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You can make your representations on the Pre-Submission Joint Core Strategy:–

Online: We encourage electronic representations via our consultation portal at http://ldfconsultation.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org

Email: you can email your representations to westnorthantsjpu@northampton.gov.uk

Post: you can write in with your representations to: West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit, PO Box 1022, Northampton, NN1 9EA

Fax: 01604 838543
What is the Joint Core Strategy about?

The Joint Core Strategy deals with the future planning of your area. It covers the whole of Daventry District, Northampton Borough and South Northamptonshire.

It sets out a vision and a strategy for how our area will develop over the next 15 years. It covers:

- the location of future strategic housing developments.
- where jobs should be located.
- how people can move around the area.
- the location and size of new shopping, leisure and cultural facilities.
- protection and improvement of the natural and built environment.
- how to address the needs of the areas diverse communities.
- how and when infrastructure (such as roads and schools) will be delivered.

The Joint Core Strategy will guide the transformation and regeneration of our area. It supports economic growth at our town centres and aids the delivery of a broad mix of new homes supported by new shops, employment, leisure, transport and environmental improvements and preserves our rural areas.

The Joint Core Strategy will guide future development decisions throughout the West Northamptonshire area and will be used to decide planning applications. It will also provide the strategic framework for other, more detailed plans.

What Stage are we at Now?

Public engagement in the Strategy as it develops is very important. We began the journey with the publication of Issues and Options in 2007 and progressed with the publication of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy in 2009. The responses we received to these consultations are available on our website and these comments have helped us shape this latest version of the Strategy.

We want to produce positive, local policies which will make the area a place where people will want to live, work and invest.

On our website you will also find the ‘evidence base’ documents that are a required part of informing and directing the policies of the Strategy. These are technical studies on specific issues such as shopping, housing and employment.

The Joint Core Strategy is now at the ‘Pre-Submission’ stage. This is the stage before we submit the Strategy formally to the Secretary of State for approval. We need to ensure the Strategy is ‘sound’ before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration.

How to get involved

Representations are now invited on the “soundness” of the plan. The period for representations is:

17th February 2011 to 31st March 2011.

The Pre-Submission Joint Core Strategy is now published for a 6 week representation period and there is a representation form available which you will need to make your representations. There is no need to repeat any comments that you have made to previous consultations as they will have already been considered.

At this stage of the Joint Core Strategy we are only able to accept representations about whether the Strategy is ‘legally compliant’ and/or ‘sound’. The tests of ‘soundness’ are set out in law. The tests of soundness are:

- The strategy is not justified in that it is not founded on a robust and credible evidence base and/or is not considered the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives;
- It is not effective in that the document is not deliverable, flexible or suitable for monitoring, and
- It is not consistent with national policy

All of the documents you need in order to make a representation are available on our website and at Council Offices and local libraries (normal office and opening times) throughout the West Northamptonshire area.