



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

A New Local Plan for West Northamptonshire Parish Council Briefing

16th May 2024



Local Plan

- Consultation started on 8th April for 8 weeks
- Closes midnight on Sunday 2nd June



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LOCAL PLAN

Help shape
the future
of your area.

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the new local plan for
West Northamptonshire.

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The poster features a collage of images: a man in a shop, a woman with a flower in her hair, a street scene with a 'CUS' sign, and a park area with a 'Cafe & toilets' sign. The background is decorated with colorful geometric shapes.

1. Introduction
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1. Introduction

- Overview of the planning context to the plan.
- This is a Regulation 18 stage.
- The Plan is still being prepared, evidence is still being gathered and options are still being considered.
- The Plan contains fully developed policies and policies that are still being developed/choices being made.

2. Spatial Portrait, Vision, Objectives

- Context in respect of population, housing, economy, transport, arts, culture and sports and the wider built and natural environment.
- Profile of the area's main settlements
- Spatial Vision for how the Council envisages the area to be in 2041.
- 17 Spatial Objectives
- The objectives have been informed by the Council's Corporate Plan:
 - Green and clean
 - Improved life chances
 - Connected communities
 - Thriving villages and towns
 - Economic development
 - Robust resource management

3. Spatial Strategy

- Provides a framework for the policies and site allocations
- Outlines the hierarchy of places and the principles for the distribution of development.
- Key focus is on the regeneration of the central areas of existing towns maximising the use of previously developed land and vacant or underutilised buildings.
- c1,400 additional homes on brownfield land whilst ensuring where necessary sites allocated in previous Local Plans are brought forward across the area.
- New allocations for growth on the edge of the Principal Urban Area of Northampton.

4. Placemaking

Sets out key policies that development will need to take account of to create excellent places.

1. Climate change and sustainability
2. Creating excellent places
3. Health and wellbeing
4. Community and sports facilities and open spaces

Contains some policies in development:

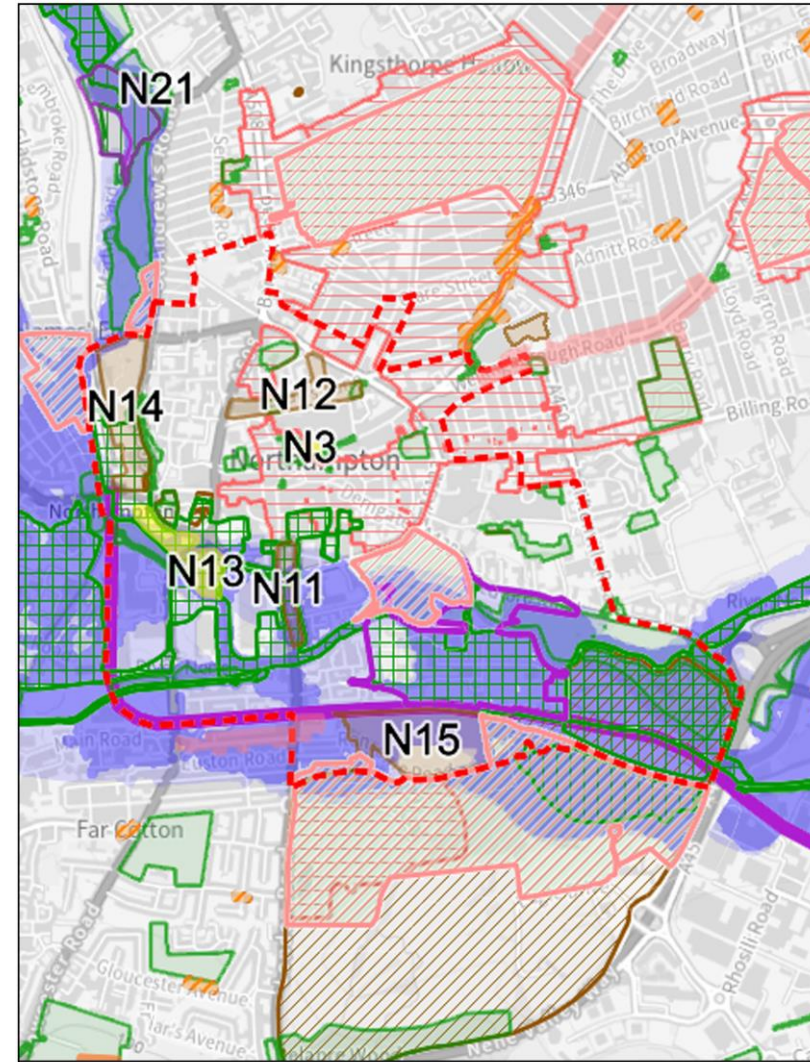
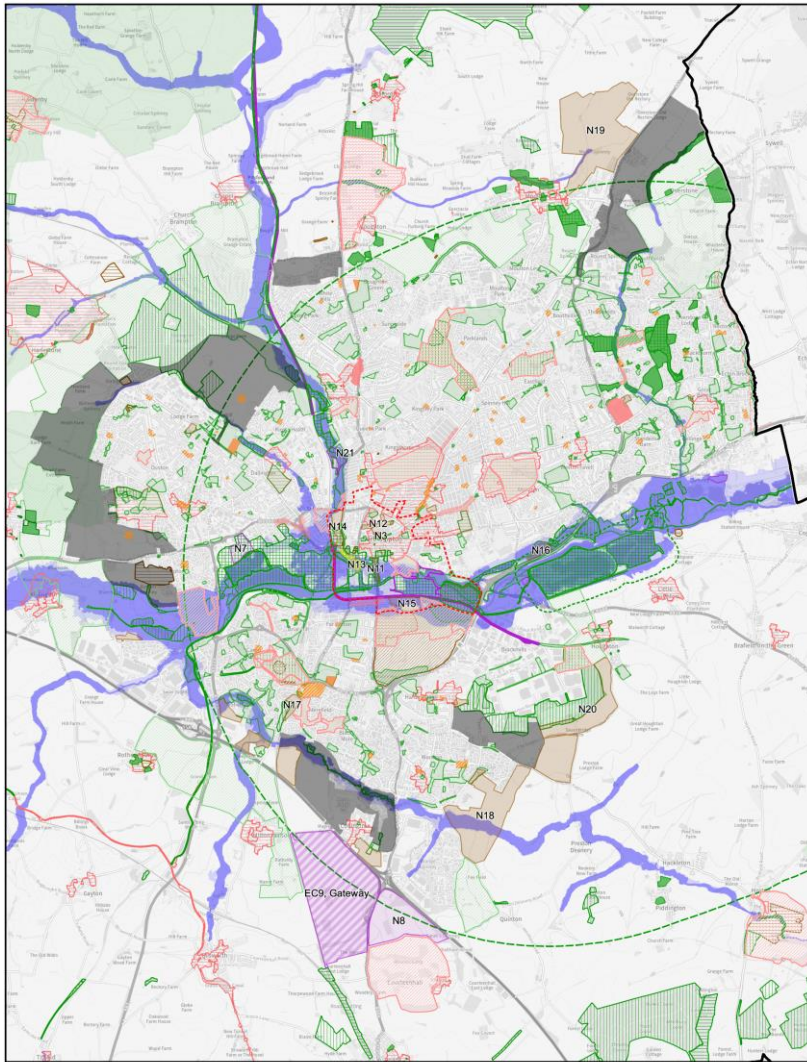
Healthy Food Choices

