to the asset's conservation. Velopment proposals that sustain protect and enhance the character, appearance and ifficance of designated heritage assets (and their settings), and that put them to viable is consistent with their conservation, will be supported. Possals that would lead to harm to the significance of a designated itage asset or its setting will not be supported, unless a clear and vincing justification of public benefit can be demonstrated to outweigh them, in terms of: The importance of the asset; The scale of harm; and level of the public benefit of the posal demonstrably outweighs the harm or loss. Bere development: The protects and enhances heritage assets (including non-designated assets) and prevents harm to their significance and setting; The protects and enhances heritage assets (including non-designated assets) and prevents harm to their significance and setting; The protects and enhances heritage assets (including non-designated assets) and protects and enhances heritage assets (including non-designated assets) and protects and enhances heritage assets (including non-designated assets) and protects and enhances heritage assets (including non-designated assets) and protects and enhances heritage assets (including non-designated assets) and protects and enhances heritage assets that are considered to be at risk.	Hearings Action Points 132, 133, 135 To address Historic England's concerns. (Rep 39/04 SOCG)

MM29	Para 6.33 and Table 10	94	preparing local lists. This is s types of building, sites and st heritage assets, thereby setti not necessary for an asset to	ey, Policy EN15 (below) sets out further guiding principles for upported by Table 10 (below), which and provides clarity on the ructures that the Council considers to be non-designated ng a local blueprint or methodology for preparing a local list. It is meet all relevant criteria, and the state of repair of an asset is when deciding whether or not a building, site or structure is a	Hearings Action Point 135
			Table 10: Criteria for dec considered as a non-des Type of asset Historic parks and gardens	ciding whether a building/ site/ structure should be signated heritage asset Criteria for selection Historic interest Proportion of the original layout still in evidence Influence on the development of taste whether through reputation or reference in literature Early or representative of a style of layout Work of a designer of local importance Association with significant persons or historical events Strong group value Within, or contributing to, a locally significant	
			Buildings and structures	landscape Aesthetic/architectural merit Historic association Age and rarity Completeness Social or communal value	

			Assets of archaeological interest	This Plan will follow the clarification provided by the Planning Practice Guidance 88 and Historic England guidance on Local Heritage Listing 89 as to what can be considered as a non-designated site of archaeological interest. These non-designated sites may be included in the Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record.	
MM30	Policy EN15	95	heritage assets buildings of designated historic parks a archaeological remains) who significance of the asset, its should seek to enhance the is included in a local list. The assessment for proposal asset will take into account the Non-designated heritage assignificance. The assessment the demolition or total loss the significance of the asset where the significance of the asset will be guided by the criteria set Table 10: Whether a site, feature or stable 10: Whether a site, feature or sasset will be guided by the Historic parks and gardens historic interest Proportion of the or	n-designated heritage asset ⁹⁹ (This relates to all relevant or structures, not just those on a local list, i.e. non-and gardens; buildings and structures; and/ or here it is designed sympathetically having regard to the features, character and setting will be supported. Development character of the non-designated heritage asset whether or not it als for the demolition or total loss of a non-designated heritage he significance of the asset and the scale of ham or loss. Issets should be conserved in a manner consistent with their tent of proposals for new development that would impact on a of a non-designated heritage asset will take into account et and the scale of harm or loss. Fructure is considered to be a non-designated heritage asset will out in Table 10. Structure is considered to be a non-designated heritage as following criteria:	To address comments from the National Trust (Rep 27/01) Hearings Action Points135, 136

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			reputation or reference in literature	
			Early or representative of a style of layout	
			Work of a designer of local importance	
			 Association with significant persons or historical events 	
			Strong group value	
			Within, or contributing to, a locally significant landscape	
			Buildings and structures	
			Aesthetic/architectural merit	
			Historic association	
			Age and rarity	
			• Completeness	
			Social or communal value	
			Assets of archaeological interest	
			This Plan will follow tThe clarification provided by the Planning Practice	
			Guidance ⁸⁸ and Historic England guidance on Local Heritage Listing ⁸⁹ as to	
			what can be considered as a non-designated site of archaeological interest will	
			be used. These non-designated sites may be included in the Northamptonshire	
			Historic Environment Record.	
			Delete footnote 90 as follows:	
			This relates to all buildings or structures, not just those on a local list, i.e. historic parks and	
			gardens; buildings and structures; and/ or archaeological remains.	
MM31	Para	99	Amend paragraph 6.49 by adding an additional sentence after the first sentence as follows:	To address
	6.49		Delieu FNAC a) acts out the valeurant outside for many arises to unique and outside developments	comments
			Policy EN16 a) sets out the relevant criteria for managing tourism and cultural developments in the Nene Valley corridor and the Rockingham Forest. These should not adversely affect	from Natural
			sensitive receptors (the SSSI and SPA) and would be subject to the SPA Mitigation	England (Rep 48/05)
			Strategy with regard to potential impacts of tourism upon the integrity of the SPA/	40/03)
			Ramsar site. Outside of these areas, Sequential and Impact Tests will apply for main town	
			centre uses (i.e. cultural developments, hotels etc) in the normal way.	
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			Add new text after paragraph 6.49 as follows:	
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		The potential impacts of proposals for new tourism, cultural developments and tourist accommodation on the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA need to be fully considered. Policy 4 of the JCS and the Special Protection Area SPD set out requirements for developments with the potential to have an adverse impact on the SPA. Development with the potential to cause an adverse effect on the SPA must meet the requirements of JCS Policy 4, or any subsequent replacement or update to that policy. A Habitats Regulations Assessment may be required to accompany any planning application to demonstrate the absence of any such adverse effect.	To address recommendati ons of the HRA. Hearings Action Point 138
MM32 Policy EN16	99-100	a) Within the Destination Nene Valley corridor and Rockingham Forest areas, as shown on the Policies Map, proposals for the development of hotels (particularly in the South of the District), new tourist and/ or cultural assets, or the expansion of existing sites, to support established tourism assets, will be supported provided that these: i. Are acceptable in terms of highways access, subject to compliance with other relevant policies; ii. Do not adversely affect sensitive receptors (e.g. SSSI and SPA) and are accompanied by an Appropriate Assessment (in accordance with the Habitat Regulations) where required; iii. Do not have a significant impact upon other types of designated and non-designated biodiversity sites; iv. i. Deliver enhanced connectivity to the Greenway and other defined Green Infrastructure corridors, as referred to in policies EN7 and EN8; and v. ii. Do not have an adverse impact on the surrounding countryside e.g. King's Cliffe Hills and Valleys area of tranquillity (Joint Core Strategy Policy 3(f)). Beyond the Destination Nene Valley corridor and Rockingham Forest areas, tourist and cultural developments will be supported where these comply with other relevant local and national planning policies.	Hearings Action Point 137

			b) Throughout the District, new-build tourist accommodation, or the conversion of	
			dwellings or redundant or disused rural buildings to guest house or bed and breakfast use will be supported, where this fulfils the following criteria, whereby:	
			i) Special regard shall be given to parking provision and the impact upon the amenity of neighbouring properties;	
			ii) Nnew-build accommodation, where this fulfils the place-shaping principles of the Joint Core Strategy (Policy 8), is appropriate to its location and respects the setting, quality and character of its surrounding hinterland; and.	
			iii) In order to manage such developments it will be necessary to use suitable planning conditions and/ or legal agreements to ensure that these are retained for tourist accommodation93.	
			In order to manage such developments it will be necessary to use suitable planning conditions and/ or legal agreements to ensure that these are retained for tourist accommodation ⁹³ .	
MM33	Paras 6.53 to 6.57, Figure	101- 103	Delete subheading below paragraph 6.52 as follows: New school proposal, Chelveston Road, Higham Ferrers	Hearings Action Points 139 & 140
	11 and 12		Amend paragraph 6.53 as follows:	
			The Government (DfE) has considered Rushden's Growth Town status and the Rushden East allocation (Joint Core Strategy, Policy 33), initially putting forward proposals through the draft Plan consultation, November 2018 – February 2019 (Specialist School Site consultation paper, January 2020 ⁵). In light of the SUE proposals and strategic educational infrastructure requirements, the DfE and County Council have identified an overwhelming need for additional educational facilities for students aged 11-18 with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan for moderate learning difficulties to severe learning difficulties, including students with autism. This has been would be addressed	

Delete paragraphs 6.54 to 6.56 as follows:

The DfE investigated 18 potential sites in seeking to identify a site to deliver this educational need. Through this assessment, land to the south of Chelveston Road /east of Newton Road, Higham Ferrers was identified as the most suitable, deliverable site (Sequential Site Assessment, Department for Education, January 2020). The 2.1ha site is located on greenfield land to the west of Moulton College. It is situated just beyond the Higham Ferrers urban area and Rushden East SUE (as shown in Figure 11, below).

Planning permission was granted for a new school on 11 June 2020 (reference 19/02011/FUL). This should allow for implementation of the current proposals in accordance with the DfE's current plans, for opening the new school in September 2021. However, there may be wider contextual issues affecting the site in the medium/ longer term. It may be that educational needs change over time and the consented premises need to change to accommodate these. Accordingly, it is considered that a policy is still necessary in order to manage development in and around the new school in the medium/ long term.

The new school, when implemented, will become part of a wider sports and educational hub, to the east of the Higham Ferrers urban area and north of the Rushden East sustainable urban extension. It adjoins Higham Town Football Club; a proposed new facility for the Northamptonshire Football Association, and Moulton College to the east. There are issues of security (i.e. child protection) affecting the new school, but the Local Plan should reflect the opportunities that the school and nearby facilities may offer.

Delete figure 11 and title as follows:

Figure 11: Sports Masterplan, Newton Road, Higham Ferrers (Planning Policy Committee, 20 January 2020, Item 6, Appendix 3)

Delete paragraph 6.57 as follows:

Further direction is provided by the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan. This provides a masterplanning/ development framework for Rushden East; those parts of the SUE situated within the parish of Higham Ferrers (Policy HF.H3). It also sets out local direction and guiding principles for the protection and enhancement of community facilities and supports the

		development of new community facilities (including education) where appropriate (Policy HF.CD2). Delete Figure 12 and title as follows: Figure 12: Land to the west of Moulton College, Higham Ferrers	
Policy EN17	104	Delete Policy EN17: Land south of Chelveston Road, Higham Ferrers Land to the west of Moulton College — south of Chelveston Road — is allocated for the development of a new school. The development should provide for: a) Development of a school building and associated on-site infrastructure; b) Main vehicular and pedestrian access off Chelveston Road (north); c) Proportionate improvements to pedestrian and cycle arrangements in the locality, to provide enhanced connectivity with the main Higham Ferrers and Rushden urban areas (east/west), and Rushden East sustainable urban extension (north/south); d) Sufficient car parking and associated on-site servicing to meet the needs of students, employees and visitors; and e) Net gains to recreational open space provision and green infrastructure, including consideration of options for the sharing and enhancement of existing facilities with adjacent educational and sporting premises, contributing to the formation of a new sports and recreational hub to the east of Higham Ferrers.	Hearings Action Point 139

Economic Prosperity

MM35	Para 7.17	110	Add the word "target" into the third sentence as follows:	To clarify the context of job
			sets an overall requirement for a net growth <u>target</u> of 7,200 jobs	provision in line with the
				Joint Core
				Strategy
				Hearings
				Action Point 77
MM36	Supporti	115	Add two new paragraphs of text after paragraph 7.34 as follows:	To address
	ng text to			comments
	Policy		The potential impacts of proposals for new commercial development on the Upper	from Natural
	EN18		Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA need to be fully considered. Policy 4 of the JCS and the	England (Rep
	Para		Special Protection Area SPD set out requirements for developments with the potential	48/06)
	7.34		to have an adverse impact on the SPA. Development with the potential to cause an	
			adverse effect on the SPA must meet the requirements of JCS Policy 4, or any	To address
			subsequent replacement or update to that policy. A Habitats Regulations Assessment	recommendati
			may be required to accompany any planning application to demonstrate the absence of	ons of the
			any such adverse effect.	HRA.
			The following policy seeks to support the potential for small and medium-size	For
			enterprises (SMEs) which play an important role in the economy, they are generally	consistency
			entrepreneurial in nature, helping to shape innovation. Small-sized enterprises	with Hearings
			typically number fewer than 50 employees, whilst medium-sized enterprise comprise	Action Point
			less than 250 employees. In addition to small and mid-size companies, there are micro-	138
			companies, which employ up to 10 employees.	
				Hearing Action
				Point 82
MM37	Policy	115-	Amend Policy EN18 title to add the following words:	Hearings
	EN18	116		Action Point
			Development of commercial space to support economic growth <u>for Small and Medium-sized</u> <u>enterprises</u>	80,81

				olicy EN18 as follows:				
			Future pProposals for the development of new commercial employment space will be supported where these will deliver flexible, managed workspace for, small, medium and micro-businesses. Such projects should:					
			a)	a) Provide a range of unit sizes to meet demand across the whole business pipeline;				
			b)	b) Provide for adequate parking, in line with the Northamptonshire Parking Standards ¹¹³ ,;				
			c)	Deliver pedestrian, cycle and public transport connections to adjacent businesses, residential areas and public open spaces, to maximise integration with the surrounding locality ¹¹⁴ ;				
			d) Allow for opportunities for future expansion in the medium/ longer term;					
			e)	Not give rise to unacceptable impacts upon the amenity of adjoining business premises; and				
			f)	Where necessary, include suitable structural landscaping, in recognition of its wider setting.				
MM38	Policy EN19	119		olicy EN19 as follows:	Hearings Action Point 83			
			The existing employment sites, as shown on the Policies Map, are protected for employment use ¹¹⁷ . Proposals for re-development or changes of use of existing buildings should ensure that the overall provision of employment on the site after development is no less than that of the current or most recent use. A reduction in the level of employment net job numbers/employment land or development for non-employment uses can only be supported where it can be demonstrated that:					
				ere is no realistic prospect of the site or buildings being used or re-used, including development, for employment purposes ¹¹⁸ ; and/or	Additional policy amendments Hearings			

