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1. INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

- 1.1 This Strategy Statement considers the history and issues of particular relevance to Sudborough, and must be read in conjunction with the general policies and proposals.
- 1.2 Sudborough is located approximately 3 miles north-west of Thrapston on the A6116. The village is in the heart of the old Rockingham Forest, with Harper's Brook flowing to the south. Sudborough was recorded in the Domesday book as Sutberg. All Saints Church in the centre of the village dates back to the 13th Century. To the east of the village, on the line of the old Turnpike road there is a Toll House which has a circular shape and conical roof.
- 1.3 In Sudborough, there are 24 entries on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest, 18 are within the Conservation Area which encompasses the majority of the village from the Manor House in the west to the Round House in the east. The village is in the Special Landscape Area.
- 1.4 In 1991 the population of Sudborough Parish was 138, with a dwelling stock of 76. The mid 1995 estimates are the same.
- 1.5 Sudborough is served by mains drainage, a public house, a village hall, and is visited by a variety of mobile services. A bus service operates to Corby and Thrapston. There is also a Riding School in the village.

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. Sudborough 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.
- 2.4 The existing Conservation Area boundary is shown on the Inset Proposals Map. Development within this area will need to have regard to policies EN12 to EN14, EN16, EN17 and EN19. The boundary may be modified in the future.