Provision of new sports facilities, pitches and open space

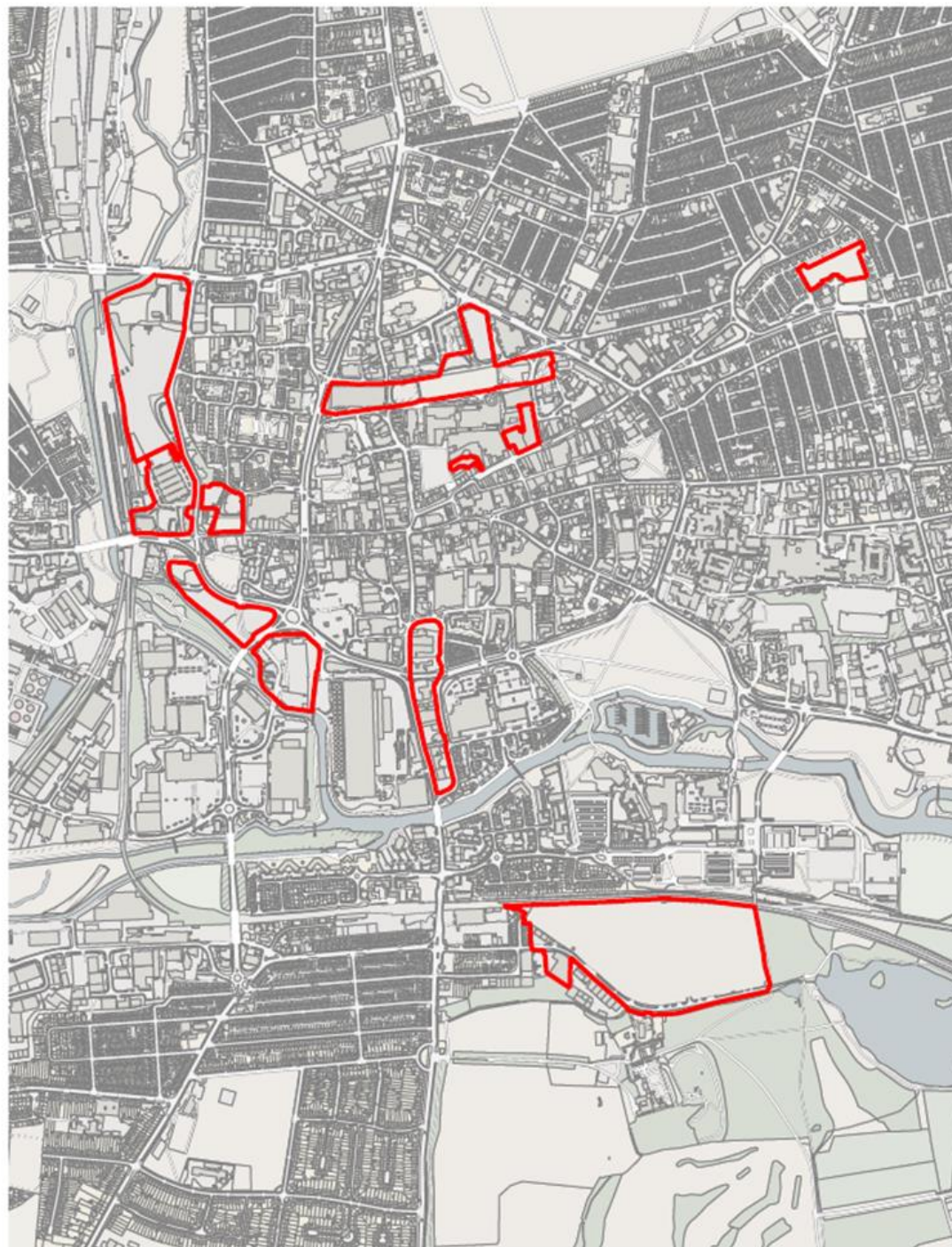
5. Making Great Places - Northampton

- Over-arching spatial strategy for Northampton
- Principal Urban Area in West Northamptonshire - supported and enhanced through growth and regeneration
- Central Areas Assessment, has considered known as well as new sites and in some cases identified capacity to sites that were allocated in the Northampton Part 2 Plan along with new opportunities for development in the Central Area.
- Residential allocations on the periphery of the town
- Policies for job creation and employment allocations.

