

# The East Northamptonshire Local Plan (2011-2031) Public Consultation

## What is the Council consulting on?

To ensure it meets future housing requirements up to 2031 the Council is proposing an additional development site to the west of the Rushden Lakes shopping and leisure area. In addition Government is looking to meet the need for specialist school provision within East Northamptonshire.

Therefore the Council has included these proposals in its Local Plan for public consultation.

Details of the two proposals are set out below.



## How can I make my views known?

The Public Consultation on the proposed site allocations runs until 23 March 2020.

Representations can be made as follows:

[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LPp2AdSites/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LPp2AdSites/)

## What happens next?

Following the close of the public consultation all comments made will be taken into account and reported to Committee. The Local Plan Part 2 will be revised and then submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination later in the year. As part of this submission a further consultation period for representations on the final Plan is anticipated in the summer.

# Rushden Lakes West

## What is proposed for the Rushden Lakes West?

Land to the west of Rushden Lakes has been identified as a potential development allocation in the Draft East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 (2011-2031).

It will provide for a sustainable and attractive development, helping to meet the long-term housing requirements and economic growth for the area, including supporting infrastructure. It also will offer a high quality of life for both new and existing residents within the wider area.

## How will the proposal be taken forward?

Representations submitted during this consultation period will be taken into account, before a revised version of the Local Plan is reported to Council later in the year. A Development Brief will be drafted for the site and a planning application will be required to provide details of how the development will be taken forward. This will ensure that a comprehensive approach to development takes place, to address a wide range of issues.

## What will the policy allocation seek to deliver?

It will provide guidance for a wide range of requirements, in particular it will require:

- a) A development of 450 houses, employment related uses and green infrastructure.
- b) Good accessibility connections across the A45 to the rest of Rushden.
- c) A mix of employment and leisure/tourism uses, including a possible hotel
- d) A sensitively designed environment responding to the existing landscape character.
- e) A well-connected grid of streets and new links to connect with the wider countryside.
- f) Appropriate green spaces and other measures mitigating any impact on the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area.
- g) Green spaces with the imaginative use of water to both manage drainage and make them more attractive.



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# Special Educational Needs School

## What is proposed for the designated school site?

Land to the south of Chelveston Lane within Higham Ferrers Parish, between Moulton College and the A6 by-pass, is proposed as the location for a school as identified as a site allocation in the Draft East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 (2011-2031).

The Department of Education has identified the need for a 145 place secondary school - to meet special educational needs (SEN school) serving the wider area.

## How will the proposal be taken forward?

Representations submitted during this consultation period will be taken into account, before a revised version of the Local Plan is reported to Council later in the year. A planning application has recently been submitted which provides detailed plans of how the development could be taken forward – reference: 19/02011/FUL.

To ensure that a comprehensive approach to development takes place however, a policy has been included in the Local

Plan to enable public consultation with the local community and stakeholders.

Over 20 sites were assessed as part of the background work undertaken. This site was considered as the most suitable for the proposed school, having the benefits also of being both an available and viable site for ensuring delivery.

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It will provide guidance for a range of requirements, in particular it will require:

- a) A development to provide a 145 place secondary school to meet special educational needs (SEN school)
- b) The Department of Education (DfE) has identified a need for this type of school in a location roughly equidistant from Wellingborough, Rushden, Raunds and Thrapston.