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**WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy Consultation
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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF THE JOINT PLANNING UNIT

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

- 1) To provide a summary of the consultation that was undertaken for the West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy;
- 2) To explain the approach that is being taken to analysing the consultation responses to the Emergent Joint Core Strategy and reporting the responses to the Joint Strategic Planning Committee; and
- 3) To provide details of the total number of responses, their geographical distribution, their form and the proportion of the responses in support, not in support, unspecified and do not know.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Joint Strategic Planning Committee:

- 1) Notes the summary of the consultation that was undertaken for the West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy;
- 2) Agrees the approach that is being taken to analysing the consultation responses to the Emergent Joint Core Strategy and reporting the responses to the Joint Strategic Planning Committee; and
- 3) Notes the details of the total number of responses, their geographical distribution, their form and the proportion of the responses in support, not in support, unspecified and do not know.

3. Introduction to the Emergent Joint Core Strategy

- 3.1 The approved West Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme (February 2010) sets out the content and timetable of the Local Development Framework for West Northamptonshire. The Joint Core Strategy is the priority document for preparation. It is the overarching document and all subsequent documents must reflect what it says.
- 3.2 The Joint Core Strategy will be the long term strategic plan for the development of West Northamptonshire – it deals with the big picture of what will happen in the future. It is a spatial policy document, which means it deals with places and the activities that happen within and between them.
- 3.3 Preparation of the Joint Core Strategy is a legal requirement and the partner authorities of Daventry District, Northampton Borough, South Northamptonshire and Northamptonshire County Councils have been required by Government to produce a Joint Core Strategy for their collective areas; an area referred to as West Northamptonshire. The partner authorities are working in close co-operation with West Northamptonshire Development Corporation to produce the Joint Core Strategy and ensure the delivery of development and infrastructure.
- 3.4 At its meeting on 6 July 2009 the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee approved the publication of the West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy for consultation. The Emergent Joint Core Strategy was published on 31 July 2009 for a six week consultation period which was subsequently extended by 2 and half weeks to 30 September 2009 due to printing problems with the accompanying consultation questionnaire.
- 3.5 The content of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy was informed by the Joint Core Strategy Issues and Options and Regulation 25 consultations, the collection of a wide ranging evidence base and on-going work with technical bodies. The Emergent Joint Core Strategy marked a fundamental step towards the submission and approval of the Joint Core Strategy. The Emergent Joint Core Strategy set out current thinking with respect to the policy approach that should be taken in West Northamptonshire and was based on the evidence collected to date. It was not a draft plan or final strategy; it did not set out policies but it did set out the policy approach and the preferred options and rejected options for the locations of growth at each town in West Northamptonshire. It was emphasised in the Emergent Joint Core Strategy that at that time some parts of the evidence base were clearer than others. Where further work was needed this was noted in the text of the document.

- 3.6 The Emergent Joint Core Strategy sought to explain the current thinking of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and offer a chance to comment. The Strategy was written for everyone with an interest in the future of the places that make up West Northamptonshire. It was noted in the Emergent Joint Core Strategy that it would have impacts on existing communities, businesses, landowners, developers and investors. It was also noted that it would increase the level of dialogue with bodies such as the Environment Agency, the Highways Agency and Natural England.
- 3.7 The Emergent Joint Core Strategy was subject to a sustainability appraisal and an appropriate assessment by independent environmental consultants Environ. Environ's reports were published alongside the Emergent Joint Core Strategy to allow respondents to the Emergent Joint Core Strategy to reflect on Environ's appraisal and assessment in preparing their responses.

4. The Emergent Joint Core Strategy Consultation

- 4.1 Under the Local Development Framework system each Council is required to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) that sets out how the community will be involved in the preparation of Local Development Documents and in significant development control decisions. One of the tests of legal compliance is that a Development Plan Document has been prepared in compliance with the SCI. In the case of West Northamptonshire there are three SCIs – one for each Council. All three of the SCIs were adopted in 2006 and are available to view and download on each Council's website and the Joint Planning Unit website.
- 4.2 Reflecting the three Councils' SCIs a variety of formal and informal community involvement and consultation methods were used throughout the Emergent Joint Core Strategy consultation.
- 4.3 All three SCIs identify types of consultees and list the consultation methods that will, or may, be used for the Core Strategy by type of consultee.
- 4.4 Table 1 in Appendix 1 lists the types of consultation methods identified by the SCIs and the consultation methods that were used for the Emergent Joint Core Strategy. This table demonstrates that the Emergent Joint Core Strategy consultation has complied with the requirements of the SCIs.
- 4.5 The following paragraphs set out the details of the community involvement and consultation methods that were used for the Emergent Joint Core Strategy consultation.