			 b) Constraints associated with the site or buildings mean these would be unsuitable for re-use, in terms of siting, design, access, layout and relationship to neighbouring buildings and uses, and c) Development contributions will be made to support economic development across the district di	Action Points 84, 85
MM39	Supporti ng text to Policy EN20 Para 7.49	120	Add new text after para 7.48 as follows: The potential impacts of proposals for the expansion or relocation of existing business premises on the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA need to be fully considered. Policy 4 of the JCS and the Special Protection Area SPD set out requirements for developments with the potential to have an adverse impact on the SPA. Development with the potential to cause an adverse effect on the SPA must meet the requirements of JCS Policy 4, or any subsequent replacement or update to that policy. A Habitats Regulations Assessment may be required to accompany any planning application to demonstrate the absence of any such adverse effect.	To address comments from Natural England (Rep 48/07) For consistency with Hearings Action Point 138
MM40	Policy EN20	120	Amend Policy EN20 as follows: Proposals for the extension of existing business premises beyond their current curtilages will be supported, provided that these do not result in unacceptable impacts upon the amenities of neighbouring properties., or for businesses that need to relocate, will be supported where they meet the following criteria: Where businesses need to relocate from their current premises or retain their existing premises and grow into a new bespoke space, this will be supported where a suitable site is available; one that: a) Is adjacent to an existing built up area, provided that and that there is no significant impact on the countryside, or character of the surroundings, ecology, highways, the character of the surroundings or the amenity of neighbouring properties; b) Would not result in a significant impact on the countryside, ecology, highways, the character of the surrounding sand the amenity of neighbouring or nearby properties:	Hearings Action Point 86

			c) Where necessary, is suitable for the provision of HGV or commercial vehicular access to	
			the strategic or classified road network	
			d)-b) For main town centre uses, if applicable, meets the requirements of the sequential and impact tests; and	
			e) c) Provides maximum accessibility for the workforce by sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport.	
MM41	Supporti ng Text	121 - 124	Table 13 – amend title of the third column as follows:	To ensure the geographical
	to Policy EN21		Designated primary shopping area/ frontage (since 2012 NPPF)	application is
			Add new text after para 7.56:	the policies map.
			The town centre boundaries are shown on the policies map. The town centre	map.
			boundaries effectively function as the primary shopping areas reflecting the relatively	Hearing Action
			small size of the town centres which do not have areas of predominantly leisure,	Points 95, 96
			business and town centre uses adjacent to the primary shopping frontages. For	
			clarification, for the purpose of criterion a of Policy 12 of the JCS and for the consideration of edge of centre proposals in accordance with the NPPF, where town	
			centres do not have a defined Primary Shopping Area, 'edge of centre' will for retail	
			purposes be considered as within 300m from the town centre boundary.	
			Local regeneration strategies will be prepared for town centres to assist town centre	
			regeneration. These strategies could range from comprehensive town centre	
			masterplans to site specific development briefs and could also include Town Centre design codes.	
MM42	Policy	124	Amend Policy EN21 as follows:	To ensure the
	EN21			geographical application is
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			Development within the town centre boundaries of Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Oundle, Raunds³ and Thrapston, as shown on the Policies Map will be supported where this will achieve vibrant and viable town centres. Development should deliver increased vitality, through all or where appropriate some of the following: a) At street level, maintaining a balance and mix of main town centre uses, including both convenience and comparison retailing, financial services and/ or food and drink businesses; b) Opportunities for a mixture of businesses, residential and live-work units, including at first floor level and above; c) Avoiding an over concentration of a particular town centre useUse Class, with the exception of retailing; d) Retaining a predominantly retail offer for the defined primaryshopping frontages, as shown on the policies map; e) Enhancing the streetscape, to maximise opportunities for increased footfall; f) Improving the connectivity between High Streets, town centre car parking and the surrounding urban hinterland with a particular focus on cycling and walking; and g) Preparing local regeneration development strategies to encourage the re-use of vacant and redundant premises for a balanced mix of uses, including where appropriate residential uses, to revitalise the character of town centres.	illustrated on the policies map. Hearing Action Points 87, 90, 91, 92, 93, 96
MM43	Policy EN22	126	Amend Policy EN22 as follows: Proposals for retail development outside the town centre boundaries primary shopping areas of the six town centres Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Oundle,	To ensure the geographical application is illustrated on the policies map.

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⁸ In Raunds this applies to development within the Primary Shopping Area defined through the Neighbourhood Plan

			Raunds ⁹ and Thrapston, as shown on the policies map, should be supported by an appropriate impact assessment, where the following floorspace thresholds are exceeded: a) Rushden Town Centre 280m²; and b) Market Towns Centres 100m². Impact assessments and Sequential tests should be prepared in accordance with the relevant national guidance ¹⁰ . Failure to demonstrate there will be no significant adverse impact would result in a refusal of planning permission.	Hearings Action Points 97, 98, 99, 100, 101
MM44	Supporti ng text to Policy EN23	129	Add new text after paragraph 7.76 as follows: Class E of the Use Class Order provides significant flexibility in changes of use between main town centre uses. Policy EN23 seeks to support specific types of main town centre uses to reflect the role of these centres in serving the immediate local area. In some circumstances it may be necessary to remove permitted development rights to ensure that the local centres maintain their role in serving the needs of the immediate neighbourhood.	To set out the circumstances which may result in the removal of permitted development rights.
MM45	Policy EN23	130	Amend policy EN23 as follows: Policy EN23: Development of main town centre uses around the ILocal Centres For Proposals of a scale and type limited to serving the immediate local area, minor	To ensure it is clear that the geographical application is illustrated on the policies map.
			development schemes ¹¹ which are adjoining or closely related to within 200m ¹² of the designated local centres, as set out below and shown on the policies map, will be	тар. Hearings

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⁹ In Raunds this applies to development outside the Primary Shopping Area defined through the Neighbourhood Plan

¹⁰ The Planning Practice Guidance provides full details about the obligations for undertaking a main town centre uses impact assessment: "Ensuring the vitality of town centres": https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ensuring-the-vitality-of-town-centres

¹¹ Minor schemes are those of less than 1000m² floorspace; the national standard threshold for major planning applications

¹² 300m is the national standard for "edge of centre" developments. On this basis, a reduced threshold (200m) has been suggested for "edge of local centre" development schemes involving main town centre uses.

		supported for, there will be a general presumption in favour of the following types of 'main town centre' uses:	Action points 102, 103,
			104,105, 106,
			107

- Convenience retailing;
- Financial services;
- Community facilities;
- · Eating and drinking establishments; and
- Local leisure facilities.

Designated Local Centres:

- London Road/ Michael Way, Raunds
- High Street South, Rushden
- Wellingborough Road, Rushden
- Grangeway Shopping Precinct, Rushden
- 2-12 Blackfriars, Rushden
- Rushden East SUE
- Hall Hill/ High Street, Brigstock
- High Street, Ringstead
- Church Street/ High Street, Stanwick
- High Street/ The Green, Woodford

Such proposals will be supported, provided that they:

- a) Deliver an overall enhancement to the neighbourhood offer for 'day to day' local services;
- b) Improve connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists, between the designated local centre and the adjacent neighbourhood, where appropriate;
- c) Do not adversely affect local amenity, through providing an unacceptable impact through increasing antisocial behaviour, noise, smell or other impacts, and fulfil other relevant development management criteria within the Local Plan;

<u>Permitted developments rights may be removed where exceptional circumstances are considered to exist.</u>

- d) Are subject to the removal of permitted development rights to prevent changes of use in appropriate circumstances; and
- e) Are justified by means of an impact assessment where proposals are over the

	thresholds given in Policy EN21.	
	n large villages which do not have designated local centres sites that are proposed for 'main own centre' uses will be considered on their merits.	

Housing Delivery

MM46	Para 8.3	132	Add the following text after paragraph 8.3: Paragraph 69 of the NPPF requires that land to accommodate at least 10% of the housing requirement is provided on sites no larger than 1 hectare. The Council meets this requirement, (evidence is contained within Background Paper 10 – Rural Housing Update July 2021).	Hearings Action Point 34
MM47	Para 8.4	132	Provide a new paragraph after paragraph 8.4 as follows: The National Planning Policy Framework requires that, where appropriate, plans should set out the anticipated rate of development of specific sites. The Housing Trajectory is set out in Appendix 6. The Housing Trajectory demonstrates that the supply of sites available in the plan period will deliver homes in excess of the requirements identified in the Joint Core Strategy.	In response to request from Inspector
MM48	Paras 8.5 to 8.15, inc tables 14 and 15	132 to 136	Amend paragraph 8.5 as follows: A number of significant development sites have already come forward (i.e. under construction or having extant planning permission) at each of the six towns (Rushden, Raunds, Irthlingborough, Thrapston, Higham Ferrers and Oundle) during the first 89 years of the Plan period (2011-20192020). Alongside these, a large number of smaller development sites have	To update with 2020 monitoring information.

also come forward; these are included in the latest ($\frac{20192020}{}$) AMR Housing Site Schedule ¹³

Amend paragraph 8.6 as follows:

At Raunds, development sites to the north, north-east and south of the town have progressed on the basis of the previous Local Plan (2008 Core Spatial Strategy) and are now under construction or mostly complete. Similarly, the Thrapston South urban extension (allocated in the previous Local Plan) is also-mostly complete (earlier development phases) or under construction (later development phases). Within the district three further major development sites are committed during the Plan period. Details about these sites are set out in Table 15, below.

Amend table 15 as follows:

Location	Site name	Total Capacity	No of units, 2019 2020-2031	Delivery beyond 2031	Development Plan Document	Current status	Note
Rushden	Rushden East	2,500 2,700	1,200 1250	1,300 1450	Local Plan (JCS Policy 33)	New strategic site/ SUE	
Higham Ferrers	Land East of Ferrers School	300	300	0	Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan	Self contained strategic site allocation	

¹³ Planning Policy Committee, 8 June 2020, Agenda Item 10, Appendix 3: https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/5073/2020_annual_position_statement

	Irthlingborough	West of Huxlow School/ Irthling- borough West	700	250 200	450 <u>500</u>	N/a - Resolution to grant	Strategic site/ SUE	Comm itment en basis ef (new defun et) 2008 Core Spatia I Strate gy JCS Anne x A
	TOTAL	Major urban extensions	3,500 3,700	1,750	1,750 <u>1950</u>			

Amend paragraph 8.7 as follows:

As at 1 April 201920, the outstanding housing requirement for the six urban areas has been calculated, by way of deducting the following elements for each town:

- Completions, 1 April 2011 31 March 201920;
- Commitments (i.e. extant planning permissions or previously allocated sites), as at 1 April 201920 (201920 AMR, Housing Site Schedule);
- Major development sites (Table 16<u>5</u>, above) plus other emerging proposed development sites identified in the 2018<u>20</u> AMR Housing Site Schedule).

Amend table 16 as follows:

Table 16: Urban areas residual housing requirement, as at 1 April 2019 2020	Housing requirement (2011-31)	Completions 2011-48 <u>19</u>	Completions 2019-19 <u>20</u>	% housing requirement delivered as at 31 March 201920	Commitments (starts and planning permissions) as at 1 April 2049 <u>20</u>	Commitments (resolutions to grant, Development Plan allocations, Rushden East) as at 1 April 204 <u>920</u>	Residual requirement as at 1 April 204920 (committed sites deducted)
Growth Town							
Rushden	3,285	953 <u>1,036</u>	83 19	31.5% 32.1%	63 <u>175</u>	1,760 <u>1,515</u>	4 26 540
Market Towns							
Higham Ferrers	560	358 370	12 _4	66.1% 66.8%	4 <u>3</u>	300	-114 -117
Irthlingborough	1,350	283 320	37 27	23.7% 25.7%	171 149	329 280	530 574
Raunds	1,060	387 662	275 47	62.5% 66.9%	4 66 <u>347</u>	0	68 <u>4</u>
Thrapston	680	190 202	42 223	29.7% 62.5%	4 86 260	0	- 8 -5
Oundle	645	384 392	용 <u>3</u>	60.8% 61.2%	7 <u>11</u>	70	176 169
TOTAL	7,580	2,555 2,982	4 27 323	39.3% 43.6%	1,197 <u>945</u>	2,459 <u>2,165</u>	942 <u>1,165</u>
Amend and split							

Table 16 shows that as at 1 April 204920 JCS housing requirements for Higham Ferrers, Raunds and Thrapston are being met, through housing completions (1,234799 dwellings) and housing commitments (1,256563 dwellings). A minimal residual requirement has been identified for Raunds (4 dwellings), but other emerging and brownfield site proposals identified in the 2020 Annual Position Statement (total 88 dwellings) are more than sufficient to address the housing requirements for the town.

