



## West Northamptonshire Council

West Northamptonshire Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the area to guide development up to 2043. The West Northamptonshire Local Plan will replace the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) and the Part 2 Local Plans which were adopted for the former Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire areas.

The consultation period commences on 29 January 2026 and will run for a period of 8 weeks until 27 March 2026

If you have any comments to make, please use the form below:

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Please refer to relevant paragraph and/or Policy number(s) as appropriate

#### Chapter 7 Making Great Places - Brackley

The Parish Council strongly agrees with Policy B2 – Brackley Connectivity and Travel Policy B5 - Land to the West of Brackley – this development will impact negatively on the dangerous crossroads Radstone Road /B4525.

The parish council notes the proposed Bucks development at Turweston (3850 homes) will hugely impact upon Brackley's town facilities and other infrastructure and increase traffic on the A43. Bucks Council should provide investment in Brackley, should this development go ahead.

#### Chapter 10: Making Great Places – Rural Areas

The parish council agrees with Helmdon's classification under policy R3 "Other Villages The boundary of the village confines map is thought to be appropriate.

B(iv/v) (in policies R1,2,3 "the development is economic development that will enhance or maintain the vitality or sustainability of the Secondary Service Village or would contribute towards and improve the local economy" - this definition is felt to be far too loose and will result in developers taking advantage to justify their proposal.

#### Chapter 11 Homes

We support Policy HO4 Exception Sites

#### Local Needs Site

Para 1.7.2 "As with rural exception sites, applicants of local needs sites are encouraged to engage with parish councils at an early stage to discuss proposals and to understand specific local needs."

We feel it is important for the Local Planning Authority to note that engagement by the Parish Council with the developer does not bring with it an automatic inference of support. Parish Councils must be able to engage (if they so wish) without this fear. Developers should not, therefore, be able to merely point to "engagement" to demonstrate Parish Council support. Rather, they should be expected to detail how they engaged, and what the response of the Parish Council was.

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