Emergent Joint Core Strategy and Consultation Questionnaire

- 4.6 The Emergent Joint Core Strategy document consultation was published for consultation on 31 July 2009 for a six-week period that was due to end on 11 September 2009. A consultation questionnaire was published alongside the Emergent Joint Core Strategy. The questionnaire enabled respondents to answer each of the consultation questions set within the Emergent Joint Core Strategy with the answer “Yes”, “No”, or “Don’t Know” and provide reasons for each response. Unfortunately due to printing problems six questions were incorrectly printed in the consultation questionnaire. Consequently a corrected consultation questionnaire was printed and re-distributed to consultees, both those who had already responded and those that had not, and the consultation period was extended by 2 and half weeks to 30 September 2009.
- 4.7 The Joint Planning Unit wrote to or e-mailed a total of 2,522 statutory and non-statutory organisations, agencies, groups and individuals providing details of the consultation and, as appropriate, providing copies of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy document or informing them of the documents’ availability and how to view or obtain copies. Table 1 below lists the number of consultees in each category that were contacted.

Table 1 - Number of Consultees in Each Category

Consultee Category	Number
Adjoining and Other Councils	41
Adjoining Libraries	15
Adjoining Town and Parish Councils	64
Neighbourhoods and Forums	19
Businesses, Developers, Landowners, Agents	613
Community Groups and Organisations	119
Councillors	187
Libraries	21
Local Strategic Partnerships	4
MPs/ MEPs	9
Private Individuals	828
Receptions for Public Inspection	66
Residents Associations	55
Service Providers	322
Town and Parish Councils	159
Total	2522

- 4.8 Town and Parish Councils and Residents’ Associations were sent multiple copies of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy together with leaflets and posters to advertise the exhibitions.

- 4.9 Copies of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy were also made available for public inspection at the principal offices of: Daventry District, Northampton Borough, Northamptonshire County and South Northamptonshire Councils, West Northamptonshire Development Corporation; and all the public libraries in West Northamptonshire and in the main settlements in the areas surrounding West Northamptonshire. A full list of these locations is included as Appendix 2.
- 4.10 The Joint Planning Unit also used the web-based Limehouse consultation system to enable individuals and organisations to view and download the Emergent Joint Core Strategy, the consultation questionnaire and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment. Once registered on the Joint Planning Unit's consultation system respondents could also submit their responses electronically. The Partner Authorities' websites also provided links to the consultation system on their websites.
- 4.11 The Emergent Joint Core Strategy was also made available on request in large print, Braille and audio versions, and in other languages. As a result of requests the Emergent Joint Core Strategy was provided in large print and audio.
- 4.12 A total of 5,000 copies each of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy and the consultation questionnaire were printed and a total of 4,500 Emergent Joint Core Strategies and all of the consultation questionnaires were distributed.

Exhibitions

- 4.13 An exhibition based on the Emergent Joint Core Strategy document was prepared to raise awareness of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy. The exhibition visited 21 venues over a total of 19 days. A list of all the venues and recorded attendance at the exhibitions is set out in Appendix 3 to this report.
- 4.14 Where possible a record was taken of the number of people who visited the exhibition. In the cases where the exhibition was very busy or was unstaffed it may not have been possible to maintain an accurate record of the number of people who attended. However, the numbers listed in the table do give an indication of the levels of attendance at the exhibitions.

Local Media

- 4.15 The local media played an important role in raising awareness and providing signposting for the consultation process and related activities. A press conference was held with local media on 26 June 2009. This was well attended by both print and radio media from across West Northamptonshire and interviews were carried out with Councillors.
- 4.16 Press releases were issued at the launch of the consultation and timed to coincide with the roll out of the exhibitions. Two press releases were sent to the following newspapers which are the main newspapers that cover West Northamptonshire:
- 1) Banbury Guardian;
 - 2) Brackley and Towcester Advertiser;
 - 3) Daventry Express;
 - 4) Harborough Mail;
 - 5) Herald and Post;
 - 6) Milton Keynes Citizen;
 - 7) Northampton Chronicle and Echo;
 - 8) Rugby Advertiser; and
 - 9) Rugby Observer.
- 4.17 Coverage was picked up by most of the local newspapers. Press releases were also sent to the following television and local radio stations that cover West Northamptonshire:
- 1) BBC radio/ television;
 - 2) Anglia television; and
 - 3) Heart FM.