Northampton Inset Map



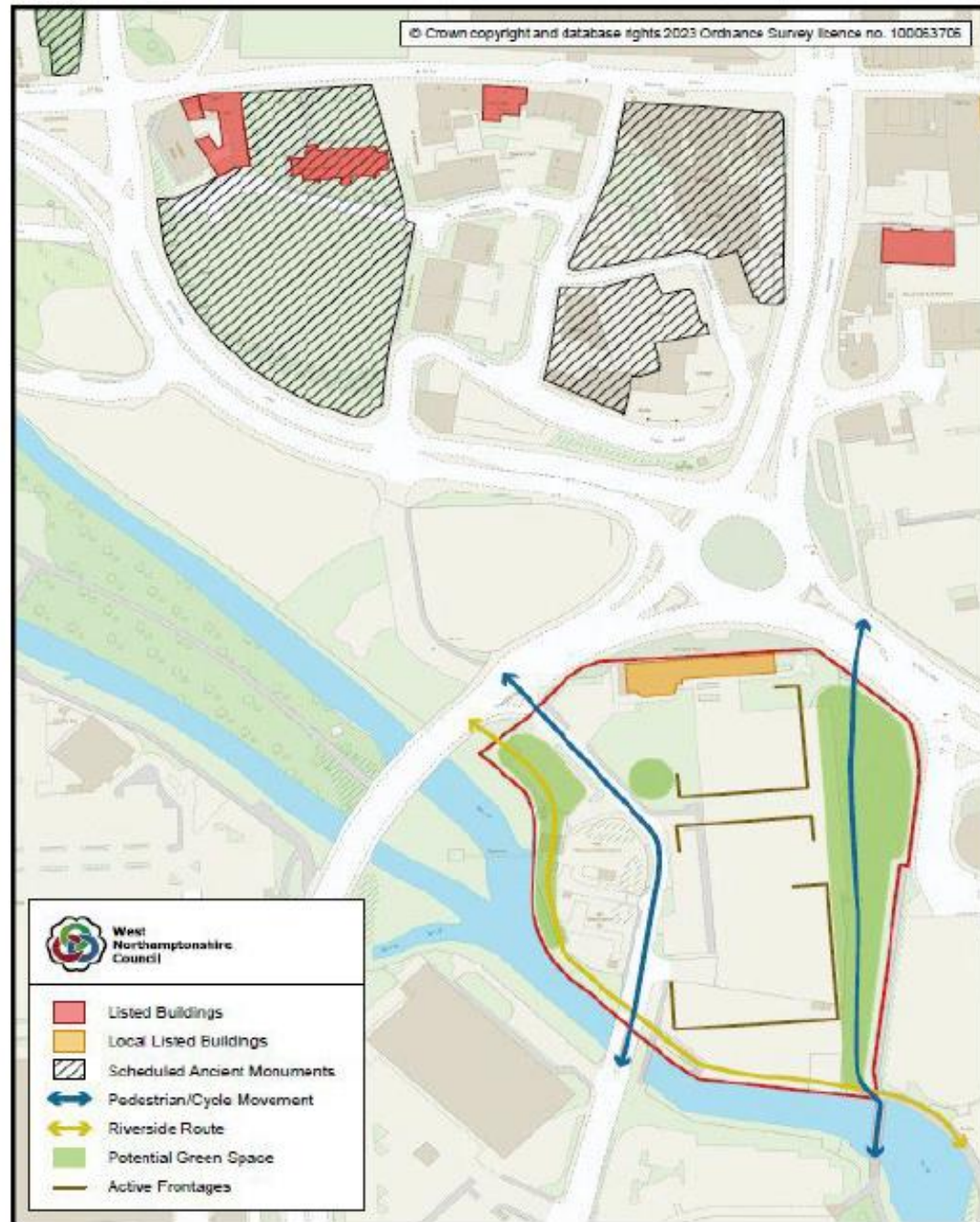
Northampton – Policy N3 sites



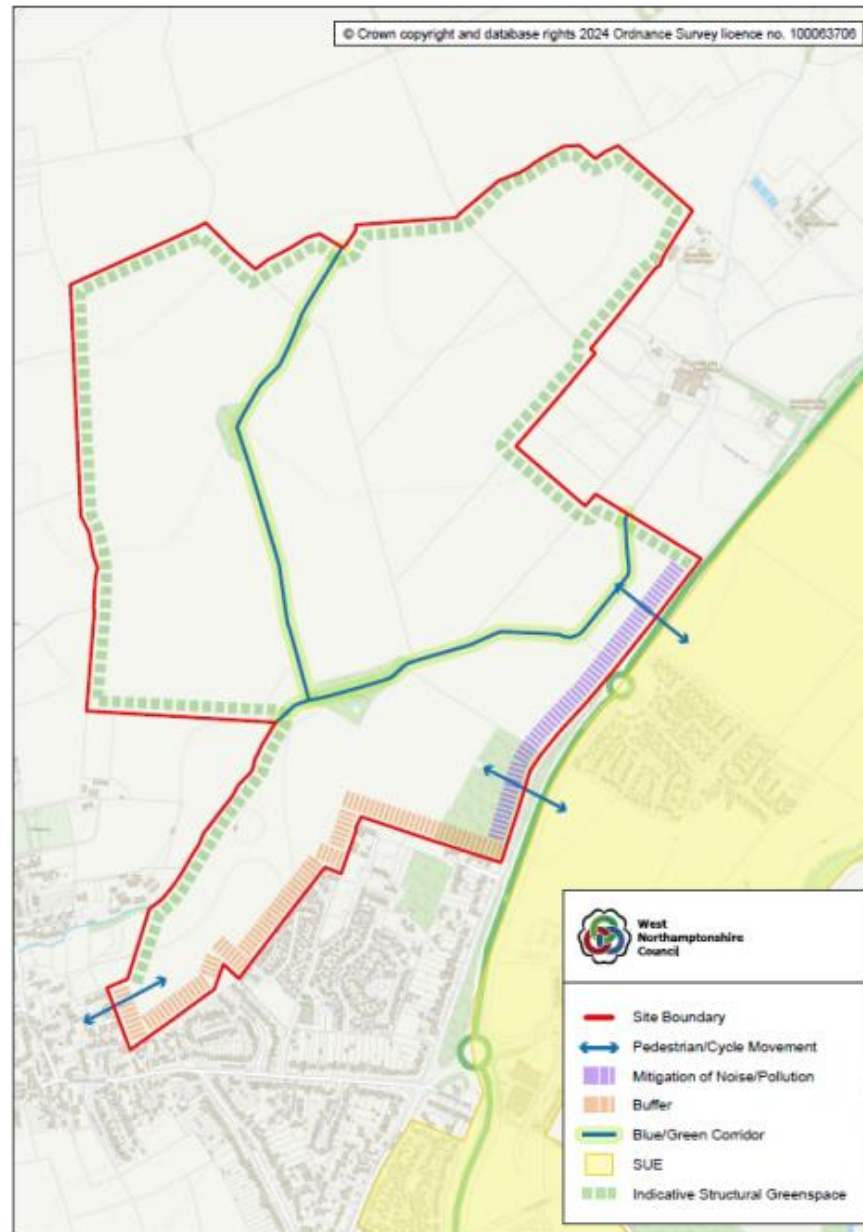


