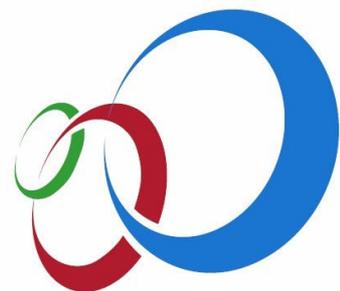


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A Local Development Scheme For West Northamptonshire



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Foreword

A Local Development Scheme for West Northamptonshire

- 1.0 The Councils in West Northamptonshire have a unique role in shaping the places they govern and delivering the agreements with central government on priorities for their communities found in the Local Area Agreement. Northamptonshire will be a key national growth area during the next twenty five years and West Northamptonshire will accommodate some of this growth. This will mean more homes, jobs, leisure and health facilities for the area. The West Northamptonshire Local Development Framework, together with regional and national policy, has the job of ensuring that growth happens in a way that is well directed and brings a wide range of benefits to existing and future residents of all generations as well as businesses. This is key to the place shaping agenda and the Local Development Framework is therefore the most important policy tool to manage this growth and harness the social, economic and environmental benefits that development can bring. Not all of the West Northamptonshire area will be subject to significant change. Alongside areas where communities will expand and grow there will be areas that will remain largely unchanged. There are difficult choices to be made and these must be made openly and transparently in the process of production of the West Northamptonshire Local Development Framework.
- 1.1 This Local Development Scheme is designed to meet the needs of the communities in the area through a portfolio of spatial planning documents that address the unique aspects of different parts of West Northamptonshire together with managing the growth agenda. The policy documents will need to come on stream at the right time to direct development and integrate the necessary social, economic environmental and transport infrastructure.
- 1.2 The documents in the Local Development Scheme should be seen as a coherent whole – each putting in place a policy tool that will assist councils, infrastructure providers and developers to deliver high quality places that are good to inhabit. The Councils and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation rely on policies that have been ‘saved’ from the local plans and structure plan, national and regional policy until the local policies are gradually replaced by the Local Development Framework.
- 1.3 Essentially the Local Development Scheme is a public statement identifying which spatial planning documents will be produced and when. It sets out a three year project plan. It has three key objectives:

- It is the starting point for the community and stakeholders to find out about the Council's planning policies in respect of a particular place or issue, and what the status of those policies will be;
 - It outlines the details of, and timetable for, the production of Local Development Documents over the three year period; and
 - It sets down the combination of policy documents (and purpose) that have been selected to ensure the effective planning of the area.
- 1.4 The West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for much of this local plan-making system together with Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council. The Joint Strategic Planning Committee comprises member representatives from Daventry, South Northamptonshire and Northampton Borough Councils, as local planning authorities responsible for preparing Local Development Documents. Northamptonshire County Council, as strategic authority with responsibility for transport, education, minerals and waste planning; and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation as the local delivery vehicle are also represented on the Committee as observers. In addition the Borough Council of Wellingborough are observers on the Joint Strategic Planning Committee as key neighbours.
- 1.5 Northamptonshire County Council, as the minerals and waste planning authority, will be responsible for preparing a minerals and waste development framework. A minerals and waste local development scheme has therefore been prepared, and can be viewed on the County Council's website (<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk>). Further information is available from the County Council (telephone: 01604 236014).
- 1.6 This document has been produced by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit. It supersedes the Local Development Scheme produced jointly by Daventry District, Northampton Borough and South Northamptonshire Councils and approved by the Government in spring 2007.
- 1.7 The 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act has introduced a new planning language. A glossary of abbreviations and definitions used in this LDS are explained in Appendix 1 to assist in understanding the spatial planning jargon.

Introduction: The Development Planning System

- 2.0 In 2004 the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act came into force and broadened the scope of planning. Through the Act the Government introduced a planning system whereby local plans and structure plans are replaced with the Local Development Framework. Together with the Regional Spatial Strategy the Local Development Framework will form the Development Plan, which is the basis for all planning decisions. The Development Plan operates within the framework of national policy in Planning Policy Statements and so applications for development can be approved with regard to national policy, regional policy and local policy. The Regional Spatial Strategy is critical to this process as it provides the overall strategy, housing, employment and infrastructure requirement for local policies. One emphasis of this system is that local policy does not replicate regional or national policy and is 'locally distinctive' – i.e. it is reflective of and designed to meet, the needs of the local area. Another key characteristic is that there is an emphasis on how plans and policies will be delivered in reality by public sector agencies and the private development industry – i.e. these plans, if crafted well, actually bring forward development in a way that suits the locality.
- 2.1 This Local Development Scheme sets out the detailed programme for the preparation of planning policy documents that will form West Northamptonshire's Local Development Framework. It forms a project plan for the programme of work and explains the role of each of the policy tools or documents that are considered suitable to address the spatial issues in the area into the future.
- 2.2 The Local Development Framework is the compendium of documents (or policy tools) that will set out how an area will be developed in the future. Appendix 2 sets out the main components of a Local Development Framework. The Local Development Framework will comprise of 'Local Development Documents' a collective name for both 'Development Plan Documents' (that set policy and allocate land and are part of the statutory development plan and are subject to an examination in public) and 'Supplementary Planning Documents' (which can provide additional detail on policies or proposals set out in 'Development Plan Documents' and are not subject to an examination in public).
- 2.3 A Local Development Framework must include a Core Strategy, and, a Proposals Map and may also contain Site Specific Allocations, Area Action Plans, Development Management policies and other Development Plan Documents. These Development plan documents outline the key spatial and development goals of the local development framework.

- 2.4 The Local Development Framework also includes the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). Furthermore each Local Development Document must be accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, where appropriate. Sustainability appraisal is a tool that assists the analysis of the impacts of policies and provides information about their social, economic and environmental effects. Its purpose is to ensure that plans and policies reflect sustainable development principles. The Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal of the core strategy can be found at www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org/ and explains more.
- 2.5 Further information on the planning system can be viewed using the following external website www.planningportal.co.uk.

How the documents in the local development scheme relate to one another

- 3.0 There is significant flexibility with respect to the choice of Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents beyond the requirement to produce a core strategy and proposals map. In the case of West Northamptonshire the Local Development Scheme has been reconfigured since the March 2007 Local Development Scheme which was jointly produced by Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council. This Local Development Scheme is designed to enable the Joint Planning Unit and Committee as well as the authorities to respond flexibly to circumstances that pertain across the life of the Local Development Scheme.
- 3.1 The West Northamptonshire Core Strategy for the whole of West Northamptonshire is to be produced first. In line with “Planning Policy Statement 12: creating strong safe and prosperous communities through Local Spatial Planning” 2008 this will include some ‘strategic allocations’ that are critical to delivery of the spatial strategy. These ‘strategic allocations’ will include allocated sites for the early phases of growth to meet the requirements of the Regional Spatial Strategy and include sustainable urban extensions as well as any other strategic sites that are critical to delivery of the strategy. They are expected to cover the early phases of housing and employment allocations together with all related social, green and transport infrastructure needed for these growing communities up to either 2021 depending upon what key evidence indicates will be needed. The strategic allocations will indicate some detail in terms of the disposition of land uses, infrastructure, access to sites and other details.

