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1. INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

- 1.1 This Strategy Statement considers the history and issues of particular relevance to Southwick, and must be read in conjunction with the general policies and proposals.
- 1.2 Southwick is located approximately 2½ miles north-west of Oundle. The Icnvet family held the manor from the 12th Century. In the 14th Century John Icnvet, through his ability in the legal profession, became Lord Chancellor and he rebuilt the tower to the Church and built extensively at Southwick Hall. In the north-west of Southwick Parish there is a chalybeate spring. During the 17th Century its medicinal properties were recognised and bathing facilities were constructed.
- 1.3 In Southwick Parish there are 11 entries on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest. Short Wood, which is situated to the south of the village, is a site of Special Scientific Interest. The village is in the Special Landscape Area.
- 1.4 In 1991 the population of Southwick Parish was 161, with a dwelling stock of 68, which includes 11 dwellings owned by the District Council. The mid 1995 estimates are the same.
- 1.5 A variety of mobile services visit the village and there is a playing field, village hall and a public house. A bus service operates to Oundle and Peterborough. Southwick does not have mains drainage.

2. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- 2.1 The general form and character of the village is such that it is considered unable to accommodate significant development without affecting that character, or the village setting. Southwick is therefore categorised as a Restricted Infill settlement in policy H10.
- 2.2 Land is not allocated for housing or employment on the Inset Proposals Map and development will not be permitted on the areas designated as Important Open Land. During the Plan period some new housing may be permitted. This will need to be within the confines of the village and must satisfy the criteria set out in policy H12. Schemes for affordable housing may be allowed beyond the confines of the village, provided the criteria set out in policy H16 are satisfied.
- 2.3 Small scale business, general industrial and tourism developments located within the confines of the village may be permitted, provided the criteria set out in policy EMP11 are satisfied. The provision of recreation and community facilities will be supported by the District Council within the terms of policy RL1.