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Policy N13 – Horizon House



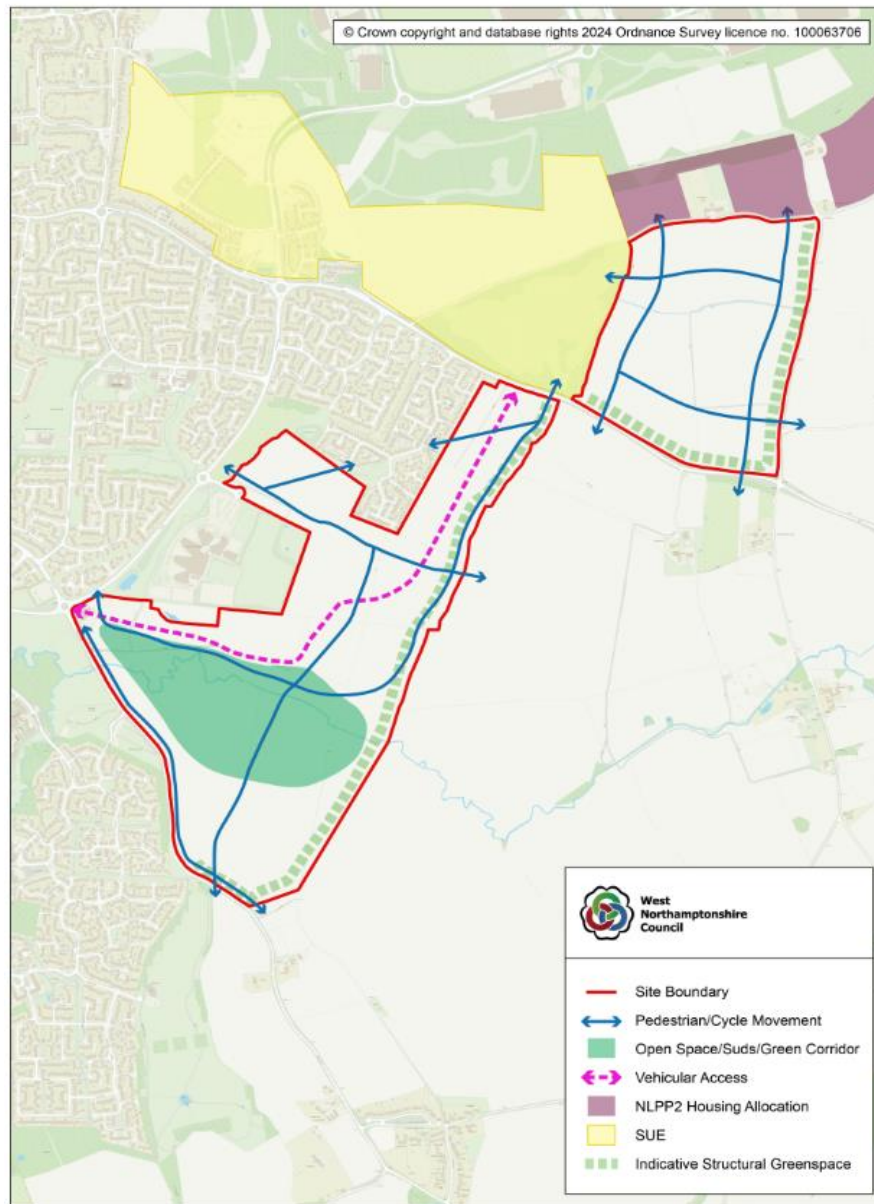
5. Making Great Places - Northampton



Residential
1,600 – 2000 dwellings

Site specific principles
including those in
respect of Moulton.

5. Making Great Places - Northampton



Residential
c2,100 dwellings

Site specific principles.