- 3.2 When it has been adopted therefore the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy will provide adequate detail to allow developers and the joint planning unit to produce master plans for the strategic allocation sites (including sustainable urban extensions) if the market is ready to bring forward the development. For the later phases of growth the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy will indicate broad locations. The choice can then be made with respect to moving these 'broad locations' to clear policy statements that bring forward the land for development either by inclusion in the West Northamptonshire Site Allocations DPD or an Action Area Plan for these 'Growing Communities' – the specific locations of both these strategic sites and the directions of growth have not yet been fixed and this is the job of the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy.
- 3.3 A timetable showing both joint and individual Local Development Document timetables is in Appendix 10. During the period of completion of the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy the Councils are producing masterplans for key sites and areas to assist them in managing current pressures for development. These masterplans will form part of the evidence for the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy and when the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy is adopted could be adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents in part or whole depending upon the circumstances that pertain at the time. The status of these documents would need to be reviewed as part of the review of this Local Development Scheme. These masterplans are for the following areas:
- Daventry Town
 - Towcester
 - Brackley
 - Roade Village
 - Sixfields
- 3.4 Until the directions of growth for Northampton are established it would be premature to adopt the masterplan for Sixfields as a Supplementary Planning Document and therefore this is not included in this Local Development Scheme. Northampton Borough Council will continue to work with land owners and English Partnerships to prepare a masterplan to inform the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy and the suitability of adopting the masterplan as a Supplementary Planning Document for this area will be revisited during the review of this Local Development Scheme.

The documents that will be produced from 2008 to 2011

West Northamptonshire Core Strategy

- 4.0 The key priority in the Local Development Scheme for West Northamptonshire is the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy DPD. The West Northamptonshire Core Strategy DPD is a strategic document that will set out a spatial vision for West Northamptonshire (which reflects the sustainable community strategies of the area) and a proposed approach to how the places within it will develop addressing a range of spatial and strategic development issues. This strategy will address key spatial issues for West Northamptonshire such as the roles of Northampton, Daventry, Towcester and Brackley as well as the villages, the nature of the future economy including the development of rural enterprise, access to housing and other services, educational standards and provision, health and leisure opportunities and how these are accommodated. It will set out how much and what type of development is intended to happen, where, when and how it will be delivered.
- 4.1 The core strategy represents a key phase to establish the broad spatial framework for the area indicating the kind of places sought in the future and the facilities needed to support sustainable communities. It will also set some detail by making some key strategic allocations for the early phases of urban growth together with establishing directions of growth for later phases. At the same time it will establish those areas where there may be only very special circumstances for development e.g. to provide rural affordable housing or critical services.
- 4.2 Following adoption, all future Development Plan Documents produced in West Northamptonshire must be in conformity with the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy.

West Northamptonshire Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing DPD and Affordable Housing SPD

- 4.3 The West Northamptonshire Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing DPD will be produced alongside the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy. The work required to produce this Development Plan Document forms part of the evidence base for the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy in terms of identifying the infrastructure and facilities needed to accompany development, the sources of funding for this infrastructure and the expected contribution to this by developers. The work will build on that undertaken by the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation on tariffs and will be produced in close partnership with the Corporation. It is sensible to divide this aspect of policy from the Core Strategy however as it can provide more detail than would be found in the Core Strategy and can be updated where necessary.

The choice of Development Plan Document for Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing rather than Supplementary Planning Document is to reflect the need for clear public examination of the benefits being sought. This work may form the basis for the Community Infrastructure Levy should this be enacted and implemented. There is an urgent need to provide more affordable housing in West Northamptonshire and in recognition of this fact in the interim period before the Development Plan Document can be adopted an Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document will supplement existing policy. This will be produced by consultants appointed before the end of 2008.

West Northamptonshire Site Allocations DPD

- 4.4 This will deal with site-specific policies including allocations for key activities such as housing, employment, retail, leisure, health, community and transport facilities.

Northampton Central Area Action Plan DPD

- 4.4 This will develop policy for the transformation of the centre of Northampton and its key role in the sub region.

Daventry Town DPD

- 4.6 This DPD will include site specific proposals for Daventry Town should they be required at this time following the adoption of the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy and Site Allocations DPDs.

Daventry District Village and Town Design Statements SPD

- 4.7 These community produced design statements will provide guidance as needed. The programme for individual villages will come forward in response to community action and their form and content are guided by Daventry District Council.

South Northamptonshire Rural Settlements DPD

- 4.8 This DPD will address the matter of village confines in rural South Northamptonshire in the context of the settlement hierarchy set by the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy.

Silverstone Circuit SPD

- 4.9 This is a piece of guidance for the future development of the Silverstone Circuit and is jointly produced with Aylesbury Vale District Council.

Proposals Map

- 4.10 A Proposals Map, will express geographically the adopted development plan policies for West Northamptonshire. In accordance with Regulation 13(4) of the Regulations, a submission Proposals Map will accompany the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy, West Northamptonshire Site Allocations and other DPDs where site allocations are made. They will be revised as each new DPD is adopted, to ensure that they always reflect the up-to-date spatial plan for the area.

Statement of Community Involvement

- 4.11 Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council each adopted a Statement of Community Involvement in spring 2006. These set out how the community will be involved in the preparation of Local Development Documents and consulted on planning applications. Each Statement of Community Involvement will be monitored on an annual basis and the need for review and integration to one statement will be assessed as part of the preparation of the Annual Monitoring Report for West Northamptonshire.

Documents required beyond this Local Development Scheme

- 5.0 A Development Management Policies document is scheduled to begin in December 2011. As policy is produced in the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy and Site Allocations Development Plan Documents this will gradually replace existing saved policies. It is likely that the Joint Strategic Planning Committee will conclude that a Development Management Policies document will not be required by that time as development issues will be covered through national policy, regional policy and the adopted Core Strategy and Site Allocations Development Plan Documents and SPD. However, it is included as a marker to indicate that it may be required.
- 5.1 The Joint Strategic Planning Committee may bring forward a series of Action Area Plans for the remaining urban extensions from 2011 when the Core Strategy is due to be adopted. This will be dependent upon the coverage of the West Northamptonshire Site Allocations Development Plan Document and are therefore not included as Development Plan Documents in this Local Development Scheme to allow for flexibility in approach. The need for review of this Local Development Scheme will be monitored as part of the Annual Monitoring Report production and further area action plans could be brought forward in future if considered necessary.

- 5.2 Appendix 3 of this Local Development Scheme sets out a profile of each Local Development Document that it is intended will be produced over the next 3 year period setting out:
- The lead body that will be responsible and accountable for its preparation,
 - its role and position in the chain of conformity,
 - Its geographical coverage,
 - Its status as a DPD or SPD,
 - its key milestones for production,
 - a broad indication of resource requirement and
 - an approach to involving stakeholders and the community.
- 5.3 The LDS is available for viewing on the following websites:
www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org
www.daventrydc.gov.uk
www.northampton.gov.uk
www.southnorthants.gov.uk
- 5.4 Its availability will also be advertised in the local media. The Councils will write to all people on their mailing list informing them of its availability.