Council Newsletters

- 4.18 Both Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Councils produced awareness raising news pieces about the Emergent Joint Core Strategy for their Council newsletters: "Daventry Calling" and "SNC Review".

Town and Parish Council Meetings

- 4.19 Officers of the Joint Planning Unit attended the following requested meetings:
- 1) Mid Northants Parishes – 23 July 2009
 - 2) Overstone Parish Council – 3 August 2009
 - 3) Wootton and East Hunsbury Parish Council – 5 August 2009
 - 4) Brixworth Parish Council – 8 September 2010

- 4.20 Representatives of other Parish Councils also attended the meetings with Overstone Parish Council and Wootton and East Hunsbury Parish Council.

Councillor Workshops

- 4.21 Workshops were held with the Joint Strategic Planning Committee members on the lead up to the publication and launch of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy. Briefing meetings were also made available to all Councillors across the partner authorities in advance of publishing the Emergent Joint Core Strategy.

Call Line

- 4.22 A call line was provided alongside the consultation information to allow people to call up to leave verbal feedback to the consultation, request copies of the consultation material or speak to an officer. The system allowed management of the calls coming in to the Joint Planning Unit about the consultation. In total 168 requests through the call line were fulfilled.

Workshops and Meetings

- 4.23 Workshops were held to raise awareness of the consultation and to gather early feedback with:
- 1) Service Managers from across Northampton Borough Council – 25 August 2009
 - 2) Representatives from the partner authorities' Local Strategic Partnerships – 28 September 2009
 - 3) The commercial sector – 28 September 2009
- 4.24 Officers from the Joint Planning Unit also attended Northamptonshire Enterprise Ltd's Board meeting on 16 September 2010 to explain the content of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy and the consultation process.

Other Activities and Events

- 4.25 The following activities and events also took place during the Emergent Joint Core Strategy consultation but were organised by other parties than the Joint Planning Unit:

E-Petition

- 4.26 An e-petition was submitted to Number 10 Downing Street by Mr Michael Street which received 816 signatures. The petition asked: "We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to put a stop to the rushed plans to build 40,000 new homes in rural Northamptonshire." The details of the petition were: "Plans are out for a very short consultation period to build 40,000 new homes in rural Northamptonshire, including 18,000 which will join up villages east of Northampton and put a dual carriageway through them. There is no clear evidence that these homes are required." All the signatures to the petition and the Government's response to the petition can be viewed on-line at www.number10.gov.uk/Page20997.

Parish Councils, Residents' Groups and Action Groups

- 4.27 Many of the communities and residents directly affected by the preferred options for growth identified in the Emergent Joint Core Strategy prepared their own leaflets, posters, website material and held meetings to discuss the proposals. A number of action groups were formed and existing groups, including Parish Councils and Residents Associations, grouped together.

Protests and Marches

- 4.28 There were a total of four protests held against the content of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy. The Northants Residents Alliance held a protest at the Joint Strategic Planning Committee on 6 July 2009 in Towcester when the Emergent Joint Core Strategy was considered by the Committee for publication for public consultation. A protest was also held in Northampton Market Square on 15 August 2009. The Northants Residents Alliance held a protest at an Emergent Joint Core Strategy exhibition at the Wootton and East Hunsbury Community Centre on 2 September 2009. The same organisation held a further protest at the Joint Planning Unit's office in Northampton on 29 September 2009 which involved a march from outlying villages and Becketts' Park to the Joint Planning Unit.
- 4.29 The Towcester protest and the Northampton march to the Joint Planning Unit's office are both available to view on-line at www.youtube.com. All four protests received considerable media coverage both in the local newspapers and on the radio.

Radio Debate

- 4.30 BBC Radio Northampton held a public debate at the University of Northampton on 9 September 2009 to discuss the Emergent Joint Core Strategy and the wider growth plans for Northamptonshire. The Deputy Chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee was part of the debating panel.