Outstanding residual housing requirements have been identified at Rushden (426<u>540</u> dwellings), Irthlingborough (530<u>574</u> dwellings) and Oundle (176169 dwellings) Further detail about how these residual requirements will be addressed is set out at paragraphs 8.10-8.12, below. It is necessary, therefore, for this Plan to address the outstanding residual requirements for Rushden, Irthlingborough and Oundle. Further details about these outstanding requirements are set out in the <u>updated (2020)</u> urban housing Background Paper (BP9)¹⁴.

Amend paragraph 8.10 as follows:

For Rushden, commitments consist of extant planning permissions (63 dwellings and plus outstanding Neighbourhood Plan site allocations (560 total 315 dwellings); with 1,200 1,050 dwellings at Rushden East anticipated to be delivered by 2031. This equates to an outstanding requirement for 426 540 dwellings. A further 120 134 dwellings housing land supply is identified at specific unallocated brownfield sites within the urban area, equating to a residual requirement for 306 406 dwellings.

Amend paragraph 8.11 as follows:

For Irthlingborough, commitments for 500 429 dwellings are identified within the 2019-2020 housing land supply. A further 207-199 dwellings is included within the housing land supply, consisting of specific brownfield sites and other emerging sites which did not, as at 1 April 20192020, have planning permission. These emerging sites reduce the residual requirement to 323-375 dwellings. Table 15 (above) shows the latest position for the Irthlingborough West urban extension; namely that the trajectory for this site has been set back until later during the Plan period, such that just 250-200 (out of 700) dwellings are now anticipated to come

¹⁴ https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/12110/background_paper_9_-_housing_requirements_-_urban-[link to updated BP9 to be added]

forward within the Plan period. While Irthlingborough West remains a commitment, it is expected that this site could only begin to deliver late in the Plan period.

Amend paragraph 8.12 as follows:

A residual requirement for a further 476-169 dwellings at Oundle is identified, where additional strategic land allocations are required to meet this target. This residual figure for 476-169 dwellings at Oundle includes the previous Local Plan allocations at Ashton Road/ Herne Road Phase 2 (50 dwellings) and Dairy Farm (20 dwellings). If these sites are excluded, the Oundle residual requirement would rise to 246 239 dwellings¹⁵, as a minimum.

Amend paragraph 8.13 as follows:

Table 5 of the Joint Core Strategy sets a district-wide rural housing requirement for 820 dwellings. This has implications for all rural parishes across the district. Table 17 (below) sets out a current position statement for the residual rural housing requirement, as at 1 April 20192020.

Amend Table 17 as follows:

Table 17: Rural areas residual housing requirement, as at 1 April 20192020	District rural housing requirement 2011-31
JCS rural housing requirement 2011-31	820
Rural housing completions 2011- 18 19	-467 - 513
Rural housing completions 20 18 19-1920	-46 <u>-65</u>
Extant planning permissions as at 1 April 20192020 (as shown in 20192020 AMR housing site schedule)	-171 -124
Local Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan site allocations (as at 1 April 20192020)	-90 - 136
Emerging Neighbourhood Plan site allocations, other emerging rural sites (>4 dwellings), as at 1 April 20192020	- 89 - <u>58</u>
RESIDUAL DISTRICT REQUIREMENT, AS AT 1 APRIL 20192020	- 43 -76

¹⁵ As at 1 April 2017 (the latest available base date data when the first draft Plan was being prepared during 2018) the residual requirement was for 294 dwellings, which formed the basis for the 300 dwellings requirement. This figure reduced to 246239 dwellings for the latest (20192020) monitoring data.

			Amend paragraph 8.14 as follows: Table 17 demonstrates that the current Local Plan rural housing requirement for the district is already being met; indeed, exceeded by 4376 dwellings. As specified in the Joint Core Strategy, further rural housing sites will continue to come forward through windfalls, infilling, Neighbourhood Plan allocations and rural exceptions schemes (Policy 11(2)). Further details about these outstanding requirements are set out in the updated (2020) rural housing Background Paper (BP10)16. Amend paragraph 8.15 as follows: The rural housing requirement is already delivered (513-578 dwellings), committed (261-260 dwellings); or allocations in Neighbourhood Plans "made" since 1 April 2019-2020 (35 dwellings) and other emerging rural sites (54-58 dwellings). Nevertheless, Neighbourhood Planning groups have sought indicative Ward or Parish level housing "targets", to provide a basis for allocating future housing sites in a Neighbourhood Plan. This issue is addressed in the updated (2019) NPPF (2021 update), which states that strategic policies should also set out a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas (paragraph 6566) or, at the very least, provide an indicative figure if requested by the neighbourhood planning body (paragraph 6667).	
MM49	Policy EN24	138	Policy EN24 to be deleted in its entirety as follows: Policy EN24: Oundle Housing Allocations	Hearings Action Point 45
			The following sites are allocated for housing development at Oundle as shown on the Policies Map and in the site specific maps under Policies EN25 to EN27:	
			i) Land rear of Cemetery, Stoke Doyle Road — around 70 dwellings; ii) Cotterstock Road/ St Peter's Road — around 130 dwellings; and iii) St Christopher's Drive — around 100 dwellings.	

⁶ https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/12111/background_paper_10_-_housing_requirements_-_rural [Link to updated BP10 to be added]

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			Key considerations to be taken into account for each of the sites along with appropriate Local Plan policies are:	
			 a) transport impact – including vehicular access points, visibility, pedestrian and cycle links and impact on the existing road network; 	
			 b) amenity – impact of existing uses and operations upon new development, including issues noise, odours and air quality; 	
			c) impact upon community infrastructure; e.g. schools and NHS services;	
			 d) impact on the surrounding landscape and street scene, to be addressed through site design, mix and layout; 	
			e) the management of water resources – flood risk, drainage, water supply and sewerage;	
			f) impact on designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings; and	
			g) biodiversity impacts.	
MM50	Supporti ng text to	139 and	Add new text after paragraph 8.26, as follows:	To address recommendations
	Policy	140	The site is located approximately 6.5km from the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA, a	of the HRA.
	EN25		specific wintering bird survey should therefore be undertaken for any planning application. The applicant will be required to provide evidence that the development	
			will not result in a Likely Significant Effect. To achieve this, surveys will be required to	
			determine habitats and current use of the site to determine if it does support a	
			significant population ¹⁷ of qualifying species. Where habitats are suitable, non-	
			breeding bird surveys will be required to determine if the site and neighbouring land constitute a significant area of supporting habitat. Surveys should be required to be	
			undertaken during autumn, winter and spring and at more than 1 year of surveys may	
			be needed (to be agreed in consultation with the local planning authority and Natural	
			England). If habitat within the site is identified to support significant populations of	
			designated bird features avoidance measures and mitigation will be required, such as	
			the creation of replacement habitat nearby, and the planning application will likely	

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¹⁷ A significant population is classified as a site that regularly used by more than 1% of the population of qualifying bird species

			need to be supported by a project specific Habitats Regulations Assessment to ensure that the development does not result in adverse effects on integrity.	
MM51	Figure 14	140	Amend Figure 14 as follows: Text stating "longer term development potential" and accompanying arrow to be removed from Figure 14.	Hearings Action Point 41
MM52	Policy EN25	140	Amend Policy 25 as follows:	Hearings Action Point 40
	Criterion		Site Specifics	
	b)		Land at Stoke Doyle Road, as shown on the Policies Map and indicated above, is allocated for 3.5 ha. It is expected that the proposed allocation will deliver around 70 houses. Development should be delivered in accordance with the criteria below.	
		allows comprehensive develop b) It will be expected to provide a long site affordable housing pro-	 a) This site is owned by two separate landowners but should be subject to a scheme that allows comprehensive development of the site. 	
			b) It will be expected to provide a housing mix which includes provision for older persons, on site affordable housing provision and 5% of plots should be made available as serviced building plots for self and/ or custom housebuilding, in line with other policy requirements.	
			 Upgrades to Stoke Doyle Road, including appropriate mitigation measures to address the impact of development upon the single track Warren Bridge, a significant heritage asset. 	
		e)	 d) Connections will be provided to the adjacent Public Rights of Way network, providing access to Benefield, Stoke Doyle and the town centre. 	
			 e) Suitable structural landscaping will be provided to mitigate any potential adverse impacts of the development. 	
			The site will be required to set aside land to allow for an extension to Oundle Cemetery, as indicated in Figure 14 (above), in order to meet future requirements.	
MM53	Para 8.29	141	Amend paragraph 8.29 to delete the final sentence and replace with the following sentence:	To address comments from
			Therefore, it is necessary for this Plan to set a policy framework for managing the detailed development proposals Detailed development proposals will need to address these	Anglian Water (Rep 22/05)

			And insert a new paragraph as follows: Notably, there is an existing foul sewer in Anglian Water's ownership within the boundary of the site and the site layout should be designed to take these into account. This existing infrastructure is protected by easements and should not be built over or located in private gardens where access for maintenance and repair could be restricted. The existing sewer should be located in highways or public open space. If this is not possible a formal application to divert existing asset may be required.	
MM54	Policy EN26	N26 Site S Land a	Amend Policy EN26 criterion d) as follows: Site Specifics Land at Cotterstock Road ¹⁸ , as shown on the Policies Map and indicated above, is allocated for 5.1 ha. It is expected that the proposed allocation will deliver around 130 houses. Development should be delivered in accordance with the criteria below.	To address comments from Anglian Water (Rep 22/03, 22/04, 22/06)
			a) This site, which is within single ownership, will be expected to provide a housing mix which includes provision for older persons, on site affordable housing provision and 5% of plots should be made available as serviced building plots for self and/ or custom housebuilding, in line with other policy requirements.	
			 Enhanced connectivity; e.g. to the adjacent Public Rights of Way network, providing access to the Nene Valley and nearby villages (e.g. Cotterstock, Glapthorn and Tansor). 	
			c) Drainage will be managed by the provision of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), including improvements to west/ east drainage capacity between Cotterstock Road and the River Nene to the east.	

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¹⁸ Approximately 50% of the gross site area (the northern part) is situated within Glapthorn Parish, although the whole site is regarded as meeting the strategic housing requirements for Oundle, comprising part of the Oundle urban area for the purposes of Local Plan monitoring

			 d) Structural landscaping will be provided for the site boundary, to mitigate the impacts of smell or other pollution (e.g. from the sewage works to the north). <u>Dwellings and residential gardens should be located at a suitable distance from Oundle Water Recycling Centre to ensure that there is no unacceptable impact on residents and that any mitigation can be achieved without detriment to the continuous operation of Oundle Water Recycling Centre. Structural landscaping will also be provided for the site boundary, to mitigate the impacts of smell or other pollution (e.g. from the water recycling centre to the north).</u> e) Net biodiversity gains will be sought, by way of on-site and/ or off-site provision. These may include measures such as enhanced management of existing local wildlife sites such as the nearby Snipe Meadows local wildlife site. f) The safeguarding of suitable access for the maintenance of foul drainage infrastructure. 	
MM55	Policy EN27	145	 Site Specifics Land at St Christopher's Drive, as shown on the Policies Map and indicated above, is allocated for 3.9 ha. It is expected that the proposed allocation will deliver around 100 houses. Development should be delivered in accordance with the criteria below. a) This site, which is within single ownership, will be expected to provide a housing mix to meet identified local needs and 5% of plots should be made available as serviced building plots for self and/ or custom housebuilding, in line with other policy requirements. b) The site is well placed to deliver specialist housing, particularly extra care provision to meet older persons' needs. Provision of such housing should be in lieu of the normal requirement for affordable housing; otherwise affordable housing should be delivered in accordance with normal policy requirements. c) The road layout should be delivered in accordance with the Local Highway Authority's standards, supported by an appropriate Transport Assessment, with the main 	To address comments from Anglian Water (Rep 22/07, 22/08) Hearings Action Point 73 Hearings Action Point 43

			vehicular access forming a continuation of St Christopher's Drive. Consideration may be given to the provision of an emergency access via Ashton Road. d) Connections will be provided to the adjacent Public Rights of Way network, providing access to the Nene Way and adjacent villages (e.g. Ashton, Barnwell and Polebrook). e) Structural landscaping will be provided for the site boundary, to mitigate the impacts of noise and other pollution from the A605. f) The design and layout should consider the proximity of the foul pumping station ¹⁹ . to reduce the risk of nuisance/ loss of amenity associated with the operation of this. And add footnote: Anglian Water requires a minimum distance of 15 metres between the Oundle-Ashton Gate Terminal Pumping Station (OUNASM), which is located within the boundary of the allocation site, and the curtilage boundaries of the nearest dwellings	
MM56	Paras 8.35 to 8.39	145- 146	Amend paragraph 8.35 as follows: The trajectories for the major strategic sites (sustainable urban extensions) have been reviewed yearly, through subsequent Authorities' Monitoring Reports (AMRs). Since adoption of the Joint Core Strategy (July 2016) the trajectories for Irthlingborough West and Rushden East have been substantially reviewed, in response to the latest deliverability evidence. The 201920 AMR ²⁰ , indicates the following: Irthlingborough West – 250200 dwellings, 20267-2031; and Rushden East – 1,200050 dwellings, 20223-2031. Amend paragraph 8.36 as follows:	To update with 2020 monitoring information.

¹⁹ Anglian Water requires a minimum distance of 15 metres between the Oundle-Ashton Gate Terminal Pumping Station (OUNASM), which is located within the boundary of the allocation site, and the curtilage boundaries of the nearest dwellings.