The differences between the 2008 and the 2007 Local Development Schemes

- 6.0 There are some changes in the names and roles of Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents in this Local Development Scheme compared to the 2007 version. These changes reflect current understanding of the needs of West Northamptonshire and its constituent communities, good spatial planning practice and the changes in the scope of core strategy advised in Planning Policy Statement 12 of June 2008.
- 6.1 The West Northamptonshire Core Strategy together with the West Northamptonshire Site Allocations Development Plan Document will now incorporate the strategic and site related matters that were intended to be contained in a number of former documents. This is due to a number of factors as well as the change in scope of core strategies:
- The 'Northampton Implementation Area' was a policy device designed to ensure that the authorities work together. With the advent of a Joint Strategic Planning Committee it was important to revisit the need for a development plan document focussing only on that area.

- The Rural Areas Development Plan Document divorced the planning for the countryside, towns and villages from the West Northamptonshire area as a whole, good spatial planning will account for towns and villages, the reciprocal relationship with the countryside and manage them as a fully functioning networks – in a growth scenario it will also be clear about where significant development and growth will occur and where it will not.
- The inclusion of Development Plan Documents scheduled early in the last Local Development Scheme for Towcester, Brackley and Daventry also removed the planning for these towns to a series of separate documents and represent a significant workload as each Development Plan Document must meet stringent regulations in its production.

6.2 In essence it is now understood that a complex portfolio of Development Plan Documents is not likely to be a practical option to produce and the principle core strategy together with the site allocations document will do the same job as the previous set of Development Plan Documents and be more resource efficient in the process. It is sensible therefore that the core strategy, now containing strategic allocations for the early phases of growth will replace what would have defined some of the 'Northampton Implementation Area'. In addition any strategic allocations for the towns and directions of growth will be covered in the core strategy as well as the future settlement hierarchy for the whole area including policy that will set the roles and the mix of facilities needed to support each settlement in its role. The site allocations document will then determine policy with respect to sites across the whole of West Northampton and this will include any non strategic sites that may be key to development in both towns and villages. The core strategy will address issues of accessibility and conservation in the countryside as well as supporting the rural economy.

6.3 This combination of development plan documents makes for better planning for the relationships between the future settlements in the area and proper accommodation of the manner in which they will function e.g. the relationships between the future Northampton and the towns and villages. It will make it clearer where significant development will and will not be accommodated than the earlier configuration of a broad brush core strategy followed by separate Development Plan Documents for the 'Northampton Implementation Area' and the 'Rural Areas'. In short, producing this combination of documents will be a more effective use of resources and holistic approach to development of the area than the previous choice of Local Development Documents.

6.4 The documents with the following names therefore no longer appear in the Local Development Scheme:

- Northampton Implementation Area Development Plan Document

- Rural Areas Development Plan Document - with the exception of village confines please refer to South Northamptonshire Rural Settlements DPD
 - Towcester Town Development Plan Document
 - Brackley Town Development Plan Document
- 6.5 In addition, this reconfiguration coupled with the current masterplanning work being undertaken (refer paragraph 3.3) remove the need to produce the following Development Plan Documents as the work will be taken forward in terms of evidence for the core strategy and site allocations documents and policy and allocations picked up as shown above :
- Moat Lane Supplementary Planning Document
 - Sixfields Area Action Plan Development Plan Document
- 6.6 The alteration in the names and timing of Development Plan Documents since the 2007 Local Development Scheme enables the same spatial issues and development pressures to be managed as intended by the previous Local Development Scheme just in a more coherent manner. It is still possible, on review of the Local Development Scheme that other Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents may come forward depending upon the circumstances at the time of review.

The relationship with other plans and strategies

- 7.0 All Local Development Framework documents will need to comply with the provisions of the relevant Regional Spatial Strategy. The Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands, incorporating the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub Regional Strategy was published in March 2005 and sets the context for spatial planning in West Northamptonshire. The Proposed Changes to the draft Regional Plan were issued for public consultation in July 2008. The latest information on the review can be found at www.emra.gov.uk.
- 7.1 The Local Development Framework will have regard to the sustainable community strategies and community plans that have been prepared for Daventry District, South Northamptonshire District, Northampton Borough and Northamptonshire County. These have been produced by, respectively, the Local Strategic Partnerships for Daventry, Northampton, South Northamptonshire and the Northamptonshire Public Service Board and also give rise to the Local Area Agreement for Northamptonshire. The spatial elements and land use implications arising from these strategies will be given regard and delivered through the West Northamptonshire Local Development Framework.

- 7.2 Each Council has a number of other strategies that address specific spatial and service delivery matters in the area. Several have spatial implications and those in particular will need to be taken into account in preparation of the LDF. These relate to housing, economic development, air quality and waste management as well as health, social care, leisure and cultural strategies. The LDF will have particularly close links with the plans produced by the County Council, namely the Local Transport Plan and Minerals and Waste Development Framework as well as plans for education and social services. In addition work undertaken by the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation in its planning for infrastructure is a key component of the Local Development Framework.

Progress on the Local Development Framework

- 8.0 Since the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act was introduced several Local Development Documents included in the original Local Development Schemes have been adopted. These are:

Daventry District Council

- Statement of Community Involvement (March 2006);
- Daventry Design Codes SPD (December 2005);
- Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal Expansion Design Guide SPD (December 2005)
- Weedon Conservation Plan SPD (September 2005); and
- Concept Statement for Land to the North of Abbey Street (February 2005).
- Energy and development SPD (March 2007)
- Development Guidance for Middlemore Sites 6 SPD
- Development Guidance for Middlemore Sites 7-9 SPD
- A series of Village Design Statements SPD

Northampton Borough Council

- Statement of Community Involvement (March 2006)
- Freeschool Street SPD (November 2005)

South Northamptonshire Council

- Moat Lane SPD (November 2007)
- Energy and development SPD (March 2007)

- 8.1 Whilst progress has been made in certain areas it has slipped from the timetable identified in the last Local Development Scheme. However, a significant amount of evidence gathering has been undertaken and this is a critical part of the foundations for a good Local Development Framework. This evidence base includes the work undertaken on town masterplans and the range of infrastructure studies undertaken by the councils and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation. Details of the evidence base can be found at appendix 5.

- 8.2 The Joint Planning Unit consulted on the issues and options of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy in September 2007 and gained valuable information from a range of respondents. The results can be found at www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org.uk.
- 8.3 Since that time the regulations relating to plan making have changed and the formal stages of plan making are no longer the same as they were in 2007. For West Northamptonshire this means some revisiting of the issues and options process and some more detailed work than was envisaged to bring forward the necessary strategic allocations as noted in paragraph 4.1 above. The timetable for this Local Development Scheme reflects this additional work.

Delivering the Local Development Framework in West Northamptonshire

Partnership Working

- 9.1 The RSS, incorporating the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy identifies Daventry, Northampton and Towcester as locations for growth in West Northamptonshire. Significantly, it promotes joint working to address the sub-regional proposals.
- 9.2 The Councils are committed to putting in place an up to date planning policy framework for the growth of West Northamptonshire at the earliest opportunity.
- 9.3 The Councils are committed to working together with Northamptonshire County Council and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation in order to implement the growth in an effective, cohesive and sustainable manner. This is the reason for setting up the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and Joint Planning Unit. The Joint Strategic Planning Committee comprises member representatives from Daventry, South Northamptonshire and Northampton Borough Councils, as local planning authorities responsible for preparing Local Development Documents. Northamptonshire County Council, as strategic authority with responsibility for transport, education, minerals and waste planning, West Northamptonshire Development Corporation as the local delivery vehicle and Borough of Wellingborough are also represented on the Committee as observers. The Joint Planning Unit will work closely with all of these partners, who will contribute to plan making, as well as a wider range of public and private sector partners to ensure the Local Development Framework is effective and infrastructure is brought forward.
- 3.5 The Joint Planning Unit is responsible for preparing the West Northamptonshire wide Local Development Documents.