5. The Emergent Joint Core Strategy Consultation Responses

- 5.1 As a result of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy consultation 4,781 individuals and organisations submitted 6,355 responses containing a total of 120,668 individual comments, also known as representations.
- 5.2 All the responses have been logged and an acknowledgement sent to each respondent. All the responses have been coded by the consultation questions set in the Emergent Joint Core Strategy and entered into a database. The Joint Planning Unit is currently summarising all the responses by the consultation questions set in the Emergent Joint Core Strategy. Once this is completed the summary of all responses by question and grouped by theme will be circulated to all members of the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee as well as being published on the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit website. All respondents to the Emergent Joint Core Strategy will be notified of the publication of the responses, the timetable for the next stages and the nature of the next stages of the Joint Core Strategy preparation process. All responses to the Emergent Joint Core Strategy will be available to view on the Joint Planning Unit's website or at the Joint Planning Unit's office in Northampton. At its meeting on 26 July 2010 the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee will formally receive the summary of the consultation responses to the Emergent Joint Core Strategy. At its meeting on 29 September 2010 the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee will receive the officers' recommended response to the consultation responses to the Emergent Joint Core Strategy for the Committee's consideration.
- 5.3 The Head of the Joint Planning Unit has sought legal advice from Counsel that the approach to the reporting and consideration of the responses to the Emergent Joint Core Strategy, as set out above, is acceptable. Counsel has confirmed that this approach is acceptable.
- 5.4 In terms of geographical distribution of responses analysis has been undertaken of the distribution of responses by postcode sector and by postcode area.
- 5.5 Table 2 overleaf shows the number of responses by postcode area "NN". The majority of responses were from NN7, NN4 and NN6. NN7 is to the south east of Northampton. NN4 is to the west of Northampton. NN6 is the north of Northampton. The remainder of the responses, 713 responses, were from outside postcode area "NN" or the respondent did not provide their address. Maps illustrating the distribution of responses by postcode area are being prepared and will be tabled at the Committee meeting on 30th March 2010.

Table 2 – Number of Responses by Postcode Area “NN”

Postcode Area	Responses
NN7	3,347
NN4	1,532
NN6	944
NN3	180
NN2	136
NN5	96
NN1	56
NN12	50
NN15	38
NN11	24
NN13	13
NN8	7
NN29	6
NN14	3
NN17	2
NN9	1
NN10	1
Total	5,642

- 5.6 In terms of the distribution of responses by postcode sector, i.e. focusing in to the smaller areas within the postcode area, Table 3 below shows the number of responses by postcode sector for those sectors from which there were 10 or more responses. NN7 2, NN7 1, NN4 7 and NN7 4 show significant numbers of responses. NN7 2 includes the villages of Hackleton, Hartwell, Horton, Piddington, Preston Deanery and Quinton. NN7 1 includes the villages of Brafield-on-the-Green, Cogenhoe, Denton, Little Houghton and Yardley Hastings. NN4 7 includes the village of Great Houghton. NN7 4 includes the villages of Harpole and Kislingbury.

Table 3 – Number of Responses by Postcode Sector (Sectors with 10 or more responses only)

Postcode Sector	Responses
NN7 2	1,591
NN7 1	1,071
NN4 7	771
NN7 4	620
NN4 6	398
NN6 0	113
NN2 8	89
NN7 3	56
NN5 6	52
NN3 7	50
NN4 9	50
NN3 5	49

NN1 57	36
NN1 5	26
NN5 4	25
NN2 6	23
NN3 3	22
NN3 6	20
NN3 9	18
NN4 5	18
NN2 7	17
NN1 27	17
NN3 2	15
NN4 8	14
NN1 26	14
NN6 9	14
NN1 3	11
NN6 7	11
NN1 4	10

- 5.7 In terms of the types of respondents, at this stage in the analysis of the responses it is not possible to provide details of the number of respondents by type of respondent e.g. statutory bodies, Councillors, individuals, agents, developers, etc. This information will be available along with the summary of all responses later this year.
- 5.8 In terms of the format of the representations the majority of representations, comprising a total of 98,402 individual comments or representations, were submitted in standardised formats, i.e. in the form of one of 22 “standard” formats. 1,470 individual comments or representations were submitted electronically through the Limehouse consultation system. The remaining 20,118 individual comments or representations were submitted in the form of “non-standard” letters, emails or consultation questionnaire responses. It should be noted that at this stage in the analysis of the responses it has not been possible to check for duplicated responses and so there may be a small element of double-counting in the above numbers. Further and final information about the form in which responses were submitted will be available along with the summary of all responses later this year.
- 5.9 The table in Appendix 4 to this report sets out the total number of representations made to each of the consultation questions set in the Emergent Joint Core Strategy. The table details the number of representations that were in support, not in support, did not know and unspecified. For reference purposes Appendix 5 to this report lists all the consultation questions set in the Emergent Joint Core Strategy.

