**North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan**

**Scope and Issues**

**Consultation Response Form**

North Northamptonshire Council is preparing a new Strategic Plan for the area. This will review and replace the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy which was adopted in July 2016. The plan is intended to cover the period 2021-2041, although the vision may look further ahead.

The Scope and Issues Consultation is the first stage in preparing the new plan, no decisions have been made yet and the purpose of the document is to raise awareness and stimulate debate.

You can find out more about the Scope and Issues Consultation and view the document electronically at: <https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com/planning/north-northants-strategic-plan-scope-and-issues-co>

You can inspect a hard copy of the consultation document and supporting material at the Council Offices in Corby, Kettering, Thrapston and Wellingborough and the main libraries throughout North Northamptonshire during normal opening hours.

If you have any questions about the consultation or need help completing the form, please email: [planningpolicy@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@northnorthants.gov.uk) or call Customer Services on 0300 126 3000 and request a call back from the Planning Policy team.

The consultation period starts on **28 March 2022** and closes at **5.00pm** **on 23 May 2022**

Our preference is for responses to be submitted using our online questionnaire, however, we will also accept hard copies. Please return your response form:

**By e-mail:** [planningpolicy@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@northnorthants.gov.uk)

**By Post:** Strategic Plan Team, North Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

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Please note that it is not possible for responses to be considered anonymously. Summaries of responses will be published on the website but personal information, including address and contact details will not be published or made available for public inspection.

The content of your responses may reveal personal information about yourself or others. It is your responsibility to ensure that your submitted comments do not reveal personal information about others.

By submitting a response, you confirm that you agree to how we process your data and accept responsibility for your comments.

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This form has two parts:

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Part A – contact details

Part B – your comments

**Part A**

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| **1. Personal Details\*** | | **2. Agent’s Details (if applicable)** |
| *\* If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in column 2.* | | |
| **Title** |  |  |
| **First name** |  |  |
| **Last name** |  |  |
| **Job title (where relevant)** |  |  |
| **Organisation (where relevant)** |  |  |
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| **Line 3** |  |  |
| **City/Town** |  |  |
| **County** |  |  |
| **Postcode** |  |  |
| **Telephone number** |  |  |
| **Email (if provided we will always contact you this way)** |  |  |

**PART B**

The Scope and Issues Consultation Document is arranged in sections with associated questions, which are set out below. The questions should be read in conjunction with the consultation document. Please note that you don’t have to answer every question.

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| **Vision and Outcomes** | | |
|  | **Question** | **Your comments** |
| 1 | Is the vision in the JCS still appropriate for guiding future development and growth in North Northamptonshire. Are there any changes you would like to see to the vision and why? |  |
| 2 | Are the spatial outcomes in the JCS still the most appropriate ones for guiding development and growth in North Northamptonshire in light of the issues discussed in this document. What changes to, or other outcomes would you like to see? |  |
| **Relationship with Oxford-Cambridge Arc** | | |
| 3 | How should the Strategic Plan respond to the Oxford-Cambridge Arc? |  |
| **What period should the plan cover?** | | |
| 4 | Do you agree that the plan-period should be 2021 to 2041? If not, what should it be and why? |  |
| **Climate Change** | | |
| 5 | What is a realistic and deliverable pathway for reaching net zero for the Strategic Plan? |  |
| 6 | What are the key measures that the plan should take to ensure appropriate climate change adaptation, mitigation and resilience? |  |
| **Levelling Up** | | |
| 7 | How can the Strategic Plan help to level up and ensure no community is left behind? |  |
| 8 | Are there priority areas for levelling up that the plan should focus on? |  |
| **The spatial strategy for the distribution of development** | | |
| 9 | Should future needs be met by continuing with the current strategy of urban-focused growth. If not, why |  |
| 10 | Are there any other spatial options not already identified in the consultation document that should be considered? |  |
| **Housing** | | |
| 11 | Should the Strategic Plan set out a provision for housing above Local Housing Need? If so, what should this uplift be? |  |
| 12 | What measures could the plan include to diversify the housing offer or otherwise increase the rates of housing delivery? |  |
| 13 | Are there any particular types of specialist housing that you feel there should be more of? Do you have any evidence to support this? |  |
| 14 | Should the Strategic Plan maintain the approach to accessibility and space standards that are set out in the JCS? Is there any evidence to support exceeding these? |  |
| 15 | Could the Strategic Plan improve the approach to environmental standards in homes? If so, what could be improved and is there any evidence to support this? |  |
| 16 | Do you agree with the current policy approach to accommodating gypsies and travellers and travelling show people? Please explain your answer. |  |
| 17 | Is Policy 31 of the Joint Core Strategy still appropriate for assessing planning applications? Are there any changes you would like to see and why? |  |
| 18 | Should the Strategic Plan contain a policy regarding Housing in Multiple Occupation? If yes, please explain. |  |
| **Economic Growth** | | |
| 19 | What can the Strategic Plan do to support the delivery of committed employment sites? |  |
| 20 | Should any existing employment allocations be de-allocated/used for another use? If so which sites and for what use? |  |
| 21 | Should new sites be identified for employment uses? If so, where and for what type of employment? |  |
| 22 | How should the demand for logistics be addressed in the area? |  |
| 23 | How can the Strategic Plan deliver high quality, better skilled jobs? |  |
| 24 | How can the Strategic Plan help to address skills shortages and promote better training and further and higher education opportunities? |  |
| 25 | How should the Strategic Plan encourage appropriate tourism opportunities? |  |
| **Town Centres** | | |
| 26 | How can the Strategic Plan support town centres so they continue to act as the heart of their communities? |  |
| 27 | What should the future role of Rushden Lakes and other out-of-centre locations be? |  |
| **Strategic development locations and opportunities** | | |
| 28 | Should the strategic sites threshold of 500+ dwellings or 5+ ha of employment land be retained or amended? Please provide reasons for amendments. |  |
| **Infrastructure** | | |
| 29 | What are the key infrastructure priorities that need to be delivered in North Northamptonshire and how can they be best be delivered? |  |
| **Place-making/sustainable development** | | |
| 30 | Does the consultation document identify the correct place-making principles for the Strategic Plan or are there any others that need to be considered? |  |
| **Natural and historic environment** | | |
| 31 | What are the key mechanisms the plan should use to achieve a net environmental gain and how can this be measured? |  |
| 32 | Should the plan seek to introduce biodiversity net gain targets above the mandated 10% and align to the Oxford – Cambridge Arc target of 20%? |  |
| 33 | Should the plan seek to identify opportunity areas for enhancing the natural environment at a strategic scale? Should this include continuing to identify green infrastructure corridors? |  |
| 34 | Should the plan seek to introduce other environmental targets? If so, what should they cover and how should they be measured? |  |
| 35 | How should the plan seek to improve equality of sustainable access to nature and its benefits. Should the plan include standards of access to green space? |  |
| 36 | Should the plan identify particular landscapes that are more sensitive to change? |  |
| 37 | How should the plan set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment? |  |
| **Process and next steps** | | |
| 38 | Are there any issues that you feel we have missed and should be considered in the Strategic Plan? |  |

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| **Please tick the box if you wish to be kept informed at all the key stages in the process of producing the new Plan.** |  |

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| **Signature** |  | **Date** |  |

**Thank you for taking the time to complete the form.**

**Please return it to the council**

**by 5.00pm on 23 May.**