Each district/ borough Council continues to be responsible for preparing some Local Development Documents addressing local matters. However coordination of the overall programme by the JPU will be necessary as will very close partnership working between the Joint Planning Unit, and the councils the development corporation to ensure that the local development framework is coherent and its production represents an efficient use of resources.

Sustainability Appraisal

- 10.0 At each key stage of its preparation each Development Plan Document and Supplementary Planning Document will be appraised to assess the likely environmental, social and economic affects of its policies and proposals. The findings will be detailed in a Sustainability Appraisal Report which will be subjected to public consultation. Sustainability Appraisal is an integral part of the preparation process of each Local Development Document and will help arrangements for monitoring and implementation. The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development through better integration of sustainability considerations into the preparation of plans.
- 10.2 There are five key stages in the preparation of a SA for a LDD. These are set out in the table below:

Stage	Summary	DPD	SPD
A	Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes and collecting baseline information;	Yes	Yes
	Identify sustainability issues and problems;	Yes	Yes
	Develop a sustainability framework including objectives and indicators;	Yes	Yes
	Consult on the scoping Report	Yes	Yes
B	Test the LDD objectives against the SA Framework	Yes	Yes
	Developing the LDD options	Yes	Yes
	Predicting the effects the LDD	Yes	Yes
	Evaluating the effects of the LDD	Yes	Yes
	Considering ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects	Yes	Yes
	Proposing measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the LDDs	Yes	Yes
C	Prepare the SA Report	Yes	Yes
D	Public participation on the LDD and the SA Report	Yes	Yes
	Appraising significant changes	Yes	Yes
	Appraising significant changes resulting from representations	Yes	No

	Making decisions and providing information	Yes	Yes
E	Finalising aims and methods for monitoring	Yes	Yes
	Responding to adverse effects	Yes	Yes

Saved Development Plan policies and material considerations in dealing with planning applications

- 11.1 The documents to be produced as part of the Local Development Framework will gradually replace the existing local plans whilst Structure Plans have been abolished under this planning system. In the meantime, the Government has made provisions for structure plan and local plan policies and proposals to be 'saved' i.e. remain in force until they are replaced by Local Development Documents. These 'saved' policies can be found at the respective council's websites. Together with national Planning Policy Statements and the East Midlands Region Spatial Strategy these now form the policy framework for deciding planning applications in West Northamptonshire.
- 11.2 Since adopting the Local Plan, Daventry District Council has prepared and consulted upon a series of formal alterations. These alterations have not been subject to public local inquiry and in accordance with the arrangement of the new planning system cannot be formally 'saved'; however the Council considers that the alterations remain relevant and will be retained as an important 'material consideration' in the determination of planning applications until withdrawn or replaced by Development Plan Documents or Supplementary Planning Documents.
- 11.3 The three local authorities currently have some existing supplementary planning guidance that is based on saved policies or old plans. This planning system does not allow for the 'saving' of supplementary planning guidance unless attached to saved policy. Therefore, if supplementary planning guidance is to be converted to a Supplementary Planning Document, they must be prepared in accordance with Government Guidance and Regulations. This requires Supplementary Planning Documents to conform to policies included in a Development Plan Document or 'saved policy'.
- 11.4 In the interim, the existing supplementary planning guidance listed in Appendix 8 will continue to be used as material planning considerations in determination of planning applications, until such time as they can be replaced or are no longer required.

Resources and Reporting Process

13.1 This Local Development Scheme represents a significant commitment in resources from the Councils. The process of production of this Local Development Scheme has involved detailed consideration of the tasks required to produce each document. In programming this available resource, allowances have been made for other areas of responsibility outside of Local Development Framework production. Examples of the wider responsibilities that have been accounted for are listed below:

- National, regional and sub-regional planning policy consultations, Community Strategy engagement and corporate work such as the Economic Strategy
- Liaison with WNDC on planning matters and strategic site development
- Regeneration and masterplanning projects / Development Control Advice
- Improvement programmes for the service
- General Enquiries
- Team Meetings
- Appraisals
- Training

13.2 To enable the effective project management each Local Development Document has been allocated a lead officer. This information can be found in the profile of each joint document held at appendix 3.

13.3 The core resources expected to be available to progress work on the Local Development Documents identified in this Local Development Scheme are outlined in the schedules.

West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit

13.4 This unit currently consists of a mix of seconded and recruited staff:

- 1 x Unit Manager
- 1 x principal officer
- 1 x senior policy officer
- 3.2 FTE x policy officers
- 1 x administrator

13.5 The councils have recently reviewed resources and are committed to providing further resources to support this Local Development Scheme and future planning needs. The timetable for this Local Development Scheme is predicated upon this level of resource being in place early in 2009.

Daventry District Council

13.6 The Planning Policy and Housing Strategy Team core staff resources currently available to undertake the work comprises:

- 1 x Planning Policy and Housing Strategy Manager
- 2 x Senior Planning Officers
- 1 x Senior Planning Officer seconded to the Joint Planning Unit

Northampton Borough Council

13.7 Staff resources are currently under review with a view to strengthening the establishment. The Planning Policy, and Conservation Team core staff resources currently available to undertake the work comprises:

- 1 x Planning Policy and Conservation Manager (likely to only be able to have limited input on a day to day basis on LDF work)
- 1 x Principal Planning Officers
- 1 x Senior Planning / Planning Officers.
- 3x planning officers
- 1 Community Involvement Officer (part of a wider resource for planning and regeneration)
- 1x principal and 1x planning officer are also seconded full time to the Joint Planning Unit

South Northamptonshire Council

13.8 The Planning Policy core staff resources currently available to undertake the work comprises:

- 1 x Lead officer Planning Policy
- 1 x Principal Planning Officers
- 2 x Planning Officers seconded to the Joint Planning Unit
- 1.5 FTE planning and monitoring officers

Northamptonshire County Council

13.9 The County Council is providing assistance in this financial year with both programme planning, financial support and a post currently vacant. In the years from 2009 the County Council will be providing one sixth of the total predicted budget requirement.

13.10 Consultants have been employed to date by each of the councils to assist in preparing aspects of the evidence base. (e.g. Northampton Retail Study, Development options, master planning). Consideration will be given to further commissions to assist in preparing aspects of the evidence base by both the councils and the Joint Planning Unit. In addition work that the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation has commissioned is to be shared and the corporation is to provide support to the work.

13.11 Finally, each of the Councils will utilise resources from a range of internal teams such as:

- Housing Strategy
- Conservation
- GIS
- Community Development
- Administrative Support

Decision making arrangements

13.12 The Joint Planning Unit will report to the West Northamptonshire Programme Board. This Board comprises senior officers from the 3 districts and County Council as well as representatives from Government Office for the East Midlands and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation. The Joint Strategic Planning Committee will be engaged in the production of documents, consider them, approve and adopt the Local Development Documents, following examination by an independent inspector in the case of Development Plan Documents.