Appendix 1 - Conformity of the West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy Consultation with the Requirements of the Statements of Community Involvement for West Northamptonshire

Table 1 – Consultation Methods

Types of Consultation Methods Identified by Statements of Community Involvement (in alphabetical order)	Consultation Methods Used to Engage the Community at the Emergent Joint Core Strategy Stage
Area Parish Meetings for Groups of Parishes, as required	No
Area Partnerships	Yes, Letter
Cabinet/ Strategy Group/ LDF Steering Group	Yes, Officer Reports
Council Newspapers	Yes, Daventry Calling and SNC Review
Council Websites	Yes, and the JPU Website
E-mail Copies available in Large Print	Yes
Exhibitions/ Roadshows	Yes, Exhibitions
Focus Group	Not Included at this Stage
Leaflet Drops	Not Included at this Stage
Mailing List	Yes, JPU Consultation Database
Media Coverage	Yes, Press Articles & Radio
Hard Copies/ E-mail Copies on Request	Yes
Hard Copies available in Various Formats	Yes, on request
Individual Meetings, as required	Yes, Mid Northants Parishes, Overstone Parish Council, Wootton and East Hunsbury Parish Council, Brixworth Parish Council (requested)
Internal Briefings/ Newsletters, as required	Yes, Northampton Borough Council Service Managers Workshop
Parish Meetings, as required	Yes, Overstone Parish Council, Wootton & East Hunsbury Parish Council, Brixworth Parish Council (requested)
Public Inspection at Council Offices, Libraries and Other Locations	Yes, see list in Appendix 2
Public Meetings, as required	Not Included at this Stage
Press Releases and Adverts in Local Newspapers	Press Releases – Yes Adverts – Not included at this Stage
Stakeholder Workshop	Yes, Local Strategic Partnerships Workshop, Commercial sector Workshop

Appendix 2 - List of Public Inspection Locations

Partner Local Authorities' Offices

Daventry District Council – One Stop Shop at Lodge Road
Northampton Borough Council – One Stop Shop at the Guildhall
Northampton Borough Council – Cliftonville House
Northamptonshire County Council – County Hall
South Northamptonshire Council – Springfields
West Northamptonshire Development Corporation – Franklin's Gardens

West Northamptonshire Libraries

Northamptonshire Central Library, Northampton
Abington Library, Northampton
Brackley Library
Brixworth Library
Daventry Library
Deanshanger Library
Duston Library, Northampton
Far Cotton Library, Northampton
Hunsbury Library, Northampton
Kingsthorpe Library, Northampton
Long Buckby Library
Middleton Cheney Library
Moulton Library
Roade Library
St James Library, Northampton
Towcester Library
Weston Favell Library, Northampton
Woodford Halse Library
Wootton Fields Library, Wooldale Centre for Learning, Northampton

Adjoining Councils Libraries

Banbury Library
Buckingham Library
Desborough Library
Dunchurch Library and Information Centre
Earls Barton Library
Kettering Library
Market Harborough Library
Milton Keynes Central Library
Newport Pagnell Library
Olney Library
Rothwell Library
Rugby Library and Information Centre
Stony Stratford Library
Wellingborough Library
Wolverton Library

Appendix 3 - West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy Exhibition Dates, Times, Locations and Indicative Attendance Records

Date	Time	Location	Staffed or Unstaffed	Total Attendance All Day (Indicative)
Tues 11 – Weds 12 August	9.00 am – 4.30 pm	Northampton	Unstaffed	Attendance Not Recorded
		Northampton Borough Council Offices - Cliftonville House		
Tues 11 August	9.30 am – 6.30 pm	Daventry	Staffed	38
Weds 12 August	9.30 am – 6.30 pm	Daventry	Staffed	34
Tues 11 – Thurs 13 August	9.00 am – 4.30 pm	Towcester	Unstaffed	Attendance Not Recorded
		South Northamptonshire Council Offices		
Thurs 13 August	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	Northampton	Staffed	86
Fri 14 August	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	Northampton	Staffed	78
Sat 15 August	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	Northampton	Staffed	106
Fri 14 August	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Road	Unstaffed	Attendance Not Recorded
		Road Village Hall		
Mon 17 – Weds 19 August	9.00 am – 4.30 pm	Daventry	Unstaffed	Attendance Not Recorded
		Daventry District Council Offices		
Mon 17 August	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Boothville	Staffed	49
Tues 18 August	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Boothville	Staffed	50