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			The April 204920 trajectories for the two sustainable urban extensions equate to a combined reduction of \$501,050 dwellings for Irthlingborough and Rushden within the Plan period. Predominantly this is due to development viability affecting housing delivery of these two sites; in particular costs associated with ground stability mitigation for Irthlingborough West arising from the former mine workings. The revised trajectories equate to residual shortfalls of 323375 dwellings and 306406 dwellings, for Irthlingborough and Rushden respectively. Amend the final sentence of paragraph 8.38 as follows: In other words, the Joint Core Strategy allows for the allocation of additional housing land to meet any outstanding residual requirements for Irthlingborough and Rushden (totalling 629781 dwellings, as at 1 April 204920). Amend paragraph 8.39 as follows: The combined shortfall for Irthlingborough and Rushden equates to greater than 500700 dwellings. This significantly exceeds the definition of a "strategic" housing requirement (500 dwellings), as defined in the Joint Core Strategy (Figure 12: Key Diagram/ paragraph 9.14). However, regard should also be given to the housing land supply figures for Higham Ferrers, which currently exceed the Joint Core Strategy requirement by 244-247 dwellings (principally due to additional brownfield development opportunities within the urban area) and Raunds figures is are applied to offset the Irthlingborough and Rushden shortfall, this would give a residual requirement for 385450 dwellings across the threefour urban areas.)	
MM57	Supporti ng text to Policy EN28	147- 149	Add new text after paragraph 8.46, as follows: The site is located approximately 3.5km from the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA, it is therefore possible it could constitute functionally linked habitat for the SPA. The applicant will be required to provide evidence that the development will not result in an adverse effect on the integrity of Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA/Ramsar. To achieve this, surveys will be required to determine habitats and current use of the site	To address recommendations of the HRA.

			to determine if it does support a significant population ²¹ of qualifying species. Where habitats are suitable, non-breeding bird surveys will be required to determine if the site and neighbouring land constitute a significant area of supporting habitat. Surveys should be required to be undertaken during autumn, winter and spring and more than 1 year of surveys may be needed (to be agreed in consultation with the local planning authority and Natural England). If habitat within the site is identified to support significant populations of designated bird features avoidance measures and mitigation will be required, such as the creation of replacement habitat nearby, and the planning application will likely need to be supported by a project specific Habitats Regulations Assessment to ensure that the development does not result in adverse effects on integrity'	
MM58	Policy EN28	149	Amend Policy EN28 as follows: Land to the east of the A6/Bedford Road, Rushden, as shown on the Policies Map and indicated in Figure 17 above, is allocated for residential development together with associated supporting infrastructure, which should include a mix of ancillary retail, business or community uses to support the proposal.	To address comments from Bellway Homes (Rep 26/05)
			A design led masterplan is to be agreed by the local planning authority as part of the application prcess, which will address all relevant policy requirements. The key principles of the proposed development will deliver the following:	
			a) Up tolt is expected that the proposed allocation will deliver around 450 dwellings;	
			 A housing mix which includes provision for both specialist and older persons housing, and on-site affordable housing (meeting the target of 30% of the total number of dwellings provided within a Growth Town); 	
			 vehicular access to be provided directly from the Bedford Road/ A6 Bypass roundabout, with the proposals informed by a Transport Assessment subject to approval by the Highway Authority; 	
			d) To maximise opportunities to improve connectivity to, and enhance the quality of, the public rights of way network; in particular:	

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²¹ A significant population is classified as a site that regularly used by more than 1% of the population of qualifying bird species

			 providing pedestrian and cycle connections to the surrounding urban area, and to adjacent sports and recreational facilities; 	
			 improving local bus connections serving the site; 	
			 delivering enhancements and net biodiversity gain to the Rushden – Souldrop local green infrastructure corridor and net biodiversity gain; and 	
			 delivering facilities to assist the sustainability of the allocation, in particular by supporting the creation of a community hub to enhance the relocation of the sports facilities, to be located on the eastern edge of the site boundary. 	
			e) Appropriate mitigation measures, to avoid significant adverse impacts upon the integrity of the Upper Nene Gravel Pits Special Protection Area;	
			f) Provision of a landmark feature at the main access point, adjacent to the A6 / Bedford Road roundabout; and	
			g) Appropriate multi-functional structural landscaping to service the development, including sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and suitable features along the western boundary to provide the necessary mitigation for noise and air pollution arising from the A6 Bypass.	
MM59	Policy EN29	150	Amend Policy EN29 as follows: To help meet current and future needs for housing for people with disabilities, all new housing developments of 20 or more dwellings should include a target minimum of 5% Category 3 (wheelchair accessible or adaptable) housing. Wheelchair accessible housing will only be required for dwellings where the local authority is responsible for allocating or nominating a person to live in that dwelling.	Hearings Action Point 63, 64, 66
MM60	Policy EN30	153	Amend Policy EN30 as follows: All housing developments will be expected to provide a suitable mix and range of housing, including a range of size, type and tenure (as set out in Policy 30 of the Joint Core Strategy) that recognise the local need and demand in both the market and affordable housing sectors,	Hearings Action Point 67

			unless viability testing shows otherwise. Evidence should be provided to support the proposed housing mix. In particular consideration will be given to: a) Meeting the needs of an ageing population by providing the opportunity for smaller properties to encourage downsizing within the district;	
			 b) Recognising the potential to increase the proportion of higher value, larger properties in areas where local evidence identifies a lack of opportunity for higher income earners to acquire such properties; and 	
			 Increasing the numbers of smaller dwellings in the rural areas to meet the needs for starter homes, affordable housing and downsizing. 	
MM61	Supporti ng text to Policy EN31	156	 Add new supporting text at the end of paragraph 8.71 as follows: This could include: Accommodation to enable downsizing such as bungalows, apartments and other smaller homes which are available to meet general needs but are particularly suitable to encourage and facilitate older people to move from larger family housing to smaller properties Retirement Housing which will include also bungalows as well as other high quality homes which may be 'age restricted' to provide for older persons. The accommodation can be provided as individual homes or as part of a retirement housing scheme and may include communal facilities and on-site management. Extra Care housing providing independent accommodation with 24 hour care and support available on site. Residential and Nursing Care Homes 	
MM62	Policy EN31	157	Amend Policy EN31 as follows: To help meet future requirements for retirement housing for older people, the Local Planning Authority will seek to ensure that a proportion of its overall housing provision will address the identified needs of the ageing population within the district unless it can be justified that	Hearings Action Point 68, 69, 70, 71,72

such provision is not appropriate for the location or would have an adverse impact upon the deliverability and/or viability of the scheme.

To address the identified need and where there is access to local facilities and public transport services, larger sites will be required to provide for the needs of older households.

Larger sites will be expected to deliver a minimum of 10% of housing for older people.

For Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs), specialist housing requirements will be agreed with the Local Planning Authority through the preparation of a Masterplan Development Framework or a Strategic Masterplan. Elsewhere, due to the rural nature of the district, and to prevent the loss of opportunities to provide accommodation for older people, a threshold hierarchy will be applied so that, in respect of older people's housing, other larger sites will be classified as:

- 50 or more dwellings in the towns of Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough and Raunds
- 25 or more dwellings in the towns of Oundle and Thrapston; or
- As opportunities for development in the villages are limited, and sites are often small scale in nature, all developments of 5 or more dwellings will be expected to deliver a minimum of 20% of housing for older people, unless evidence justifies a departure.

The criteria for site selection and design principles will also need to meet the requirements laid out in Appendix 35, although these will be relaxed in the villages in recognition of the difficulties in meeting them.

The type of housing provision required for older people will vary according to the scale and location of the development and will include:

- a) Downsizing Accommodation such as bungalows, apartments and other smaller homes which are available to meet general needs but are particularly suitable to encourage and facilitate older people to move from larger family housing to smaller properties
- b) **Retirement Housing** will include bungalows and other high quality homes which may be 'age restricted' to older people. They can be provided as individual homes or as

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part of a retirement housing scheme and may include communal facilities and on-site management.

c) Supported Housing for Older People – Extra Care:

i. SUEs and Strategic Sites

Mixed tenure Extra Care Housing providing independent accommodation with 24 hour care and support available on site should be provided on major strategic housing sites at Rushden East and Irthlingborough West. Masterplan Framework Documents for these developments should ensure such provision through the safeguarding of suitable sites and the setting out of design principles for delivery. Further consideration needs to be given to whether a future Extra Care Scheme or a retirement village would be sustainable at Tresham Garden Village once the necessary infrastructure, transport and local facilities are in place.

ii. Allocated sites

- St Christopher's Drive, Oundle (EN27), and Hayway, Northampton Road, Rushden²² will, subject to viability, be supported to deliver specific Extra Care provision
- East of Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers²³ this site could also provide an
 opportunity to deliver a mixed tenure Extra Care scheme, subject to
 achieving suitable connectivity of the site to the town.

iii. Windfall sites

In addition to the strategic sites listed in this policy, the Council will encourage the provision of Extra Care accommodation in sustainable locations across the district, particularly within the designated growth and market towns.

d) Residential and Nursing Care Homes

Where the need for care homes has been identified, and is supported by Social Care and Health, these will be encouraged on strategic, allocated and windfall sites.

²² Rushden Neighbourhood Plan Policy H2F

²³ Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan Policy HF.H4

MM63	Policy EN32	161- 162	Amend Policy EN32 as follows: New build developments will make provision for the delivery of serviced plots for self and custom build housing in suitable locations, where proposals are in compliance with other plan policies.	Hearings Action Point 76 and Post Hearings Letter
			a) Self-build housing Proposals for self-build housing developments on infill or other windfall development sites within urban areas, freestanding villages or ribbon developments will be supported where these fulfil the requirements of relevant design and place-shaping policies. To be regarded as a self-build housing plot, a site should:	
			 i) Provide for a single unit net increase change of use, conversion or new build, or alternatively a replacement dwelling; ii) Allow for access to a highway; and iii) Allow for sufficient opportunities to provide electricity, water and wastewater connections, or make adequate alternative arrangements. 	
			b) <u>Custom build housing</u> On sites of 50 or more dwellings, 5% of the plots should be made available on site as serviced custom build plots. These serviced plots should be offered for sale for custom (or self) build for a minimum of 426 months, after which these may be released for general market housing as part of the consented scheme. To be regarded as a custom build housing plot, a site should:	
			 i) Include servicing, as part of the overall physical infrastructure obligations for the development as a whole; ii) Be clearly identified and offered for sale for custom (or self) build for a minimum of 426 months; and iii) Be situated in order to provide opportunities for enhancement of the local distinctiveness of the development site in accordance with the relevant design and place shaping policies. 	

			On sites of less than 50 dwellings provision of custom build housing will be sup including sites which are solely custom build sites, provided they comply with the spatial development strategy. Detailed guidance and direction regarding delivery mechanisms for self and custom but housing will be provided through a supplementary planning document.	<u>ne</u>		
F	Table 21, paras 3.96 – 3.97	163- 164	Amend paragraph 8.93 as follows: The 2019 GTAA estimates that across North Northamptonshire around 25% of travell households definitely fulfil the planning definition, with a significant number of househ being undetermined (i.e. insufficient information). At a district level, the GTAA identification possible Gypsy and Traveller households, of which all but 6 are undetermined. Addit a further 4 Travelling Showpeople households were identified that meet the national definition. The GTAA (2019) identified no gypsy and traveller households who met the plan definition, 67 undetermined households who may meet the planning definition households who did not meet the planning definition. Four travelling showpeophouseholds were identified who met the planning definition. Amend table 21 as follows: Table 21: Identifiable needs for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeoples' accommodation 2018-2033 No. of identified households in need that meet the planning definition No. of undetermined households in need that may/ may not meet planning definition No. of identified households in need that do not meet the planning definition No. of identified households in need that do not meet the planning definition	ed 73 ionally, nning and 6	Factual correction and update in response to the Inspector's Initial Question IQ5.	

Table 21: Identifiable needs for Gypsy,	, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople
accommodation 2018-2033	

<u>Status</u>	Identified need 2018-31	Identified need 2031-2033
Gypsies and Travellers		
Meet Planning Definition	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Undetermined</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>
Do not meet Planning	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Definition</u>		_
Travelling Showpeople		
Meet Planning Definition	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
Undetermined	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Do not meet Planning	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Definition	_	_

Amend paragraph 8.95 – 8.96 as follows:

The GTAA identifies a potential need to provide additional accommodation (pitches) for Gypsy, Traveller or Travelling Showpeople for the remainder of the current Plan period. However, the definite need (i.e. those households for which Policy 31 of the Joint Core Strategy should be applied) is minimal (just 4 households).

If undetermined households are assumed to fulfil the planning definition, the number of households identified as being in need rises to 21. The GTAA update recognises that meeting accommodation needs is more complicated than simply setting a requirement to deliver 4 (or 21) pitches by the end of the Plan period. In the cases of private sites (there are no public sites within the district); residual needs could be met at existing established sites (Irthlingborough and Ringstead).

The GTAA identifies a need for 0 pitches for gypsy and traveller households who meet the planning definition and a need for 17 pitches for undetermined households. The GTAA estimated that applying national averages of households who meet the definition the undetermined need could result in a need for 4 pitches. Policy 31 of the JCS provides a criteria-based policy for addressing needs from undetermined households who subsequently demonstrate that they meet the planning definition.

The GTAA identifies a need for 6 plots for travelling showpeople households who meet the planning definition. The North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy DPD will include policies and allocations to meet need arising from households who met the planning definition across North Northamptonshire, the need for Travelling Showpeople plots will therefore be addressed through the preparation of this document.