Risk Assessment

14.0 In preparing the LDS, it was found that the main areas of risk relate to:

- **Achieving adequate resources.** The authorities are currently seeking to increase the resource applied to the Joint Planning Unit and production of the Local Development Framework significantly. This Local Development Scheme is produced on the assumption that this happens. If these resources cannot be bought to bear on plan production then progress will slip.
- **Staff turnover.** Loss of staff will have an impact on the programme, as recruiting and then training up replacement staff takes time. Nationally, there is a serious shortage of experienced planning officers. Consideration will be given to additional secondments from existing staff and/or using consultants to fill the gap.

- **Capacity of the Planning Inspectorate and other agencies to cope with demand nation-wide.** This is out of the control of the local authorities. However, early consultation has been undertaken on this LDS, which should enable other agencies to take the Councils' LDF programme into account.
- **Political differences.** The Joint Committee arrangements are designed to ensure a measure of consensus is reached .
- **Delays in Examination process and/or legal challenge.** This will be minimised by ensuring that Development Plan Documents are 'sound' and founded on a robust evidence base and well-audited stakeholder & community engagement systems. The Planning Advisory Service Soundness Self Assessment Toolkit will be used.
- **Changes to national or regional guidance.** Where possible changes to Government guidance will be accommodated. However major changes to Government policy may result in delays that are outside the control of the Councils.

Evidence base

- 15.1 In preparing the Local Development Framework, a range of background work needs to be undertaken or taken into account. This work will be published in the form of background documents. Most of these will be produced either by, or for, the Councils. Each background document will be publicly available and will be available at the same time as, or before, any Local Development Document which relies on its contents for a justification.
- 15.2 Some of these background documents have already been identified and produced but others may be published in the course of preparing Local Development Documents. Appendix 9 contains a list of existing and anticipated background documents. An ongoing process of review and management of the evidence base will be undertaken in relation to each of the Local Development Documents identified in this Local Development Scheme. This process will allow the continuous monitoring of individual areas of the evidence base and the critical stages that must be reached to ensure achievement of the key milestones for Local Development Documents.

Monitoring and Review

- 16.1 Following its adoption the Local Development Scheme will be monitored on an annual basis from April to the end of March. The Annual Monitoring Report will assess the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which policies in Local Development Documents are being achieved. Each year a report will be prepared that will include an assessment of:

- whether the local planning authorities are meeting, or on track to meet, the targets set in Local Development Documents and if not the reasons why;
 - what impact the local planning authorities policies are having on other targets set at national, regional or local level;
 - whether the local planning authorities need to replace any policies in order to meet their sustainable development objectives; and
 - what action needs to be taken if policies need to be replaced.
- 16.2 The Annual Monitoring Report, which will be available to view on the Joint Planning Unit and Council's websites, will be used to determine whether there is a need to amend the LDS. It is intended to prepare a joint Annual Monitoring Report beginning with the year ending March 2009.

Contact Details

17.0 If you have any queries on this LDS please contact us using the details below. For specific contacts on joint documents please contact the interim lead officers specified in the document profiles in appendix 3.

For documents that are led by the Joint Planning Unit:

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For documents that are led by Northampton Borough Council:

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For documents that are led by Daventry District Council:

Richard Wood Planning Policy and Housing Strategy Manager Daventry District Council Lodge Road Daventry Northamptonshire NN11 4FP	Telephone 01327 302582 rwood@daventrydc.gov.uk
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For documents that are produced by Northamptonshire County Council – i.e. the Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework

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Appendix 1

Bibliography and Definitions

Bibliography

- Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- The Town And Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 & 2008
- Communities and Local Government Plan Making Manual October 2008
- Planning Policy Statement 12: creating strong safe and prosperous communities through Local Spatial Planning
- Development Plans Examination – A Guide to the Process of Assessing the Soundness of Development Plan Documents (December 2005)

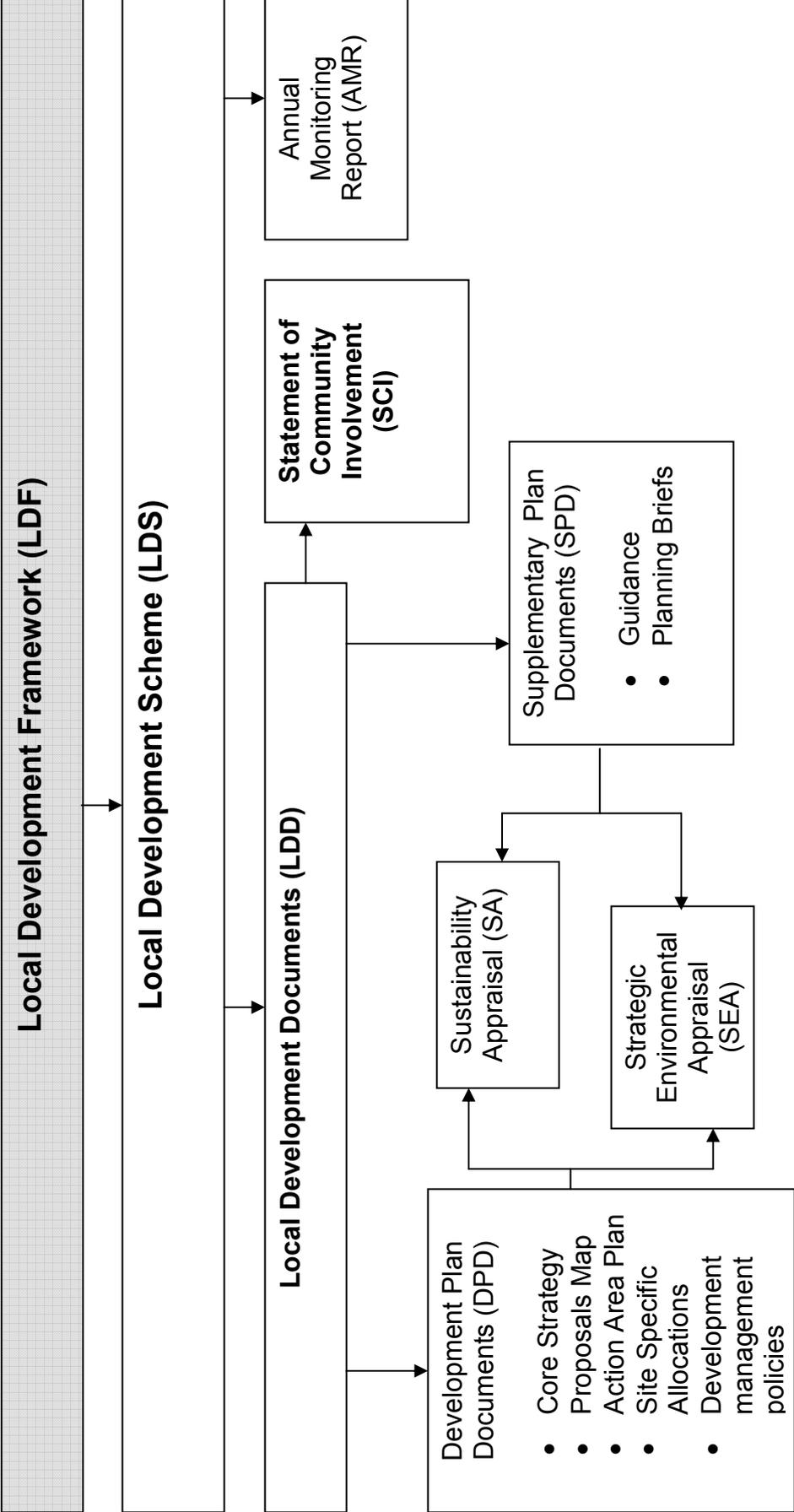
Title	Definition
Area Action Plan (AAP)	Development Plan Document providing a planning framework for areas of change and areas of conservation.
Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	Assesses the implementation of the LDS and extent to which the policies in LDDs are being achieved.
Appropriate Assessment	Assessment of the potential impact of a proposed plan on one or more European sites comprising Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protected Areas.
Community Strategy	Strategy prepared by Local Strategic Partnerships with the purpose of improving the social, economic, environmental well-being of their areas.
Core Strategy (CS)	Sets out the long-term spatial vision for the local planning authority area and the strategic policies and proposals to deliver that vision.
Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG)	The Government department with responsibility for planning and local government.
Development Control Policies	A suite of criteria-based policies which are required to ensure that all development within the area meets the vision and strategy set out in the core strategy.
Development Plan (DP)	Consists of Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) and development plan documents contained within the Local Development Framework.
Development Plan Document (DPD)	Spatial planning documents that are subject to independent examination. There will be a right for those making representations seeking change to be heard at an independent examination.