Mon 17 August	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Brackley	“Space” exhibition venue	Staffed	27
Tues 18 August	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Brackley	“Space” exhibition venue	Staffed	21
Weds 19 August	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Brackley	“Space” exhibition venue	Staffed	32
Weds 19 August	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Brafield-on-the-Green	Village Hall	Staffed	107
Thurs 20 August	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Brafield-on-the-Green	Village Hall	Staffed	89
Thurs 20 – Fri 21 August	9.00 am – 4.30 pm	Northampton	Northampton Borough Council Offices – The Guildhall	Unstaffed	Attendance Not Recorded
Fri 21 August	9.30 am – 6.30 pm	Weston Favell	Weston Favell Shopping Centre	Staffed	197
Mon 24 August	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Woodford Halse	Woodford Halse Memorial Hall	Staffed	9
Mon 24 August	12.30 – 7.00 pm	Moulton	Moulton Village Hall	Staffed	60
Tues 25 August	9.30 am – 6.00 pm	Moulton	Moulton Village Hall	Staffed	106
Mon 24 August	9.30 am – 6.30 pm	Towcester	The Town Hall	Staffed	37
Tues 25 August	9.30 am – 6.30 pm	Towcester	The Town Hall	Staffed	40
Weds 26 August	9.30 am – 6.30 pm	Towcester	The Town Hall	Staffed	46

Tues 25 – Weds 26 August	Tues. 9.00 am – 6.30 pm Weds. 9.00 am – 5.00 pm	Naseby	Naseby Village Hall	Unstaffed	Attendance Not Recorded
Weds 26 August	9.30 am – 6.30 pm	Harpole	Old School Hall	Staffed	170
Thurs 27 August	9.30 am – 6.30 pm	Harpole	Old School Hall	Staffed	107
Tues 1 September	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Kingsthorpe	Kingsthorpe Library	Staffed	24
Weds 2 September	9.30 am – 5.30 pm	Kingsthorpe	Kingsthorpe Library	Staffed	30
Weds 2 September	12.30 – 7.30 pm	Wootton	Wootton Community and Sports Centre	Staffed	238
Thurs 3 September	1.00 – 7.00 pm	Overstone	Overstone Primary School	Unstaffed	94
Tues 22 September	4.00 – 8.00 pm	Southfields	Southfields Community Centre	Staffed	35
Thurs 1 October	5.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Great Houghton	Parson's Memorial Hall	Staffed	124

Appendix 4 - Emergent Joint Core Strategy Consultation Responses Analysis

Summary Table of Representations by Consultation Question Set in the Emergent Joint Core Strategy