Amend paragraph 8.98 as follows:

Overall, the residual requirements for additional gypsy and traveller pitches are minimal and relate to undetermined need which can be met using criteria based policies, therefore the scale of need is such that there is no need to allocate further sites in the Plan to fulfil the outstanding requirements. If future proposals are forthcoming, Policy 31 of the Joint Core Strategy provides a clear steer for assessing any such future planning applications that may arise. The need for travelling showpeople plots will be addressed through the North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy which will address need for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople accommodation across North Northamptonshire.

Delivering Sustainable Urban Extensions

MM65	Para 9.1 - 9.7	165- 166	Amend paragraph 9.1 as follows:	To update with 2020
			The Joint Core Strategy (Annex A), made provision for the delivery of 2,300 dwellings (27% of the total requirement for 8.400 dwellings) and accompanying jobs, facilities and services at	monitoring information.
			the two Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) within the District during the Plan period.	illioilliation.
			Trajectories for SUEs in subsequent Authorities' Monitoring Reports (2017, 2018 and,	
			2019 ²⁴ and 2020) have seen the anticipated delivery at these progressively diminishing; such that as at 1 April 2019-2020 it is currently forecast that just 1,4501,250 dwellings would come	
			forward at the two sites by 2031 (1715% of the total requirement). Table 22 below provides a	

²⁴ http://www.nnjpdu.org.uk/publications/amr-2018-19-assessment-of-housing-land-supply-2019-24/

comparison between the 2016 (Joint Core Strategy adoption) and 2019 (latest Authorities' Monitoring Report) positions.

Amend table 22 as follows:

Table 22		Anticipated delivery by 2031			
Sustainable Urban Extension	Relevant Policy reference	Joint Core Strategy (JCS), Annex A (base date, 1 April 2016) Joint Core Strategy (JCS), Authorities Monitoring Report (base date, 1 April 20192020)			
Rushden East	JCS Policy 33	1,600	1,200 1,050		
Irthlingborough West	JCS Annex A	700	250 200		
TOTAL		2,300	1,450 1,250		

Amend paragraph 9.4 as follows:

The Joint Core Strategy (Policy 33) provides a comprehensive framework for delivering the principal strategic development proposals to the east of Rushden. This Sustainable Urban Extension is anticipated to be delivered over the duration of the next 20 years. Of this, 1,2001,050 (out of up to 2,700 dwellings) are currently anticipated to come forward by 2031.

Amend paragraph 9.5 as follows:

Joint Core Strategy Policy 33 anticipated that the detailed development proposals should be supported by an agreed development masterplan, which would guide the development of Rushden East (also known as High Hayden Garden Community) through the Local Plan Part 2 or a planning application (Joint Core Strategy, paragraph 10.31), whichever comes forward first. The draft Masterplan Framework was published for consultation during February/ March 2020. and this, in its latest iteration, is incorporated into the Local Plan Part 2 (Appendix 6). This emphasises that the Rushden East/ High Hayden Sustainable Urban Extension should be delivered in accordance with the Government's Garden Communities principles.

			Add new paragraph after paragraph 9.7:	
			Add new paragraph after paragraph 5.7.	
			A draft Masterplan Framework Document has been endorsed by the Council and was	
			published in February 2021. This document will be taken forward as a supplementary	
			planning document supporting Policy EN33. Policy EN33 sets out the settlement	
			boundaries together with the main delivery principles required for the Rushden East	
			Sustainable Urban Extension.	
MM66	Policy EN33	168- 169	Amend Policy EN33 as follows:	
			In order to meet the requirements of Policy 33 of the adopted Joint Core Strategy the area	
			shown on the local plan policies map, and defined in figure 18 below, above identifies the	
			development boundaries for the delivery of the Rushden East Sustainable Urban Extension	
			(SUE). This development, also known as High Hayden Garden Community, constitutes a	
			mixed use development, where land is allocated for up to 2,700 dwellings, a mix of retail,	
			community facilities, employment development and open space, including a two new primary	
			schools, (and land reserved for a secondary school), a town park, allotments, sports facilities,	
			a cemetery, and Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space and associated infrastructure.	
			Figure 18 (above) expands upon the policy guidance for Rushden East, provided in the Joint	
			Core Strategy and the broad location for the Sustainable Urban Extension (as shown in figure	
			23 of the Joint Core Strategy).	
			Policy 33 of the adopted Joint Core Strategy requires a masterplan to be prepared to define	
			the policy expectations for the development of the SUE. The Masterplan Framework	
			Document (MFD) forms part of the Local Plan and it is set out as an appendix to that	
			document. provides a spatial development context for the delivery of the site. This is	
			designed to inform future planning applications and proposals for development will be granted	
			planning permission where they are consistent with the relevant policy expectations and	
			guidance set out in the MFD. The MFD accords with the adopted Joint Core Strategy Policy	
			33 to site to inform future planning applications and will ensure a comprehensive	
			approach to site delivery. forms part of the Local Plan and is set out as an appendix to that	
			document. The MFD provides a spatial development context for the delivery of the site. This	
			is designed to inform future planning applications Planning applications will be required to	
			be broadly consistent with the MFD and the principles of the Government's Garden	
			Communities initiative.	

pProposals for development will be granted planning permission where they are consistent with the relevant policy expectations and guidance set out in the MFD listed below. Further detailed guidance and illustration on how these policy expectations might be met is set out in the MFD. The MFD accords with the adopted Joint Core Strategy Policy 33 to ensure a comprehensive approach to site delivery.

Economic:

- 1. Ensuring the delivery of the employment land, located on the northern part of the site, that aims to achieve parity between rates of new housing occupations and job creation, as set out in Joint Core Strategy Policy 33 criterion c.
- 2. <u>Providing opportunities for small-businesses and those driving enterprise and innovation.</u>
- 3. Provision of two local neighbourhood centres, incorporating 2 primary schools and land reserved for a secondary school, local shops, health facilities, community uses and employment space to be provided in the broad locations shown on Figures 2.3 and 2.38 in the MFD, along with a programme for delivery relative to the phased delivery of housing.
- 4. Provide clear evidence that connections for all users can be facilitated between development parcels within the SUE and further demonstrate that connections to adjacent land beyond the SUE boundaries are not prejudiced by the proposed development of the SUE. This includes the recognition of the opportunity to transform the character of the A6, whilst seeking to deliver options which are practical and deliverable.
- 5. Crossings of the A6 at the John Clark and Newton Way Roundabouts and to Hayden Road, Rushden, are designed to incorporate the following key principles:
 - <u>Traffic signals provided to control vehicular traffic and allow for safe</u> pedestrian and cycle movement;

- <u>Crossings at-grade to ensure maximum accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists;</u>
- Change in surface material to ensure that user priority is clear and that the crossing is legible for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers;
- <u>Minimum pedestrian crossing width of 8m to allow comfortable and safe</u> movement for pedestrians.
- 6. Provision of a Primary tier 'loop' Street through the SUE (to accommodate a service bus route) connecting the John Clark Way roundabout in the north with the Newton Road roundabout in the south and via the two neighbourhood local centres.
- 7. Provision of a Secondary tier Street connecting with the Primary Street at the northern and southern ends of the SUE and the Hayden Road crossing and green corridor link in the centre.
- 8. Provision of a hierarchy of streets and a legible and accessible network of dedicated footpaths and cycle paths.
- 9. Provision of a central green corridor link through the SUE to Hayden Road in broad accordance with the location shown on Figure 2.2 of the MFD and incorporating a dedicated footpath and cycle path, as well as formal tree planting.
- 10. Provision of high quality, attractive and safe off-site connections for non-motorised and motorised users (including improvements to existing, as well as providing opportunities for new, bridge connections) between the SUE and the towns of Rushden and Higham Ferrers, and to the villages of Caldecott, Chelveston and Newton Bromswold.
- 11. <u>Provision for legal agreements to ensure infrastructure provided by one</u> developer is shared, on an equitable basis, with all developers reliant upon that

<u>infrastructure to deliver their parts of the SUE, to ensure a comprehensive</u> development of the SUE.

Environmental:

- 12. <u>Provide a sensitively designed environment incorporating:</u>
 - A network of green corridors and public open spaces, including a central green corridor, within and around the SUE, and landscaped edges in line with Figure 2.2 of the MFD.
 - A comprehensive enhancement of the A6 corridor between the John Clark
 Way and the Newton Road, including the provision of a planting strip with
 additional landscaping to safeguard the future widening of the A6. Built
 development would be expected to either front or be located side-onto the A6
 corridor.
 - The retention of existing hedgerows and provision of formal street tree planting, particularly on higher order streets.
 - Appropriate environmental and landscape measures to be incorporated into the design and construction of any proposals for large scale distribution units to ensure they are properly mitigated.
 - Sensitive landscape treatment of the aircraft crash site.
 - Environmental improvements on the approaches to the A6 bridge, including the surfacing and gradient of the footway, provision of lighting, along with improvements to the structure itself.
 - An urban form that responds to the wider context and character of Rushden.
 - A range of development with higher densities focussed around the two local centres.

- Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) of approximately 21 hectares, supported by a Habitats Regulations Assessment
- A Sustainable Urban Drainage System.
- High standards of resource and energy efficiency, and reduction in carbon emissions in accordance with the requirements of Policies 9 and 33 of the Adopted Joint Core Strategy.
- <u>Viewing corridors of the spire of the Grade I listed Church of St Mary's</u>

 <u>Higham Ferrers into the detailed design and masterplanning of the SUE</u>
- The preparation and agreement of Design Codes to guide planning applications for the SUE.
- A design brief, which will be prepared for the grey land to ensure a cohesive approach to development.

Social:

- 13. <u>Provision of a new Town Park (of approximately 3.6ha).</u>
- 14. Provision of formal, and informal open space, and sports pitches (including ancillary facilities) in accordance with MFD Figure 2.4.and guidance contained in the Council's KKP Open space and Playing Pitch Strategy 2017
- 15. <u>Provision of a Cemetery (approximately 2ha) with access, parking and relevant supporting infrastructure in line with MFD Figure 2.2.</u>
- 16. <u>Provision of allotments in the northern and southern neighbourhoods</u> (approximately 2.20ha) in line with MFD Figure 2.2.
- 17. Prepare and agree a delivery strategy (including onward adoption and management arrangements) for all education, energy, drainage, community, social, health infrastructure, SANG provision and associated public realm (including off-site and on-site roads, cycle routes and paths).

18. Provision of a mix of dwelling types, sizes and tenures (including specialist housing provision and home working/larger homes) to accord with housing policies EN29-EN32, and policy 30 of the Adopted Joint Core Strategy, together with relevant Neighbourhood Plan policies.
The SUE will be developed as a sustainable place providing a range of opportunities and services that support meeting local needs on a daily basis. The development proposal will need to ensure it can demonstrate good integration within the wider setting taking into account both the natural and built environment. It will maximise sustainable travel connections and provide convenient and attractive cycle and pedestrian connections so that the proposed development is integrated with the existing communities, facilities and services in the town centres of Rushden and Higham Ferrers.
However, in accordance with the policy objectives for the "grey land" within the SUE, (as shown in figure 2.1 of the MFD) to deliver a "bespoke residential character", the Council will bring forward detailed design guidance through a Supplementary Planning Document
The infrastructure requirements for the proposed SUE are to be provided for through planning conditions and/or planning obligations following the principles of fairness and proportionality. To ensure all parts of the SUE make an appropriate contribution towards the SUE infrastructure it is expected that collaboration will be sought as part of S106 planning obligations.

Town Centre Strategies

MM67	Para 10.10	174	Amend paragraph 10.10, 2 nd sentence as follows: Policy EN34 sets out a framework for assessing development opportunities within and around the <u>wider</u> town centres, as and when these arise.	Hearings Action Point 109, 110
MM68	Policy EN34	174	Amend Policy EN34 as follows:	

			Oundle, Raunds as by increasing footf proactively with sta Market Towns to s a) Maintain a interaction,	osals for the town centres: Rushden and Thrapston sites should seek to it all to sustain and enhance vitality and akeholders where opportunities arise ecure the following outcomes: mixture of uses that attract visit including both economic, social and	ncrease local community interaction in the council will work within the identified Growth and ors and encourage greater so	on, cial
				e and improve the retail offer of the too I active frontages;	wn centres, by way of enhanceme	ents
				e leisure and cultural offer of each to httime - economies;	wn to provide for the growth of b	oth
			of new land	plement high quality public realm improdument features, within town centres of in town strategies or neighbourhood	especially addressing gateway sit	
				ncements to pedestrian connectivity and employment areas beyond; and	y both within town centres, and	to
			developme	g a step change in the quality of unt with a focus on low carbon energy stives such as urban tree planting.		
				ortunities will be informed by the preport out through development briefs.	paration of town strategies, with s	site
MM69	Table 24	176	Remove third cold	umn of Table 24 as follows:		
			Spatial parts of Rushden and Higham Ferrers	Characteristics	Relevant spatial strategy policies	

Core urban area	 Defined by radial routes – Higham Road/ High Street/ Bedford Road (north-south) and John Clark Way/ Newton Road/ Wellingborough Road (east-west) Based around Victorian terraced roads, with former Boot and Shoe factory sites, with post-war suburban development to the south Distribution centre to east of town centre, off John Clark Way (Spire Road) constructed late 2000s Includes key services and facilities – town centre, leisure centres (Pemberton Centre/ Splash Pool), schools Character defined main public open spaces – Rushden Hall Park, Spencer Park 	Policy EN1(1) (a); JCS Policy 11(1)(a)	
Rushden West (employment area)	 Main employment area of Rushden Longstanding industrial area, has grown in a piecemeal way over a long period Includes environmentally challenging businesses e.g. Monoworld, Sander's Lodge (waste treatment) Incorporates Rushden Lakes and Rushden Gateway – main new employment sites Includes enhanced visitor access to Nene Valley, via Rushden Lakes 	Policy EN1(1) (a); JCS Policy 11(1)(a)	