Title	Definition
Key Diagram	Diagrammatic interpretation of the spatial strategy as set out in the core strategy. To illustrate the broad strategy for the area in a similar fashion to existing Structure Plan's key diagrams. It is most likely to be appropriate to an area of significant change where the general location of broad areas of future development can be identified together with linkages between such areas and the relationship to other strategies and neighbouring areas. Broad areas of protection/little anticipated change can also be shown.
Local Development Document (LDD)	A document that forms part of the Local Development Framework. Can either be a Development Plan Document or a Supplementary Planning Document.
Local Development Framework (LDF)	Comprises a portfolio of local development documents which will provide the framework for delivering the spatial planning strategy for the area.
Parish plan	An initiative whereby local people can prepare a document that sets out their wishes for the development of their area.
Planning Policy Statement (PPS)	Government statements of national planning policy guidance. RSS and LDFs must be consistent with PPSs. Formally known as Planning Policy Guidance (PPG).
Pre-examination meeting	Procedural meeting held by Inspector appointed to hold examination into the DPD or SCI. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the management of the examination.
Proposals Map	Illustrates the policies and proposals in the development plan documents and any saved policies that are included in the local development framework.
Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)	Prepared by the regional planning body. It will set out the policies in relation to the development and use of land in the region and will be approved by the First Secretary of State. (Formally known as Regional Planning Guidance RPG)
Sustainability Appraisal (SA)	An Appraisal to ensure that all policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents (DPD) reflect sustainable proposals. This will be carried out at the same time as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
Site specific allocations and	Allocations of sites for specific or mixed

Title	Definition
policies	uses or development. Policies will identify any specific requirements for individual proposals.
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Sets out the standards which the local authority intends to achieve in relation to involving the community in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of all local development documents and in significant development control decisions, and also how the local planning authority intends to achieve those standards. The statement of community involvement will not be a development plan document but will be subject to independent examination. A consultation statement showing how the local planning authority has complied with its statement of community involvement will be required for all local development documents.
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	A generic term used internationally to describe environmental assessment as applied to policies, plans and programmes. The European 'SEA Directive' (2001/42/EC) requires a formal 'environmental assessment' of certain plans and programmes, including those in the field of planning and land use.
Saved Plan	Existing adopted plans (or parts of them) can be saved for three years from the date of commencement of the Act. Unadopted plans can be saved for three years post adoption.
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Policy guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in development plan documents. They will not form part of the development plan or be subject to independent examination. (Formally known as Supplementary Planning Guidance SPG)

Appendix 2

Main components of an LDF



Appendix 3

Profile of Local Development Documents

West Northamptonshire Core Strategy DPD		
Brief Description		
<p>To set out the spatial vision, spatial objectives and spatial strategy for all sustainable communities in West Northamptonshire accounting for its wider context.</p> <p>To assist delivery of the sustainable community strategies and Local Area Agreement during the plan period to 2026 and with a long term view to 2031.</p> <p>To set out strategic policies for the regeneration, growth and conservation of the area including strategic rural and affordable housing matters together with the phasing and infrastructure for their delivery. These strategic policies will address the management of urban growth and protection of appropriate rural settlements through the use of a future settlement hierarchy that is clear about the roles of all towns and villages and the services and facilities they should contain.</p> <p>To make strategic allocations to 2021 (depending upon the data on housing trajectory and supply that will arise from completion of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) and ensure the maintenance of at least the five year housing land supply together with establishing directions of growth for later phases.</p> <p>To set out the role of the rural areas including their conservation, protection and diversification.</p> <p>With respect to urban growth the Core Strategy will include some detail of the early sustainable urban extensions including the type and disposition of activities and land uses. The Core Strategy will provide an integrated framework for investment including associated strategic social infrastructure such as health and leisure facilities, green infrastructure, the transport and accessibility strategy and phasing of development. It will provide the context for all other Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents and will set out a monitoring and implementation framework for West Northamptonshire</p>		
Geographical area covered		The whole of West Northamptonshire
Status		DPD
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Joint Core Strategy
	4=	All DPDs
	10	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Commencement of preparation		Sept 2006
Preparation of Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report (pre June 2008 regulations)		October 2006
Publication (27)		November 2010
Submission (30)		March 2010
Adoption of document (36)		January 2011
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division		Joint Planning Unit
Management Arrangements		Joint Programme Board/ Joint Strategic Planning Committee
Resources		Est 13 FTE per year plus assistance from other departments in councils and some consultancy support.

Lead Officer	Manager of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit Phone: 01604 837838
Community Involvement	Through the adopted Statements of Community Involvement.

West Northamptonshire Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing DPD		
Brief Description		
To provide guidance to assist all parties involved (the three Councils, Development Corporation, developers, landowners, Registered Social Landlords and other affordable housing providers) in the delivery of affordable housing in new development and the contributions to the range of infrastructure required to accompany development. With respect to developer contributions it may form the basis of the Community Infrastructure Levy should this be introduced. With respect to affordable housing it will include proportions of market and affordable dwellings, size and type of affordable housing, and the range of circumstances in which affordable housing will be required.		
Geographical area covered		Covers the entirety of West Northamptonshire
Status		DPD
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Joint Core Strategy
	4	Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing DPD
	4=	All DPDs (prepared jointly or by individual authorities)
	10	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Commencement of preparation/ Consulting Statutory Bodies on the scope of Sustainability Appraisal		January 2009
Publication (27)		November 2009
Submission (30)		December 2010
Adoption of document (36)		September 2011
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division		Joint Planning Unit
Management Arrangements		Joint Programme Board/ Joint Strategic Planning Committee
Resources		4 FTE per year from JPU plus assistance from other departments in councils, WNDC and some consultancy.
Lead Officer		Manager of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit Phone: 01604 837838
Community Involvement		Through the adopted Statements of Community Involvement.