Question	Yes		No		Don't Know		No Response		Total	
	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No
Q1	4%	123	86%	2416	1%	23	9%	260	100.00%	2822
Q2	5%	135	64%	1610	1%	15	30%	745	100.00%	2505
Q3	37%	811	60%	1327	1%	19	3%	62	100.00%	2219
Q4	11%	163	84%	1308	1%	15	4%	65	100.00%	1551
Q5	32%	502	62%	979	1%	17	5%	73	100.00%	1571
Q6	7%	140	88%	1725	1%	24	3%	63	100.00%	1952
Q7	69%	821	24%	291	1%	11	6%	67	100.00%	1190
Q8	7%	186	89%	2246	1%	19	3%	65	100.00%	2516
Q9	56%	1109	40%	788	0%	6	3%	67	100.00%	1970
Q10	59%	844	37%	525	0%	7	4%	53	100.00%	1429
Q11	61%	1748	36%	1037	0%	3	2%	59	100.00%	2847
Q12	68%	1775	29%	768	0%	3	3%	70	100.00%	2616
Q13	70%	1461	26%	540	1%	12	3%	66	100.00%	2079
Q14	13%	524	57%	2357	0%	15	30%	1228	100.00%	4124
Q15	48%	451	2%	23	42%	390	7%	66	100.00%	930
Q16	8%	155	88%	1744	1%	15	4%	70	100.00%	1984
Q17	71%	843	23%	268	1%	12	5%	62	100.00%	1185
Q18	10%	156	80%	1231	1%	14	9%	137	100.00%	1538
Q19	4%	87	90%	1768	2%	40	3%	60	100.00%	1955
Q20	2%	105	32%	2206	0%	32	66%	4611	100.00%	6954
Q21	5%	87	82%	1532	2%	29	11%	210	100.00%	1858
Q22	5%	80	84%	1335	3%	43	8%	132	100.00%	1590
Q23	20%	59	29%	87	26%	80	25%	76	100.00%	302
Q24	4%	104	77%	1811	3%	61	16%	373	100.00%	2349
Q25	4%	116	89%	2322	2%	44	4%	116	100.00%	2598
Q26	5%	130	61%	1496	2%	38	32%	781	100.00%	2445
Q27	7%	82	63%	717	5%	53	25%	289	100.00%	1141
Q28	1%	89	38%	5789	1%	80	61%	9453	100.00%	15411
Q29	10%	73	50%	356	11%	80	28%	199	100.00%	708
Q30	2%	73	21%	698	2%	63	74%	2422	100.00%	3256
Q31	4%	86	56%	1094	4%	73	36%	711	100.00%	1964
Q32	6%	58	36%	333	48%	443	9%	85	100.00%	919
Q33	6%	52	36%	331	48%	441	10%	87	100.00%	911
Q34	6%	58	36%	324	48%	440	10%	87	100.00%	909
Q35	8%	75	35%	321	47%	432	10%	89	100.00%	917
Q36	40%	360	3%	29	48%	430	9%	78	100.00%	897
Q37	6%	55	36%	325	49%	444	8%	75	100.00%	899
Q38	40%	357	3%	26	49%	440	8%	76	100.00%	899
Q39	11%	107	37%	343	43%	397	9%	85	100.00%	932
Q40	5%	112	26%	607	17%	396	53%	1238	100.00%	2353
Q41	10%	100	73%	711	3%	31	14%	137	100.00%	979
Q42	9%	107	49%	586	33%	399	9%	107	100.00%	1199
Q43	86%	795	2%	23	2%	19	9%	84	100.00%	921

Q44	9%	132	83%	1201	1%	18	6%	93	100.00%	1444
Q45	15%	139	72%	681	2%	18	12%	113	100.00%	951
Q46	7%	121	84%	1478	1%	23	7%	131	100.00%	1753
Q47	5%	113	79%	1945	1%	18	16%	388	100.00%	2464
Q48	2%	119	58%	2821	0%	17	39%	1917	100.00%	4874
Q49	14%	127	73%	686	2%	15	11%	107	100.00%	935
Q50	2%	71	90%	2959	1%	32	7%	244	100.00%	3306
Q51	3%	73	58%	1247	2%	46	36%	768	100.00%	2134
Q52	11%	776	12%	801	0%	8	77%	5359	100.00%	6944
Q53	43%	391	3%	31	44%	403	10%	92	100.00%	917
Q54	42%	370	2%	19	48%	427	8%	74	100.00%	890
Q55	42%	368	1%	13	49%	430	8%	71	100.00%	882
Q56	41%	361	2%	19	49%	428	8%	72	100.00%	880
Total		18515		60254		7531		34368		120668

Appendix 5 - Emergent Joint Core Strategy Consultation Set Questions

Question 1

Do you support the vision?

Question 2

Do you support Objective 1: 'To deliver the planned growth in West Northamptonshire as required through East Midlands Regional Plan and the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub Regional Strategy, through the provision of managed growth and necessary infrastructure principally focused on Northampton, but also Daventry, Towcester and Brackley'.

Question 3

Do you support Objective 2? 'To exploit West Northamptonshire's position internationally for economic advantage by facilitating significant employment growth and opportunities for knowledge based industries and environmental technologies'.

Question 4

Do you support Objective 3? 'To support existing and new communities through the provision of education, health, community, leisure, cultural and social facilities, linking new and existing communities physically and socially'.

Question 5

Do you support Objective 4? 'To direct retail development to the most appropriate locations that support regeneration of the town centres'.

Question 6

Do you support Objective 5? 'To complete, enhance and safeguard the connections in the existing strategic Green Infrastructure Network, extending these into new urban extensions and creating connections between neighbourhoods'.

Question 7

Do you support Objective 6? 'To encourage key rural communities to become more sustainable places to live and work'.

Question 8

Do you support Objective 7? 'To ensure future development is based upon sustainable development principles'.

