

Schedule of proposed changes to the Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan (submitted January 2008)

Following previous consultation, some editorial changes have been proposed to the Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan. We will now carry out the next stage of consultation on these changes.

Changes proposed by	Policy/ paragraph	Details
EMRA – East Midlands Regional Assembly	Paragraph 1.15	Insert the following new paragraph after paragraph 1.15: <i>“The new Regional Plan (RSS8) is likely to be adopted soon, which will run up to 2026 and supersede the current RSS8, adopted March 2005. Following this, a review of the Core Strategy (CSS, paragraph 1.21) will be undertaken to take this up to 2026. Similarly, this will be followed by an early review of the Plan, looking at longer term development proposals for the Plan area.”</i>
EMRA – East Midlands Regional Assembly	Paragraph 4.9	Revision to 1 st sentence, paragraph 4.9: <i>“In accordance with the Core Strategy (Policies 1 and 10), the principal housing and employment allocations...”</i>
GOEM – Government Office for the East Midlands	Paragraph 4.14	Insert the following new paragraph after paragraph 4.14: <i>“The development strategies for Oundle and Thrapston (Sections 9.0 and 10.0) provide more details about the phasing of development in these rural service centres. The full approach to phasing in Oundle and Thrapston is set out in policies OUN1 and THR5 respectively.”</i>
GOEM – Government Office for the East Midlands	Policies 3 and 4	Delete policies 3 and 4, which are to be merged with policies OUN1 and THR5 respectively.
Natural England	Policy 6	Revisions to Policy 6 introductory paragraph: <i>“Development within the plan area will contribute and link into the wider green infrastructure network. To prevent adverse impacts on the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits pSPA/ pRamsar site, specific Green Infrastructure projects will be designed in consultation with Natural England.</i> <i>The linking of communities to key assets and destinations will be achieved through the provision of specific routes, including:...”</i>

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Natural England	Policy 6	<p>New supporting text to follow Policy 6: <i>“A number of the Green Infrastructure routes identified in Policy 6 run adjacent to the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits European site. Principally, this is the case with those routes that radiate from Thrapston, to the south of the Plan area. If mitigation measures are required to prevent impacts on the pSPA/ pRamsar sites these should include one or more of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The design of vegetation and landscaping schemes to ensure adequate screening and buffering to the pSPA/pRamsar site;</i> • <i>If necessary, fencing and/or controlled access to the most sensitive areas of the pSPA/pRamsar site; and</i> • <i>The use of interpretation / information boards if appropriate.”</i>
GOEM – Government Office for the East Midlands	Policy 10	<p>Revision to Policy 10 introductory paragraph: <i>“In accordance with the design criteria set out in Policy 2 of the Plan and Policy 14 of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy, all new development proposals for housing should be developed at a net density consistent with:”</i></p>
GOEM – Government Office for the East Midlands	Paragraph 5.3/ Policy 11	<p>Delete paragraph 5.3 and replace by side/ margin note relating to Policy 11: <i>“‘Smaller’ dwellings are defined by the Council as those of 1-2 bedroom, ‘medium sized’ dwellings are defined as 3 bedroom and ‘larger’ dwellings as 4 or more bedrooms.”</i></p>
GOEM – Government Office for the East Midlands	Policy OUN1	<p>Revision to Policy OUN1 to incorporate Policy 3 text: <i>“Planning Permission will not be granted for the development sites outlined at policies OUN2 and OUN3 of this Plan until the Council is satisfied that necessary infrastructure is in place to deal with the cumulative impact of development.</i></p> <p><i>At each stage in the phased release of development land, contributions will be required towards local infrastructure, including the transport network and town centre car parking, health, education, leisure and community facilities, to ensure that these are in place to deal with the demands arising from new development.</i></p> <p><i>A town wide traffic survey will be undertaken to provide a baseline assessment for any site based Transport Assessments and will inform the preparation of a transport strategy for the</i></p>

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		<p><i>town, in order that a holistic approach is taken to dealing with the effects of new development.</i></p> <p><i>The release rate for housing development land in Oundle will be dependent upon the delivery of the necessary infrastructure, services and facilities and related to the delivery of a high quality business development at East Road.</i></p> <p><i>Longer term development sites will be brought forward through a review of the Plan.”</i></p>
GOEM – Government Office for the East Midlands	Policy THR5	<p>Revisions to Policy THR5 text to incorporate Policy 4 text: <i>“A new neighbourhood will be developed on land to the south of Thrapston, between Huntingdon Road/ Market Road, the A14/ A605 and Midland Road. The mix of uses will include housing, a medical centre, open space and high quality commercial development.</i></p> <p><i>The phases of development will be defined in a master plan, which will provide full details of the necessary trigger thresholds for additional infrastructure, setting out:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>[(a) – (i)]</i> <p><i>Development to the south of Thrapston will be undertaken in stages, dependent upon the delivery of the necessary strategic infrastructure, services and facilities. In particular, the delivery of housing on the site will be phased in line with the projected availability of school places.</i></p> <p><i>Where required, longer term development sites will be brought forward through a review of the Plan.”</i></p>