West Northamptonshire Site Allocations DPD		
Brief Description		
To set out site-specific allocations for West Northamptonshire for all land uses and any policies that will help in the determination of planning applications on specific sites and in the delivery of regeneration, growth and conservation objectives. It will include the identification, phasing and implementation of local infrastructure for sites. It may include site-specific allocations for later phases of urban extensions set out as directions of growth in the Core Strategy.		
Geographical area covered		West Northamptonshire
Status		DPD
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Joint Core Strategy
	4	West Northamptonshire Site Allocations DPD
	4=	All DPDs
	10	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Commencement of preparation/ Consulting Statutory Bodies on the scope of Sustainability Appraisal		January 2010
Publication (27)		July 2011
Submission (30)		December 2011
Adoption of document (36)		October 2012
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division		West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit
Management Arrangements		Joint Programme Board/ Joint Strategic Planning Committee
Resources		Est 8 FTE per year plus assistance from other departments in councils and some consultancy support.
Lead Officer		Manager of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit Phone: 01604 837838
Community Involvement		Through the adopted Statements of Community Involvement.

West Northamptonshire Development Management Policies DPD		
Brief Description		
To set out any specific policies that may be required against which planning applications for the development and use of land and buildings will be considered. It may include only matters not covered by Planning Policy Statements and legislation where there is a particular local issue e.g. historic conservation, protection of open space, nature conservation, highway access, car parking and rural exception housing policies.		
Geographical area covered		Covers the entirety of West Northamptonshire.
Status		DPD
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Joint Core Strategy
	4=	Development Management Policies
	4=	All DPDs (prepared jointly or by individual authorities)
	10	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Commencement of preparation/ Consulting Statutory Bodies on the scope of Sustainability Appraisal		December 2011
Publication (27)		Est December 2012
Submission (30)		Est April 2012
Adoption of document (36)		Est February 2013
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division		Joint Planning Unit
Management Arrangements		Joint Programme Board/ Joint Strategic Planning Committee
Resources		3 FTE per year from JPU plus assistance from other departments in councils and WNDC.
Lead Officer		Manager of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit Phone: 01604 837838
Community Involvement		Through the adopted Statements of Community Involvement.

Northampton Central Area Action Plan DPD		
Brief Description		
To set out the vision and strategic objectives for the Central Area up until 2026 and provide a set of policies to guide developers. The document will facilitate the transformation of the town centre and put it at the heart of a regional city, with thriving retail, residential and office development and the regeneration of deprived areas. The Development Plan Document will also ensure development of the highest environmental and urban design standards, capitalising on Northampton's rich tapestry of architectural heritage and the Waterside for tourism and leisure and provide an environment that gives priority to pedestrians and cyclists. The new town centre will be more accessible for pedestrians and cyclists and be at the hub of a comprehensive public transport system linked to surrounding areas.		
Geographical area covered		Covering Northampton town centre. Exact area to be determined as work progresses.
Status		DPD
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Joint Core Strategy
	4=	Central Area Action Plan
	4=	All DPDs (prepared jointly or by individual authorities))
	10	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Commencement of preparation		November 2006
Preparation of Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report		Dec 2006 - March 2007
Consultation on Options (25 of 2004 regulations)		June 2007- March 2009
Publication of development plan document (27)		November 2009
Submission of DPD and SA report (30)		June 2010
Adoption of document (36)		May 2011
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division		Northampton Borough Council/ Regeneration, Growth & Community Development
Management Arrangements		LDD Steering Group/Cabinet
Resources		5 FTE over four years drawn from within the Borough Council. Co-operation with other Local Authorities on transferable issues and solutions.
Community Involvement		Through the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

South Northamptonshire Rural Settlements DPD		
Brief Description		
To set out village confines and areas of important local space for settlements within South Northamptonshire District in accordance with the settlement hierarchy set out in the Joint Core Strategy.		
Geographical area covered	South Northamptonshire District	
Status	DPD	
Will it be produced jointly with other authorities?	No	
If yes, then with which authorities?		
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Joint Core Strategy
	4=	Rural Settlements DPD
	4=	All DPDs (prepared jointly or by individual authorities)
	5	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Commencement of preparation/ Consulting Statutory Bodies on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	May 2010	
Publication (27)	June 2011	
Submission (30)	December 2011	
Adoption of document (36)	October 2012	
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division	South Northamptonshire Council Planning Directorate	
Management Arrangements	LDF Steering Group/ Cabinet and Full Council	
Resources	1.5 FTE drawn from the Policy Team	
Community Involvement	Through the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.	

Daventry Town DPD		
Brief Description		
To set out site-specific allocations for housing, employment, retail and other land uses and policies that will help in the determination of planning applications on specific sites and in the delivery of regeneration, growth and conservation objectives within Daventry Town. It will include the identification and implementation of local infrastructure. It will include site-specific allocations within Daventry existing urban area and sustainable urban extensions as set out in the Joint Core Strategy.		
Geographical area covered		Covers the entirety of Daventry Town and adjoining area. Exact area to be determined as work progresses
Status		DPD
Will it be produced jointly with other authorities?		No
If yes, then with which authorities?		
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Joint Core Strategy
	4=	Daventry Town DPD
	4=	All DPDs (prepared jointly or by individual authorities)
	10	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Consulting Statutory Bodies on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal		June 2012
Publication (27)		Est January 2013
Submission (30)		Est September 2013
Adoption of document (36)		Est June 2014
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division		Daventry District Council
Management Arrangements		Strategy Group and Council meetings
Resources		2.5 FTE per year drawn from within the District Council.
Community Involvement		Through the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

West Northamptonshire Affordable Housing SPD		
Brief Description		
To provide guidance to assist all parties involved (the three Councils, developers, landowners, Registered Social Landlords and other affordable housing providers) in the delivery of affordable housing through new development in the interim period before the Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing DPD is adopted. It will include proportions of market and affordable dwellings, size and type of affordable housing, and the range of circumstances in which affordable housing will be required.		
Geographical area covered		West Northamptonshire
Status		SPD
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Saved policies
	4=	All DPDs
	10	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Commencement of preparation		March 2007
Consultation on draft SPD and SA Report (17)		April – May 2009
Adoption of SPD (19)		September 2009
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division		West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit
Management Arrangements		Joint Programme Board/ Joint Strategic Planning Committee
Resources		Consultants and 0.4 FTE from the Joint Planning Unit with assistance from the Borough and District Council's Planning Policy and Housing Strategy teams.
Lead Officer		Manager of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit. Phone: 01604 837838
Community Involvement		Through the adopted Statements of Community Involvement.

Silverstone Circuit Development Brief SPD¹		
Brief Description		
Guidance covering the future development of Silverstone Circuit		
Geographical area covered	Covers the entirety of Silverstone Circuit which is in South Northamptonshire and Aylesbury Vale Districts	
Status	SPD	
Will it be produced jointly with other authorities?	Yes	
If yes, then with which authorities?	Aylesbury Vale District Council	
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Joint Core Strategy
	4=	All DPDs (prepared jointly or by individual authorities)
	5	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Commencement of preparation	June 2007	
Consultation on draft SPD and SA Report	January 2011	
Adoption of SPD	July 2011	
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division	South Northamptonshire Council Planning and Leisure Division & Aylesbury Vale District Council	
Management Arrangements	LDF Steering Group and appropriate delegated powers	
Resources	1.0 FTE drawn from Policy Team and Development Control Teams	
Community Involvement	Through the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.	