			Avenue Road/ Bedford Road/ Newton Road	 Proposed strategic urban extension to east of A6 Bypass Requires new east-west connections across A6 Development will include new community infrastructure; e.g. schools, neighbourhood centre Development will be supported by strategic green infrastructure Ribbon development, connecting Newton Road, Avenue Road and Bedford Road Suburban character Includes a mix of rural businesses (e.g. stables) and more urban uses (e.g. care homes) 	JCS Policy 11(2) (a) Neighbourhood Plan Policy H1	
			Higham Ferrers	 Self-contained urban area, enclosed by Rushden (south), A6 Bypass (east) and A45 Bypass (west) Historic market town – includes many heritage assets e.g. Chichele College, Castle Main employment area to the east of the town (south of Kimbolton Road) Individual character areas are defined in the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan 	Policy EN1(1) (a); JCS Policy 11(1)(b)	
MM70	Policy EN35	180	Amend Policy EN3	5 as follows:		Hearings Action Point 113, 114, 115

			Redevelopment proposals for the Splash Pool and Wilkinson sites together with the associated highways network, as shown as an area of opportunity in figure 21 above. en the Pelicies Map-should deliver increased footfall and enhanced vitality and viability for the town centre. The redevelopment would comprise 'town centre uses' to consolidate and improve the town centre retail offering, improve the leisure and cultural offering to encourage the growth of both day and night-time economies and offer 'above the shop' residential opportunities. Whilst it is envisaged that redevelopment of this key centre site could be delivered in phases, the two main components (Wilkinsons and the Splash Pool) should be informed by a comprehensive development brief, which takes into account the following principles: a) The creation of a pedestrian link between the High Street and the shops on Eaton Walk; b) The development of a new public square located between the High Street and Eaton Walk; c) Providing improvements to the public realm to create a distinct quarter; d) The reconfiguration and enhancement of public car parking provision to improve the connection to the High Street primary shopping area; e) The preservation and enhancement of the heritage assets on the site, in accordance with a heritage impact assessment; The safeguarding of suitable access for the maintenance of foul drainage infrastructure; g) e) In addition to the above, the redevelopment of the Splash Pool leisure site will be required to address the loss of the facility by providing an equivalent replacement facility and the Council will aim to undertake a built sports facilities strategy to inform future opportunities for its relocation as well as bringing forward the regeneration of this key town centre site.	To address comments from Historic England (SOCG) (e) (Rep 39/08) and Anglian Water (f) (Rep 22/13)
MM71	Policy EN36 supportin g text	181- 182	Add new text after para 10.25 to form a new para as follows: Financial contributions to mitigate the adverse impacts of development upon the SPA/Ramsar site will be sought in accordance with the Addendum to the SPA	To address recommendati ons of the HRA.

			Supplementary Planning Document: Mitigation Strategy. In line with the SPD requirements, consultation is required by Natural England in advance of submitting any planning application. As part of that consultation, further mitigation may be needed in exceptional circumstances and where Natural England advise. If a bespoke process is required, then a project level Appropriate Assessment will be required to accompany any planning application.	
MM72	Para 10.30	183	Add new text after paragraph 10.30, as follows: Financial contributions to mitigate the adverse impacts of development upon the SPA/Ramsar site will be sought in accordance with the Addendum to the SPA Supplementary Planning Document: Mitigation Strategy. In line with the SPD requirements, consultation is required by Natural England in advance of submitting any planning application. As part of that consultation, further mitigation may be needed in exceptional circumstances and where Natural England advise. If a bespoke process is required, then a project level Appropriate Assessment will be required to accompany any planning application.	To address recommendati ons of the HRA.
MM73	Policy EN37	184	 Amend Policy EN37 as follows: Redevelopment of the Rectory Business Centre site, as shown on the Policies Map, will be supported for residential development, for approximately 35 dwellings. Redevelopment proposals will be informed by a comprehensive masterplan and should deliver: a) A mix of housing types and tenures to meet local needs, consisting of predominantly small and medium sized properties; b) Improved vehicular access and parking arrangements, upgrading the Albert Road and Victoria Road junctions with Rectory Road; c) Enhancements to the public realm, especially the streetscapes of Albert Road and Victoria Road; 	To address comments from Historic England (SOCG) (f) (Rep 39/09) and Anglian Water (g) (Rep 22/17)

			residential area Rectory Road; e) Appropriate de longstanding b f) The preservat accordance w	evelopment contributions for education and training, to pusiness premises; tion and enhancement of the heritage assets on the vith a heritage impact assessment and the ding of suitable access for the maintenance of fou	ments along offset the loss of e site, in	
MM74	Table 25 After Para 10.42	189	Amend Table 25 as Spatial parts of Irthlingborough Core urban area (existing)	Characteristics South of the A6, defined by main arterial routes – Finedon Road, Station Road, Wellingborough Road Includes key services and facilities – town centre, schools Hosts main employer – Whitworth	Relevant spatial strategy policies Policy EN1 (1) (b): JCS Policy 11(1) (b)	Hearings Action Point
			Irthlingborough West (Sustainable Urban Extension)	 Permitted major extension to main urban area Will enable new Finedon Road (A6) and Wellingborough Road connections 	Policy EN1 (1) (b) JCS Policy 11(1) (b)/Annex A	
			Irthlingborough East	 Former principal employment and leisure hub Separated from main urban area by A6 Bypass 	Policy EN1 (1) (b): JCS Policy 11(1) (b)	

				 Two main elements – Nene Park (former Rushden & Diamonds FC stadium, south of Diamond Way/ Marsh Lane) and Nene Business Park (mixed use redevelopment site, north of Diamond Way/ Marsh Lane) Mixed use developments at Nene Business Park site (Attley Way) currently under construction – new food/ convenience retailing, housing 		
			Crow Hill (lower)	Separated from main urban area by A6 JCS JCS JCS JCS JCS JCS JCS JC	licy EN4: S Policy (2) (a)	
			Crow Hill (upper)	with urban character (1)	licy EN1 (b): JCS licy 11(1)	
MM75	Policy EN39	192		ave and St Peter's Way Car Park site, as shown on the Polopment, proposals should deliver:	Policies Map,	To address comments from Historic England (SOCG) (Rep
			retailing, financ	mix of main town centre uses, including convenience and ial services and/ or food and drink businesses; to the High Street primary shopping frontage;	comparison	39/10)

			 c) Pedestrian connections between the High Street, St Peter's Way and St Peter's Church; d) Provision for suitable service arrangements for the new business premises; e) Sufficient public car parking; f) Opportunities for live-work units at first floor level or above; and g) Enhancements Preservation and enhancement to the settings of the heritage assets, with particular reference to St Peter's Church and the Louisa Lilley Almshouses" 	
MM76	Supporti ng text to Policy EN40	194	Amend paragraph 10.52 as follows: The Former Rushden and Diamonds FC Stadium (site 3, Nene Park), was demolished in 2017. The site was identified as a lapsed site in the Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan (PPS) (October 2016). The PPS identified that the site contained three poor quality adult pitches. The PPS recommended that opportunities to bring the site back into use were explored to meet identified shortfalls. However, if this is not feasible or sustainable or disposal is inevitable then the PPS sets out that requirements of NPPF paragraph 99 must be met. The PPS states that this requires replacement provision of an equivalent or better quantity and quality within boundaries of Irthlingborough. The loss of the stadium, playing pitches and ancillary facilities requires suitable mitigation (i.e. alternative provision, unless it can be demonstrated that the facilities are stadium site is surplus to requirements), in accordance with NPPF paragraph 979. Account should also be taken of the findings of any subsequent Playing Pitch Strategy. Replacement leisure facilities are anticipated to be developed in accordance with the Healthy and Active Lifestyles Strategy through the masterplans for the major strategic sustainable urban extensions. Add new text after paragraph 10.54 as follows:	Request for Note after Hearings resulting in text change (AP 118) To address rep by Sport England
			The site is located adjacent to the SPA, a site specific HRA is therefore required. The HRA should assess all potential impacts including impacts on surrounding Functionally Linked Land, development proposals should include a Construction Environmental Management Plan and an Access Management Plan which includes	To address comments from Natural England (Rep 48/08)

			details regarding the use of moorings. SuDS will need to be incorporated as part of any redevelopment. Flood risk will need to be fully considered and appropriate mitigation measures delivered, proposals will also need to consider the build-up of contaminants. The impact of climate change over the plan period will need to inform future proposals for the site.
MM77	Policy EN40	194	Amend Policy EN40, as follows: The former Rushden and Diamonds FC Stadium site, as shown on the Policies Map, is allocated for employment use, with an emphasis on business leisure and tourism use. Proposals should deliver: a) Flood compatible employment use such as tourism, cultural or leisure related development in accordance with the current EA flood zone status, complementing the nearby offers of Inthlingborough, Higham Ferrers and Rushden town centres, and Rushden lakes; b) Appropriate flood risk mitigation measures c) Measures to enhance biodiversity, deliver ecosystem services and ensure that any development does not have a significant adverse impact upon the adjacent SPA/Ramsar site, A site-specific Habitat Regulations Assessment should be provided; d) Suitable access and highways arrangements to enable the site to be served by public transport; e) Improved arrangements for pedestrians and cyclists crossing the A6 to Station Road and accessing the town centre (east) f) Pedestrian and cycle connections to East Northamptonshire Greenway, via the Old Bridge and Marsh Lane (west)

			h) Provisacces i) Mitig	ecting the sear Hill Iron Ago sision for new ss, and	etting of nearby heritage assets, such as Irthlingborouge Fort and non-designated heritage assets, and moorings along the River Nene Navigation allowing of the stadium, playing pitches and ancillary for demonstrated that the facilities are surplus to require	gh Bridge and direct riparian	To address comments from Historic England (SOCG Rep 39/11) To address rep by Sport	
					aph 99 of the NPPF		England	
MM78	Para 10.57	195	closely conne Figure 28 and spatial strateg situated with	ts surroundir ected villages d Table 26 (b gy policy refe nin the paris	ng rural hinterland consist of four distinctive spatial parts of Ashton, Barnwell, Cotterstock, Glapthorn and Stopelow) outline the main characteristics of each, with the erences. The Oundle built up area includes parts to shes of Ashton (Elmington; Laxton Drive), Barnwell Park; Oundle Marina) and Glapthorn (Old Farm Land	oke Doyle. e relevant <u>hat are</u> II (Barnwell	To address comments made by Oundle Town Council (Rep 25/05)	
MM79	Table 26	196	Amend Tab	ble 26 as fo	llows:		To address	
	After		Tab	ole 26			comments	
	Para 10.57			atial parts Dundle	Characteristics	Relevant spatial strategy policies	made by Oundle Town Council (Rep 25/08)	
			Hist	toric core	 Defined by West Street and North Street; the Market Place which links them and New Street (A427) Includes key services and facilities – town centre Historic character defined by Oundle School 	Policy EN1 (1)(c); JCS Policy 11(1)(b)	Hearings Action Point	

			Oundle north	 Hosts main employment areas _ Main employment areas situated to the east of the historic core of the town - Nene Business Park/ Fairline Boats; East Road Suburban urban extension, north of New Road, focused upon arterial Glapthorn Road/ Cotterstock Road Developed since 1950s Focal points – Oundle Primary School, Occupation Road playing fields Potential for expansion of urban area to the north (Oundle/ Glapthorn Parish), but recognise concerns regarding potential coalescence with Glapthorn 	Policy EN1 (1)(c); JCS Policy 11(1)(b)	
			Oundle Marina/ Barnwell Country Park	 Significant tourism and leisure hub Separated from main urban area by River Nene Majority of area is functional floodplain Committed redevelopment proposal – Oundle Marina Further opportunities e.g. Barnwell Mill 	Policy EN1 (3)(a); JCS Policy 11(2)(a)	
			Elmington/ Laxton Drive (Ashton Parish)	 Ribbon development along A605 Separated from main urban area by A605 Bypass Suburban element (Laxton Drive) Riverside Hotel presents redevelopment challenge 	Policy EN1 (3)(a); JCS Policy 11(2)(a)	
MM80	Para 10.60	198	Amend paragraph 10.60	as follows:		To address comments made by

	and 10.61		Planning permission for the change of use of the former Recycling Centre and Council car park at Herne Park to a mixture of office, light industry and storage was granted in 2014. The former recycling centre and car park adjacent to the Joan Strong Centre has undergone some changes in recent years. The former recycling centre was occupied by North Equipment Ltd in 2016, while the adjacent Herne Park car park is well used on most working days, particularly market days. Amend paragraph 10.61 as follows: While both the The recycling centre and former Council car park could provide development opportunities, noither site are brownfield urban sites, but neither is currently available. Both are brownfield sites, situated within the urban area. Future development proposals If either site becomes available in the longer term, any potential redevelopment scheme would could be informed by a development brief, alongside other Local Plan policies, including the spatial strategy (Policy EN1(1)(c) and Joint Core Strategy Policy 11(1)(b)), together with other relevant development management policies (e.g. Joint Core Strategy Policy 6 - Development on Brownfield Land). Future development proposals could be supported through site specific development briefs. In the short/ medium term, Oundle Town Council has taken over the lease of the East Road/ Herne Park car park and is keen to retain this as an asset for the town.	Oundle Town Council (Rep 25/9 & 25/10)
MM81	Policy EN41	200	Amend Policy EN41 as follows: Redevelopment proposals for the former Riverside Hotel, as allocated on the Policies Map, will be supported for the following uses:	Hearings Action Point 120
			 Reinstatement as a restaurant, public house, hotel or tourist accommodation; 	
			Training facility and/ or resource centre; or	
			Small business units, or other potential service employment uses.	
			Redevelopment schemes should deliver the following outcomes:	
			a) Retention Preservation and enhancement of the heritage asset;	

			b) Appropriate arrangement c) Provision for access; and d) Improved control Bridge) and			
MM82	Table 27 After Para 10.68	202	Table 27 Spatial parts of Raunds Core urban area	Characteristics Defined by London Road (west), Brick Kiln Road (north) and High Street/ Brook Street Includes key services and facilities – linear town	Relevant Spatial strategy policies Policy EN1(1) (b); JCS Policy	Hearings Action Point
			Raunds north	 centre, focused on The Square/ Brook Street Historic character defined by St Peter's Church Hosts significant suburban areas to the east and west of High Street/ Brook Street Sustainable urban extension to the north of Brick Kiln Road (also known as Border Park) 	Policy EN1(1)	
				 Developed since 2013 Focal points – Raunds Town FC, new London Road/ Michael Way local centre/ service hub adjacent to A45 Potential for further expansion of urban area to the east of Border Park 	(b); JCS Policy 11(1)(b)	

