



East
Northamptonshire
Council

Planning Policy Committee – 17 June 2013

Planning Policy and Conservation Update

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to :

- Provide an update on progress on the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, Four Towns Plan; Neighbourhood Plans and other key areas of planning policy and conservation work

Attachment(s)

Appendix 1 North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, Four Towns Plan and other projects
Appendix 2 Neighbourhood Planning and other projects

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At Planning Policy Committee on 12 December 2011, members requested that progress on the Four Towns Plan and other relevant policy documents be reported at subsequent committees. This report provides an update on these and some of the other areas of work that the Planning Policy and Conservation Team are involved in. Members should note that this is not an exhaustive list, but is provided to give a flavour of the work in progress.
- 1.2 The appendices have been re-designed with the aim of providing a more succinct, clear picture of progress, including highlighting working party or committees, as appropriate. The appendices have also been colour-coded to indicate broadly as follows: red = working party or committee, yellow = Local Plan or SPD, green = Neighbourhood Plan, Design Statements, Masterplans (i.e. community-led projects), blue = all other work e.g. Monitoring/research, Conservation etc.

2.0 Update

2.1 Joint Core Strategy and Four Towns Plan etc (Appendix 1)

Work continues to progress on the Core Strategy and Four Towns Plan. From previous reports and discussions, members will be aware of the intrinsic links between the plans and members are reminded that they can view all items relating to the Joint Core Strategy and Joint Planning Committee via <http://www.nnjpu.org.uk/>

- 2.2 An Interim Housing paper is to be presented at the Joint Planning Committee on 13th June and members shall note that this is to be considered as a separate item at ENC's Planning Policy Committee 17th June.

2.3 Neighbourhood Plans etc (Appendix 2)

A separate report is presented to this committee to consider the responses to the respective Higham Ferrers and Oundle Neighbourhood Plan boundary areas. No decision has been taken by Raunds yet re- their Neighbourhood Plan boundary area. Members shall also note that a lot of work is currently taking place on the Community Infrastructure Levy and this is anticipated to be reported to committee in September 2013.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 This progress report is provided for members' information.

4.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

4.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The lack of an up-to-date plan would potentially result in more planning appeals, with associated potential costs for the Council.

6.0 Risk Management

6.1 Delays to the preparation of the Four Towns Plan will result in the south of the District not having an up-to-date, robust detailed planning policy framework to defend against any unwanted development. However, the existing North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (adopted June 2008) does provide a strategic policy framework for this area, and a small number of "saved" policies from the 1996 District Local Plan still remain in force.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 None

8.0 Corporate Outcomes

8.1 The relevant Corporate Outcomes are:

- Good quality of life: Regeneration and Economic Development, Sustainable Development, High quality built environment
- Strong strategic partnerships

9.0 Recommendation

9.1 Members note current progress.

(Reason – to provide an update on progress for Members' information)

Legal	Power: Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Localism Act 2011				
	Other considerations: None				
Background Papers: Minutes of Planning Policy Committee, 12 December 2011					
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	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14
Neighbourhood Planning and other Projects											
Team website pages being updated											
Planning Services Satisfaction Survey											
Preparing surveys, setting up ICT systems and analysing responses											
Rockingham Potential Local Development Order											
Investigating feasibility of LDO with CBC and NNDC											
King's Cliffe Meadow: Local Nature Reserve designation											
Some improvements to the site are required before Natural England will support the LNR designation. Bid to be prepared and submitted to seek grant funding to enable this to happen (partnered by NCC and Wildlife Trust).											

NB Assistance on Community Plans is being provided as requested:

- Thrapston Community Plan
- Kingcliffe Community Plan
- Stanwick Community Plan
- Woodford Community Plan