¹ It is intended to prepare the Silverstone Development Brief in advance of the Joint Core Strategy to help address the current and anticipated development pressures. If it is considered appropriate to adopt the Brief as formal SPD this will follow the adoption of the Joint Core Strategy

Daventry Town/ Village Design Statements SPD		
Brief Description		
To provide design guidance to inform proposals for development.		
Geographical area covered		Subject to progress being made by community groups.
Status		SPD
Chain of Conformity	1	PPSs and PPGs and Government Policy
	2	RSS
	3	Joint Core Strategy
	4=	All DPDs (prepared jointly or by individual authorities)
	5	Supplementary Planning Documents
Timetable for production and conformity with appropriate (regulations)		
Commencement of preparation		June 08/09/10/11
Consultation on draft SPD and SA Report (17)		Nov - Dec 08/09/10
Adoption of SPD (19)		February 09/10/11
Arrangements for Production		
Lead Authority/Division		Daventry District Council
Management Arrangements		Full Council will adopt SPD. Local community will determine how the project is managed
Resources		Limited resources required. Ad-hoc assistance from officers to support community groups and to undertake editing of draft documents. Local community will undertake and fund preparation of VDS
Community Involvement		Through the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

Appendix 4

Saved Supplementary Planning Guidance

Countywide Saved SPG

Parking (2003)
Planning Obligations and Local Education Authority School Provision (June 2004)
Planning Out Crime in Northamptonshire (2003)

Daventry District Council Saved SPG

Boughton Village Design Statement (VDS) (2003)
Brixworth VDS (2004)
Creaton VDS (2004)
Crick VDS (2004)
Farthingstone VDS (2004)
Ravensthorpe VDS (1999)
Boughton Conservation Area Appraisal (2002)
Grand Union/Oxford Canal Conservation Area (1995)
Moulton Conservation Area Appraisal and Design Guide (1997)
Scaldwell Conservation Area Appraisal and Design Guide (1998)
DIRFT Phase 1 Development Brief
Middlemore 1 Development Brief (2001)
Middlemore 2 Development Brief (2001)
Middlemore 3a Development Brief (2001)
Middlemore 3b Development Brief (2001)
Middlemore 3c Development Brief (2002)
Middlemore 5a Development Brief (2004)
Infrastructure Interim SPD (2004)
Braunston Canal Strategy (2000)
Church Brampton (Residential Development Guidelines) (1997)
Daventry Conservation Area Shopfront Design Guide
Design and Location of Agricultural Buildings (1999)
Shopfront Security
Designing House extensions (1997)
The Retention of Playing Pitches (2000)

Northampton Borough Council Saved SPG

Delapre Abbey
Residential Extension Design Guide
Shop Front Design Guide

South Northamptonshire District Council Saved SPG

Advertisements (Feb 1996)
Affordable Housing (Dec 2003)^(*)
Backland Development (March 2004)^(*)
College Place, Brackley, Development Brief (Sept 2002)
Conservation Areas (March 1998)
Developer Contributions (Aug 2001)^(*)
Elementis Pigments Site, Deanshanger, Planning Brief (April 2001)

Farm Diversification (Feb 1996)^(*)
Grange Park, Courteenhall Planning Brief (Sept 1997)
Horse Related Development (June 1999)^(*)
Light Pollution (Oct 1998)
Listed Buildings (Aug 2002)
Moat Lane, Towcester, Planning Brief (Dec 2002)
Nature Conservation (Feb 1996)
Northamptonshire Canal Partnership Strategy (Aug 1999)
Paulerspury and Pury End Village Design Statement (2005)
Radstone Technology, Towcester, Planning Brief (Jan 2003)
Residential Design In the Countryside: Planning Guidance Notes and Village Design Guides (Jan 1996)^(*)
Reuse of Rural Buildings (April 2005)
Residential Extensions (Sept 1998)^(*)
Roofscapes (Sept 1998)
Satellite Dishes (May 2002)
Shop Fronts (Feb 1996)
Silverstone Circuit Planning Brief (2005)
Silverstone Campsite Appraisal (Nov 2003)
Springfield Way, Brackley (July 2002)
Sun Moon and Stars, Blisworth, Planning Brief (June 2004)
Telecommunications (Nov 2002)
Thatching (Feb 1996)
Trees and Development (Feb 1996)
Trees in Conservation Areas and TPO's (March 2001)
Walkerpack, Roade, Planning Brief (May 2004)
Whittlebury Design Statement (Feb 1999)
Windows and Doors (Feb 1996)
Working From Home (November 1998)

Appendix 5

Evidence Base

NB requires update

County Wide

- Northamptonshire Local Transport Plan 2006
- Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment
- Northamptonshire Green Infrastructure
- Northamptonshire Joint Waste Management Strategy 2001
- Northamptonshire Commercial Property and Employment Land Assessment
- Northamptonshire Biodiversity Action Plan
- Northamptonshire Gypsy and Travellers' Accommodation and Needs Assessment

West Northamptonshire

- Northampton Longer Term Growth Options Study
- West Northamptonshire Housing Market Assessment
- Northampton Multi Model Study Update
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Water Cycle Study
- South Northamptonshire and Daventry Crime and Disorder Strategy

Daventry District Council

- Issues Paper 2002
- Daventry District Transport Strategy 2001
- Model Development Areas 2004
- Retail Study 2003
- Housing Needs Survey 2006
- Town Centre Vision 2004
- Daventry District Council Annual Monitoring Report 2005
- Daventry LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options 2005
- Daventry Community Strategy 2006
- Daventry Urban Capacity Study 2004
- Sport and Recreation Audit and Assessment
- Daventry Housing Strategy 2003
- Daventry Economic Development Strategy 2003
- Daventry Rural Revival Strategy 2003
- Sports Development Strategy 2005

Northampton Borough Council

- Urban Capacity Study 2002 (2003)
- Northampton Shopping Study Update (2004)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2004)
- Playing Pitch Strategy (2005)
- Northampton Community Strategy (2002)
- South West District Review (2004)
- Allotments Strategy (2004)

- Open Space, Sport and Recreation Assessment and Needs Audit (2006)
- Northampton Employment Land Study (2006)
- Central Area Design, Development and Movement Framework (2006)
- Northampton Housing Strategy
- Northampton Housing Needs Survey

South Northamptonshire Council

- Infrastructure Assessment for Towcester and Brackley
- Issues Papers (2001)
- Issues Report (2004)
- South Northamptonshire LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options (2005)
- South Northamptonshire LDF Annual Monitoring Report 2005
- Parish Action Plans
- Public Open Space Strategy
- Retail Studies for Brackley and Towcester
- South Northamptonshire Communications Strategy
- South Northamptonshire Community Safety Strategy
- South Northamptonshire Community Strategy
- South Northamptonshire Consultation Strategy
- South Northamptonshire Cultural Strategy
- South Northamptonshire Economic Development Strategy
- South Northamptonshire Environment Strategy
- South Northamptonshire Household Survey
- South Northamptonshire Housing Needs Study
- South Northamptonshire Housing Strategy
- South Northamptonshire Performance Plan
- South Northamptonshire Social Inclusion Strategy
- Urban Capacity Studies for Brackley and Towcester (2005)
- Towcester MMS
- Nathaniel Litchfield Towcester reports
- Northampton Longer Term Growth Study
- Northampton Multi Modal Study Update

Appendix 6

Composite timetable for the preparation of Local Development Documents