			Raunds north east	 Sustainable urban extension to north east of existing urban area, known as Northdale Er Significant new green infrastructure corridor adjacent to Brooks Road, utilising Hog Dyke 	nd r	Policy EN1(1) (b); JCS Policy 11(1)(b)	
			Raunds south	 Sustainable urban extension to the south of town Two significant developments to south of G Street – Weighbridge Way (developed durin 2000s) and Willow Way (2010/11) Major development at Darcy Park (also kno Darsdale Farm) recently started, including significant new public open space 	rove	Policy EN1(1) (b); JCS Policy 11(1)(b)	
			Warth Park (west of Raunds)	 Main employment area of Raunds Major strategic warehousing and distributio Also includes significant new green infrastrubetween warehouses and A45 		Policy EN1(1) (b); JCS Policy 11(1)(b)	
			Brooks Road	 Ribbon development along Brooks Road, b Northdale End Suburban character Transition between urban (Northdale End) a rural (Brook Farm Livery Stables) 		Policy EN1(3) (a); JCS Policy 11(2)(a)	
MM83	Table 28	204	Amend Table 28		1		Hearings
	After Para 10.72		Spatial parts of Thrapston and Islip	Characteristics	Releva spatia strate policie	l gy	Action Point
			Core urban area	 Defined by radial arterial roads – High Street/ Huntingdon Road, Midland Road and Oundle Road Historic core based around High Street/ 	Policy JCS P 11(1)(t	,	

				Huntingdon Road and Midland Road, with post-war suburban development to the north (Oundle Road, Lazy Acre) Includes key services and facilities – town centre retailing, school, main public open spaces, leisure centre	
			Haldens Parkway (employment area)	 Main employment area of Thrapston, east of A605 Major strategic warehousing and distribution site, with access to A14 and A45 Trunk Roads Scope for further expansion of logistics or warehousing businesses, if necessary 	
			Islip village	 Self-contained village, with a range of services but a close functional relationship with Thrapston Linear village, defined by Lowick Road, High Street and Chapel Hill/ Toll Bar Road 	
			Islip south	 Linear area, west of River Nene, situated between Kettering Road and A14 Major strategic employment site, including Islip Furnace and Primark premises Linear/ ribbon development part of Islip village to the south of Kettering Road, separated from Islip village by cricket field/ Woolpack pub 	
MM84	Para 10.83	207- 208	Add new text after	r paragraph 10.83, as follows:	To address recommendati ons of the HRA.

			The site is located approximately 500m from the SPA, depending on the type of development proposed a Habitat Regulations Assessment may be required to accompany any planning application.	
MM85	Policy	209	Amend Policy EN42, as follows:	To address
EN	EN42		The Cattle Market site, as shown on the Policies Map, is allocated for redevelopment, with a focus upon maintaining an appropriate mix and range of uses compatible with the town centre. Redevelopment proposals should deliver:	comments from Historic England (SOCG) (Rep
				 a) A balance and mix of town centre uses, including convenience retailing, financial services and/ or food and drink businesses;
			 b) Opening up of a new north-south active town centre frontage to the south of the High Street; 	
			 c) Enhanced north-south pedestrian connectivity, between the High Street, Market Road, Grove Road and the Leisure Centre (Cedar Drive); 	
			 d) Vehicular access from Market Road, with off-site improvements to the Midland Road junction, and provision for suitable service arrangements for the new business premises; 	
			 e) Opportunities for residential uses appropriate for a town centre site, including live- work units or specialist housing at first floor level or above; 	
			f) Enhancements Preservation and enhancement to the settings of adjacent heritage assets, non-designated heritage assets and the Conservation Area; and	
			g) Additional town centre public car parking.	

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MM86	Para 11.4	210	Amend paragraph 11.4 (including amending bullet point 3 and introducing a new bullet point after bullet point 3)) as follows:	Northamptons hire County
			The topic and area-based workshops for the Plan (2017-18) and subsequent draft Plan	Council
			consultation (November 2018 - February 2019) and subsequent Regulation 19 draft	

submission Plan consultation (2019) identified various localised infrastructure priorities, (Development over and above the strategic projects as identified above: Infrastructure) (Rep 49/04. 49/10) Bullet point 3: Education - delivery of new academies/ free schools, working with the Department for Education, in accordance with current local education authority²⁵ and national²⁶ policies. New bullet point: Fire and rescue - depending on the scale and nature of the proposed development and resulting demands on fire and rescue resources, delivery of new types of fleet (e.g. smaller 'rapid response' initial intervention vehicles)/ new bays to existing fire stations to accommodate additional vehicles/relocation or provision of new response facilities/ introduction of new types of equipment and a reduction of risk and demand through the provision of fire suppression systems (sprinklers) in appropriate developments;

Planning for Schools Development (2011):

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6316/1966097.pdf

Northamptonshire Organisation Plan for School Places 2018 - 2023:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/670920/response/1598950/attach/4/2018%20Update%20School%20Organisation%20Plan%20DRAFT%20v2.pdf?cookie passthrough=1

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6316/1966097.pdf

Securing developer contributions for Education (November 2019):

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/909908/Developer_Contributions_Guidance_update_Nov2019.pdf

²⁵ NCC School Organisation Plan 2016-21: https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-andeducation/school-admissions/Documents/School%20Organisation%20Plan%202016-2021_2017%20Update.pdf

²⁶ Planning for Schools Development (2011):

MM87	Table 29	214 to 219		ble 29 as follows:	Hearings Action Point 178			
			Table 29	9: Performance ind	licators and target	s for monitoring		
			Policy	Objective	Indicator	Targets Aims	<u>Targets</u>	
			EN1	Provide additional rural spatial direction/ settlement hierarchy (i.e. large/ small/ restraint villages and open countryside)	Number of dwellings permitted within the different areas of the settlement hierarchy	Direct development to Rushden and the Market Towns Restrict all but small scale or infill development in rural areas, unless promoted through Neighbourhood Plans and/ or rural exceptions housing schemes	Levels of development to accord with the spatial roles set out in table 2 of the Plan Levels of residential development to align with table 3 of the Plan	
			EN2	Provide a clear differentiation between the urban/ built up areas and their surrounding rural hinterlands Provide development principles to guide development in the rural area.	Number of dwellings permitted within the main urban areas, and beyond the main urban areas Location and type of development	Restrict inappropriate development beyond the main urban/ built up areas	All proposals to meet the requirements of the policy.	

ENIO	Duevide e de :::	Ni. wasia a w a f	Destrict		
EN3	Provide a clear	Number of	Restrict		
	differentiation	dwellings	inappropriate		
	between the	permitted within	development		
	freestanding	the free standing	beyond the free		
	villages and their	villages, and	standing villages		
	surrounding	beyond the free			
	rural hinterlands	standing village			
		areas			
EN4	Provide a clear	Number of	Restrict		
	differentiation	dwellings	inappropriate		
	between urban	permitted within	development in		
	outliers/ ribbon	the ribbon	the defined ribbon		
	developments	development	development		
	and their	areas of lower	areas		
	surrounding	Crow Hill			
	rural hinterlands	(Irthlingborough)			
		and Brooks			
		Road (Raunds)			
EN5	Protect the	Development	Restrict	No	
	peripheral land	permitted .	inappropriate	inappropriate	
	of settlements	outside of the	development on	development on	
	against	defined	the periphery of	the periphery of	
	unsuitable	settlement	settlements with a	settlements,	
	development	boundaries:	defined boundary,	other than for	
	and provide	number of rural	but encourage the	rural	
	suitable	affordable units	provision of	exceptions.	
	development	achieved (Rural	affordable housing		
	management	Exceptions and	to meet identified		
	criteria for Rural	open	needs in the rural		
	Exceptions	countryside	areas		
	Housing	dwellings)	41546		
	schemes	awoningo,			
EN6	Provide clear	Number of	Restrict the	No	
LINO	guidelines for	dwellings	development of	inappropriate	
	•	permitted and/ or	•	new build	
	appropriate	permitted and/ or	inappropriate new	<u>new bund</u>	

	replacement dwellings in open countryside	built in the open countryside	build replacement dwellings in open countryside	replacement dwellings in the open countryside other than those which accord with Policy EN6.
EN7	Protect and enhance existing and future Green Infrastructure corridors	Net loss/ gain in GI across the district New open space provided within or connected to the existing GI network Projects to enhance GI in the district	NetTo increase in connected open space and GI throughout the district	Overall net gain in GI.
EN8	Protect and enhance the Greenway and its connections to the wider GI network	Number and amount of contributions by developers and other funding streams Completion of Greenway projects/ developments	Complete the Greenway within the district	Increase in the number of GI projects completed. Completion of the Greenway and associated projects.
EN9	Define an enhanced local interpretation of the NPPF criteria for the designation of	Designation of Local Green Space within Neighbourhood Plans	No loss of Local Green Space To facilitate the protection of Local Green Space	No loss of Local Green Space. Net increase in Local Green Space.

EN10	Local Green Space Enhance existing open space or provide new open space	Number of permitted developments of 10 or more dwellings, or 0.3 or more hectares	Net increase in open space across the district To ensure new development makes adequate provision for open space.	Net increase in open space across the district. No net loss of open space.	
EN11	Enhance existing sport and recreation facilities, or provide new sport and recreation facilities	Number of permitted strategic developments Amount of new sports and recreation facilities provided/contributions secured toward facilities.	Net increase in sport and recreation facilities across the district To ensure new development makes adequate provision for sports and recreation facilities.	Net increase in sport and recreation facilities provided/increase in improvements towards existing facilities. No net loss of sport and recreation facilities.	
EN12	Provide additional direction re strengthening the role of health and wellbeing as a critical aspect of place shaping	Number of permissions and refusals where the policy was used to make the decision	To enable and promote healthy lifestyles. Submission of Health Impact Assessments to accompany all major planning applications.	All major applications to be accompanied by a HIA.	

			Refusal of		
			planning		
			permission where		
			insufficient		
			mitigation is		
			proposed to		
			address negative		
ENIAO	Dravida alaar	Ni. wala a w a f	health impacts.	4000/ of acces	
EN13	Provide clear guidance for the	Number of permissions and	Restrict	100% of cases refused on	
	design of	refusals where	inappropriate development of	design grounds	
	development	the policy was	new buildings and	to be upheld at	
	with regard to its	used to make	extensions so that	appeal.	
	impact on the	the decision.	they are in		
	surrounding		keeping with the		
	area	No upheld at	surrounding		
=>14.4		appeal	environment		
EN14	Sustain and	Number of	Restrict	<u>Maintain</u>	
	enhance the appearance and	permissions and refusals where	inappropriate development	existing areas	
	setting of	the policy was	which affects a	<u>designated</u>	
	designated	used to make	designated	Conservation	
	heritage assets	the decision	heritage asset or	Areas (no net	
			its setting	loss):	
		<u>Maintaining</u>		<u>Maintain</u>	
		Heritage Assets		existing number	
		Maintairing		of listed	
		Maintaining non designated		<u>buildings (no</u>	
		Heritage Assets		loss)	
		Homago Addeta		Maintain the	
		Change in		number of	
		<u>areas</u>			
		designated for			

		their intrinsic environmental value including sites of international, national, regional, sub regional or local significance		Scheduled Monuments; Reduce the number of heritage assets at risk (number on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register)
EN15	Sustain and enhance the appearance and setting of non- designated heritage assets	Number of permissions and refusals where the policy was used to make the decision	Restrict inappropriate development which affects a non-designated heritage asset or its setting	Maintain non- designated heritage assets (no loss).
EN16	Provide clear direction for tourist and cultural developments in the Nene Valley corridor and Rockingham Forest areas and support the conversion of small-scale redundant or disused rural buildings to	Number of permitted tourist and cultural development within defined Nene Valley and Rockingham Forest areas Number of permitted conversions of rural outbuildings to provide	Encourage appropriate development in the Nene Valley corridor and Rocking Forest areas, including the conversion of redundant small- scale rural buildings	A net increase of tourist/cultural facilities