Question 9

Do you support Objective 8? 'To protect and enhance the built and cultural assets of West Northamptonshire, the character of its towns and settlements and foster the development of West Northamptonshire as a destination for heritage and cultural tourism'.

Question 10

Do you support Objective 9? 'To contribute towards raising educational achievement and the skills base of our communities through supporting schools, colleges and the University in their provision and development'.

Question 11

Do you support Objective 10? 'To protect the environment by minimising the risk of flooding and the effects of climate change and facilitating improvements in air quality'.

Question 12

Do you support Objective 11? 'To involve the community in the decisions about the future planning of West Northamptonshire so they can influence and shape such decisions'.

Question 13

Do you support Objective 12? 'To provide quality housing to meet current and future needs of all sectors of our communities'.

Question 14

Do you support Objective 13? 'To foster the regeneration of Northampton to enable it to fulfil a greater role within West Northampton and the Region'.

Question 15

Do you support Objective 14? 'To foster the regeneration of Daventry, Towcester and Brackley'.

Question 16

Do you support Objective 15? 'To enable and support the delivery of co-ordinated transport improvements with an emphasis on non-car modes; improving connections within and around West Northamptonshire including links to the wider network'.

Question 17

Do you support Objective 16? 'To achieve high quality design that takes account of character and local distinctiveness, enables access and promotes community safety'

Question 18

Do you support Objective 17? 'To provide a mechanism for the delivery of infrastructure (including health, education, transport, community, leisure and recreational facilities) in tandem with development'.

Question 19

Do you consider the Objectives to be specific to local circumstances?

Question 20

Do you support the overall principle of Option B – focusing growth in a small number of larger development areas?

Question 21

Do you support the combined choice of urban extensions?

Question 22

Do you support the policy approach for Affordable Housing and particularly the provisions suggested in table 6.1 'Levels of Affordable Housing - from Affordable Housing SPD sites of 15 or more dwellings'?

Question 23

Do you support the policy approach for Gypsies and Travellers accommodation? In particular do you support the criteria defined?

Question 24

Do you support the policy approach to employment demand and supply?

Question 25

Do you support the policy approach for locations of employment growth?

Question 26

Do you support the policy approach to Sustainable Transport?

Question 27

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton North'?

Question 28

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton South East'?

Question 29

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton Junction 16'?

Question 30

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton West'?

Question 31

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton South'?

Question 32

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Daventry South East'?

Question 33

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Daventry North'?

Question 34

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Daventry North East'?

Question 35

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Towcester South'?

Question 36

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Towcester Moat Lane'?

Question 37

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Brackley North'?

Question 38

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Brackley East'?

Question 39

Do you support the policy approach for the hierarchy of centres?

Question 40

Do you support the policy approach for the existing and future neighbourhoods?

Question 41

Do you support the policy approach for the rural settlement pattern for West Northamptonshire?

Question 42

Do you support the policy approach for the regeneration of communities across West Northamptonshire?

Question 43

Do you support the policy approach for Designing in Quality into new and existing developments?

Question 44

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Green Infrastructure?

Question 45

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Culture and Cultural Heritage?

Question 46

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Landscape and Biodiversity?

Question 47

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Climate Change?

Question 48

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Flood Risk?

Question 49

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Health and Wellbeing and Leisure, Sport and Recreation?

Question 50

Do you support the policy approach in relation to the phasing of growth across West Northamptonshire?

Question 51

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Funding and Delivery?

Question 52

Are there any other comments that you would like to make regarding the Emergent Joint Core Strategy?

Question 53

Do you support the rejection of Northampton Option 2 (Northampton East)' and Northampton Option 5 (South of the M1 and South-west)?

Question 54

Do you support the rejection of 'Daventry Option 1 (Daventry East)', Daventry Option 2 (Daventry West), Daventry Option 3 (Daventry North West) and Daventry Option 7 (Daventry South)?

Question 55

Do you support the rejection of 'Towcester Option 2 (Towcester West), Towcester Option 3 (Towcester Northwest), Towcester Option 5 (Towcester Racecourse), Towcester Option 6 (Towcester North), Towcester Option 7 (Towcester to Silverstone Lung) and Towcester Option 8 (East of Silverstone Lung)?

Question 56

Do you support the rejection of 'Brackley Option 1' (Brackley South) and 'Brackley Option 2 (Brackley North West)?