

# South Northamptonshire Council

## Council

1 March 2016

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| <p><b>South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2a:<br/>Proposed Plan Area</b></p> |
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### Report of the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy

This report is public

#### Purpose of report

To consider amending the Plan Area for the Part 2A Local Plan to cover the whole of the administrative area of the District.

#### 1.0 Recommendation

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the whole of South Northamptonshire District as the Plan area for the Part 2A Local Plan.

#### 2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 South Northamptonshire is continuing work on our Local Plan Part 2A which will shape the future of the district up to 2029. The next stage of preparation is the Options consultation that will commence in March 2016.
- 2.2 A key decision will be to agree the geographical area for the Plan. At the first consultation stage (The Issues) in 2013/2014 the Plan area included the whole District excluding the Northampton Related Development Area, which was identified in the Joint Core Strategy to specifically meet the housing needs of Northampton. At that time it was considered that any additional policies for this area would have been included in the Northampton Related Development Area Allocations and Development Management Policies Local Plan as well as associated masterplans. Since this time it has now been agreed that the Northampton Related Development Area Allocations and Development Management Policies Local Plan will not be prepared and in its place Northampton Borough Council is to prepare a Part 2 Local Plan that will cover its own administrative area.
- 2.3 At the meeting of the Planning Policy and Regeneration Committee held on January 20 2016 the consultation papers for the Options stage of the Plan were approved. These included reference to the Plan area as continuing to exclude land within the NRDA.

2.4 The areas within the NRDA within South Northamptonshire are as follows:

- The proposed development at Norwood Farm
- The proposed development at Northampton West
- The proposed development South of Brackmills
- Grange Park
- Wootton Fields (the Poppyridge estate and extension)

2.5 Although the Part 2A Local Plan will not propose any changes to the proposals set out in the WNJCS for the sites within the NRDA it is considered important that the areas are included in the Plan area. The reasons for this are as follows:

- The area is no longer included within the Northampton Related Development Area Allocations and Development Management Policies Local Plan and as such would not be covered by any Part 2 Local Plans
- Inclusion would ensure complete coverage of land within Part 2 Plans as Daventry District is including land within the Daventry part of the NRDA within its part 2 Local Plan
- Together with Grange Park and Poppyridge, once the allocated sites are developed there will be a need for there to be some detailed development Management policies to guide applications that may then come forward in the areas. For example, this could include garden or backland development. If excluded from the Plan area the only policies that could be applied are the more strategic ones set out in the WNJCS.

## **4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

4.1 It is considered that the Plan area for the Part 2A Local Plan be amended to include the whole of the District Council's administrative area.

## **5.0 Consultation**

5.1 The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Environment (Councillor Rebecca Breese) and Chair of Policy and Regeneration Committee (Councillor John Townsend) support this proposed change.

## **6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

6.1 The Council could choose not to amend the Plan area. This is rejected as it will be important to ensure that the whole District is covered by appropriate and up to date planning policies.

## 7.0 Implications

### Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial or resource implications at this stage of the Plan preparation process.

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### Legal Implications

- 7.2 It is considered that to change the Plan area at this stage of the plan making process is appropriate and acceptable.

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## 8.0 Decision Information

### Wards Affected

Grange Park, Harpole and Grange, Hackleton

### Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

- Strategic Priority: Preserve what's special
- Growing the Economy
- Strategic Priority: Protect the vulnerable
- Key Theme: Environmental well-being

### Lead Councillor

Cllr Rebecca Breese - Portfolio holder for Planning and Environment

### Document Information

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| <b>Appendix</b>            |  |
| None                       |  |
| <b>Background Papers</b>   |  |
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