-EN17	guest house/ B&B accommodation Implementation of SEN school proposal at Land west of Moulton College, Chelveston Road within the Plan period	overnight accommodation Development of SEN school proposal permitted	To deliver new SEN school development to meet the needs and requirements of the Friars East Academy		
EN18	Set out policy criteria for the future development/ expansion of commercial floorspace (e.g. by way of the development of further enterprise centres or similar)	Number of developments (future sites/ expansion of existing premises) successfully implemented in accordance with Policy EN18	Encourage established businesses to expand and grow in appropriate locations	A net increase in the number of completions for small and medium scale commercial development.	
EN19	Ensure that existing employment sites are protected for employment use	Use status of the sites	No To prevent the loss of employment uses within the Protected Employment Areas unless the site is demonstrably no longer suitable for employment	No net loss of employment uses within the Protected Employment Areas unless the site is demonstrably no longer suitable for employment	

EN20	Provide clear direction for the relocation and expansion of existing businesses	Number of permissions and refusals where the policy was used to make the decision	Encourage established businesses to expand and grow in appropriate locations	All expanded/reloc ated business to be adjacent to built up area.	
EN21	Increase the vitality of the town centres and primary shopping areas frontages	Public realm improvements within the town centres and primary shopping areas frontages Percentage of development within defined town centre boundaries Change of use of upper floors Change of use to residential (non-primary frontage) Percentage of non-retail within primary	Encourage appropriate development within the town centres and primary shopping areasfrontages	Increase the percentage of town centre development within defined boundaries. Decrease the number of vacancies at upper floor level. Increase the percentage of retail uses within primary frontage/ decrease non-retail uses in frontages.	
EN22	Provide floorspace	frontages Number of permitted retail	Restrict inappropriate retail	No specific target, however,	

thresholds for impact assessment retail development	outside the primary shopping areas of the six towns Proposals for out / edge-of centre supported by a sequential test and an impact assessment where above the relevant threshold	development outside the primary shopping areas of the six towns	monitoring indicator to identify the number and type of these developments. 100% of proposals for out / edge-of centre supported by a sequential test and impact assessment above the relevant threshold
EN23 Provide clear direction for specified material town centre development outside of the local centres	permitted specified main town centre uses at adjacent towithin 200m of	Encourage specified main town centre uses at outside of the local centres that offer day to day local services, improved connectivity and do not affect local amenity	adjoining/closel y related to built up area; Amount of new floorspace for each type of use
-EN24 Delivery of sin accordance with the Loc Plan (Joint (Strategy) requirement	strategic housing requirements at Oundle and delivery of	To provide for strategic shortfall in housing numbers of around 300 dwellings at Oundle	

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		associated			
		infrastructure		B 11	
EN25	Implementation of Stoke Doyle Road site within the Plan period	Meeting strategic housing requirements site specific	To provide site specific housing requirements assisting the	Delivery of the site by 2031	
		·	strategic shortfall at Oundle		
EN26	Implementation of Cotterstock Road site within the Plan period	Meeting strategic housing requirements site specific	To provide site specific housing requirements assisting the strategic shortfall at Oundle	Delivery of the site by 2031	
EN27	Implementation of St Christopher's Drive site within the Plan period	Meeting strategic housing requirements site specific	To provide site specific housing requirements assisting the strategic shortfall at Oundle	Delivery of the site by 2031	
EN28	Implementation of Land east of A6 Bypass/ Bedford Road site within the Plan period	Meeting strategic housing requirements site specific	To provide site specific housing requirements assisting the strategic shortfalls for Rushden and Irthlingborough	Delivery of the site by 2031	
EN29	Delivery of an appropriate quantum of Category 3 (wheelchair accessible or adaptable)	Number of Category 3 (wheelchair accessible or adaptable) units delivered	Delivery of 5% of units as Category 3 housing on sites of 50 dwellings or more-To increase the delivery of Category 3 housing	Delivery of 5% of units as Category 3 housing on sites of 20 dwellings or more	

	housing to recei		1		
	housing to meet				
	local needs		_		
EN30	Delivery of an	Type, mix and	Encourages a	<u>100% in</u>	
	appropriate mix	range of units	range and mix of	accordance with	
	of housing sizes,	achieved	house types and	tenure/ size	
	types and		tenures to meet	proportions set	
	tenures to meet	Proportion of 1,	the needs of the	out in the	
	local need	2, 3, 4, 5+ bed	wider community	evidence base,	
		properties.	in accordance		
			with the evidence	unless justified	
		Tenure split of	base	by evidence	
		properties	<u> </u>		
EN31	Delivery of	Numbers of	Delivery of 10% of	Delivery of 10%	
	specialist	older persons	units as housing	of units (20% in	
	housing:	(and specifically	for older people, in	rural area) as	
	Older	Extra Care) units	accordance with	housing for	
		of	defined policy	older people, in	
	persons	accommodation	thresholds	accordance with	
	accommodati		thresholds		
	on to meet	achieved on	Dalissams of Esstera	defined policy	
	local need	sites over and	Delivery of Extra	thresholds	
	 Extra Care 	above the	Care housing in		
	development	defined policy	association with	Delivery of	
	schemes as	thresholds	development in	Extra Care	
	part of major		accordance with	housing in	
	strategic	Successful	policy criteria at	association with	
	sites in	delivery of Extra	named sites:	development in	
	accordance	Care housing at	 Rushden East 	accordance with	
	with local	named sites in	SUE	policy criteria at	
	needs	accordance with	 Irthlingborough 	named sites:	
		development	West SUE	Rushden	
		masterplans	• St	East SUE	
		'	Christopher's	• Irthlingborou	
			Drive, Oundle	gh West SUE	
			Drive, Gariale	• <u>St</u>	
				Christopher'	

			East of Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers To increase delivery of specialist housing for older persons.	s Drive, Oundle Hayway, Northampton ton Road, Rushden East of Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers
EN32	Delivery of self and custom build	Number of self and custom built dwellings achieved on sites of 50 dwellings or more	At least 5% of plots on sites of 50 dwellings or more safeguarded for self or custom built dwellings To increase delivery of self and custom build housing.	At least 5% of plots on sites of 50 dwellings or more provided for self or custom built dwellings Meeting demand on self/custom build register
EN33	Implementation of Rushden East SUE in accordance with the Local Plan policy framework (Joint Core Strategy Policy 33/ new Policy EN33) and the agreed	Meeting strategic housing requirements site specific Phased delivery of SUE in accordance with MFD phasing/ trajectories	Delivery of initial development phases by 2031 in accordance with the agreed MFD phasing plan/ trajectory and the housing trajectory for East Northamptonshire	Delivery of initial development phases by 2031 in accordance with the agreed MFD phasing plan/ trajectory and the housing trajectory

	Masterplan Framework Document (MFD) I34 Delivery of development within the town centres and surrounding urban areas in accordance with the development principles I35 Redevelopment	Development permitted in accordance with the policy criteria Enhance vitality/viability of town centres	To ensure the principles for delivering the SUE are met. No of development proposals approved in accordance with all of the relevant policy criteria	Increased footfall in town centres Increase in the proportion of retail use in town centres Increase in proportion of town centre uses Increase in the no of active frontages. Reduction in the no of vacancies in town centres	
EN	Redevelopment of the Splash Pool and Wilkinson sites	Development permitted on the Splash Pool and Wilkinson sites	Redevelopment of the sites to include pedestrian links, a new public square, public realm improvements, and provision of public car parking	By 2031, redevelopment of the site as set out in Policy EN35.	

EN36	Redevelopment of the former factory site between 71 Oakley Road and 37-51 Washbrook Road	Development permitted on the former factory site	Redevelopment of the site to include approximately 10 dwellings with a mix of housing types to meet local needs, developer contributions, vehicular access, and pedestrian/ cycle connections	By 2031, redevelopment of the site as set out in Policy EN36.	
EN37	Redevelopment of the Federal Estates site	Development permitted for housing on the Federal Estates site	Redevelopment of the site to include at least 120 dwellings with a mix of housing types to meet local need, developer contributions, improved connections and link roads, and appropriate mitigation measures	By 2031, redevelopment of the site as set out in Policy EN37.	
EN38	Release and redevelopment of the Rectory Business Centre site for housing	Development permitted for housing on the Rectory Business Centre site	Redevelopment of the site to include at least 35 dwellings with a mix of housing types to meet local need, developer contributions, improved connections and	By 2031, redevelopment of the site as set out in Policy EN38.	

			appropriate		
			mitigation		
			measures		
EN39	Redevelopment	Development	Redevelopment of	By 2031,	
ENS9	of the former	permitted on the	the site to include		
	Select & Save	former Select &	a mix of main town	redevelopment	
				of the site as set	
	and St Peter's	Save and St	centre uses,	out in Policy	
	Way Car Park	Peter's Way Car	enhancement of	EN39.	
	site	Park site	the primary		
			shopping frontage,		
			pedestrian		
			connections,		
			suitable service		
			arrangements,		
			public car parking,		
			live-work units at		
			first floor or above,		
			and enhancement		
			to the settings of		
			heritage assets		
EN40	Redevelopment	Development	Redevelopment of	By 2031,	
	of the former	permitted on the	the site to include	<u>redevelopment</u>	
	Rushden and	former Rushden	flood compatible	of the site as set	
	Diamonds FC	and Diamonds	employment uses,	out in Policy	
	Stadium site	FC Stadium site	appropriate flood	<u>EN40.</u>	
			mitigation		
			measures,		
			enhancements to		
			biodiversity,		
			improved		
			pedestrian and		
			cycle connections,		
			high quality		
			landscaping, and		
			new moorings		

EN41	Redevelopment of the Riverside Hotel site	Development permitted on the Riverside Hotel site	Redevelopment of the site for restaurant, public house, hotel, tourist, training facility/ resource centre, or small business/ employment use, to include retention and enhancement of the heritage asset, appropriate flood mitigation measures, new moorings, and improved arrangements for pedestrians/ cyclists	By 2031, redevelopment of the site as set out in Policy EN41.	
EN42	Redevelopment of the Cattle Market site	Development permitted on the Cattle Market site	Redevelopment to include a mix of main town centre uses, opening up of a new active frontage, pedestrian connectivity, vehicular access, appropriate residential uses at first floor level or above, enhancements to	By 2031, redevelopment of the site as set out in Policy EN42.	

		the setting of heritage assets, and public car parking	

Glossary

MM88	Glossary	221	Amend glossary definition as follows:	For clarity
			Infill or windfall development- Smaller scale, minor development proposals, typically up to 5	following
			dwellings for rural or 10 dwellings for urban areas, which take place within the existing built up	revision to
			area, as defined by Policies EN2-EN4-EN1-EN2 and the supporting text.	Policies EN1 -
				4
MM89	Glossary	223	Amend definition for Primary Shopping Area/ Primary Shopping Frontage as follows:	Hearings
				Action Point 94
			Primary Shopping Area (or Primary Shopping Frontage) – defined areas where retail	
			development is concentrated.	
			Primary Shopping Frontage – Shopping frontage which contains a high proportion of	
			retail uses.	

Appendix 1

MN	/90	Policy	Append	Amend Strategic/ non-strategic (with commentary) column as follows:	To reflect
		EN33	ix 1,		discussions at
			page	Non-sStrategic – Policy 33 of the Joint Core Strategy provides the strategic direction; i.e.	the hearing
			12	establishing the principle of development to the east of the A6 Bypass, Rushden. Policy EN33	sessions.
				provides additional site-specific detail; i.e. setting site boundary/zonal allocation and allowing	(Action Point
				for incorporation of Masterplan Framework Document into Local Plan Part 2.	2)

	In addition, revised Policies EN1 and EN2 remain as strategic policies, whilst Policies EN3, EN4, EN17 and EN24 are deleted as policies.	
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Appendix 5

MMS	91 Appendix	Append	Amend the type of home in the final table as follows:	Hearings
	5 -	ix 5,		Action Point 74
	Specialis	page 2	Apartment, or bungalow or smaller home	
	t and			
	Older			
	Persons			
	Housing			
	Provision			

Appendix 6

Source of Supply	Housing	2011/12 to 2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	
MM93	Appendix 6 – Housing Trajector y	Append ix 6	Insert n	nsert new Appendix 6 as follows:										
MM92	Appendix 6 – Rushden East MFD	Append ix 6	Delete .	Delete Appendix 6 in its entirety and associated references to Appendix 6.										

	3883											
Past Completions												
3b - Under construction/ started		263	179	114	108	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
3c(i) - Full planning permissions/ minor outline permissions		66	207	98	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3c(ii) - Outline planning permissions (major >9)		0	0	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3e - Major urban extensions		0	0	0	0	100	150	200	250	250	250	250
3f - Other site allocations (current local plan)		0	0	0	25	29	51	25	14	6	0	0
3g - Neighbourhood Plan site allocations (Made)		0	2	119	183	172	109	128	132	41	5	10
3h(i) - Emergent DPD allocations		0	80	85	173	128	117	100	60	80	80	65
3h(ii) - Rural and Market Town windfall sites		0	40	30	55	60	0	0	0	0	0	0

3j - Specific, unallocated brownfield sites		10	91	108	28	0	30	40	0	0	0	0
Total Completions	3883	339	599	568	584	497	457	493	456	377	335	325
Cumulative Total		4222	4821	5389	5973	6470	6927	7420	7876	8253	8588	8913
JCS Cumulative Requirement		4200	4620	5040	5460	5880	6300	6720	7140	7560	7980	8400
Annual JCS Requirement		420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420