5. Making Great Places - Northampton

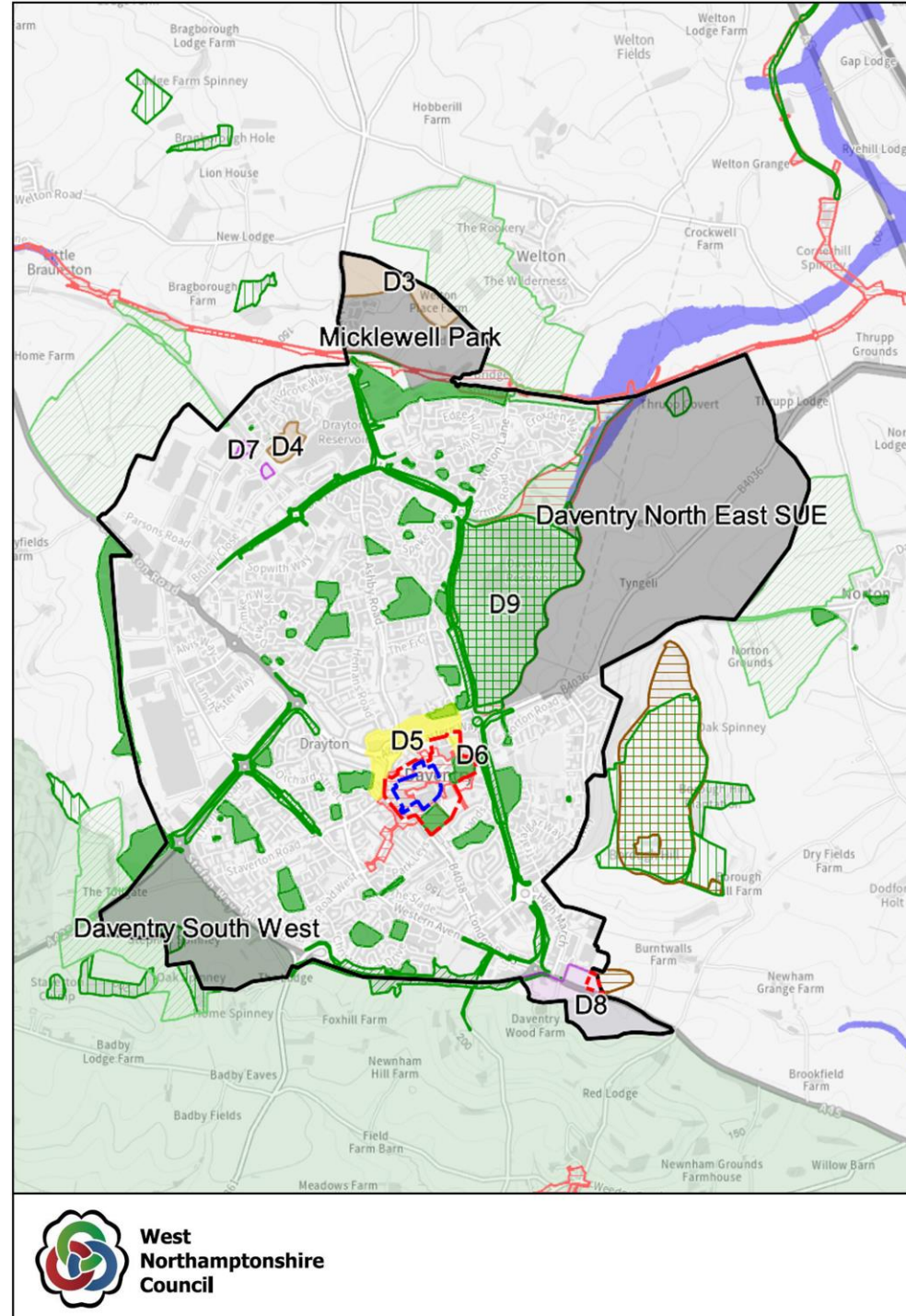


Employment
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6. Making Great Places – Daventry

- Sub-Regional Centre
- Sets out the over-arching spatial strategy
- Enhancing the vitality and viability of the town centre including through the redevelopment of the former council offices at Lodge Road.
- New employment opportunities in the town centre, at land off Newnham Drive Daventry South East Gateway, land North West of Nasmyth Road and Daventry North East.
- New homes will be provided within the town confines and through the remaining development on allocations of the WNJCS and Part 2 Local Plan

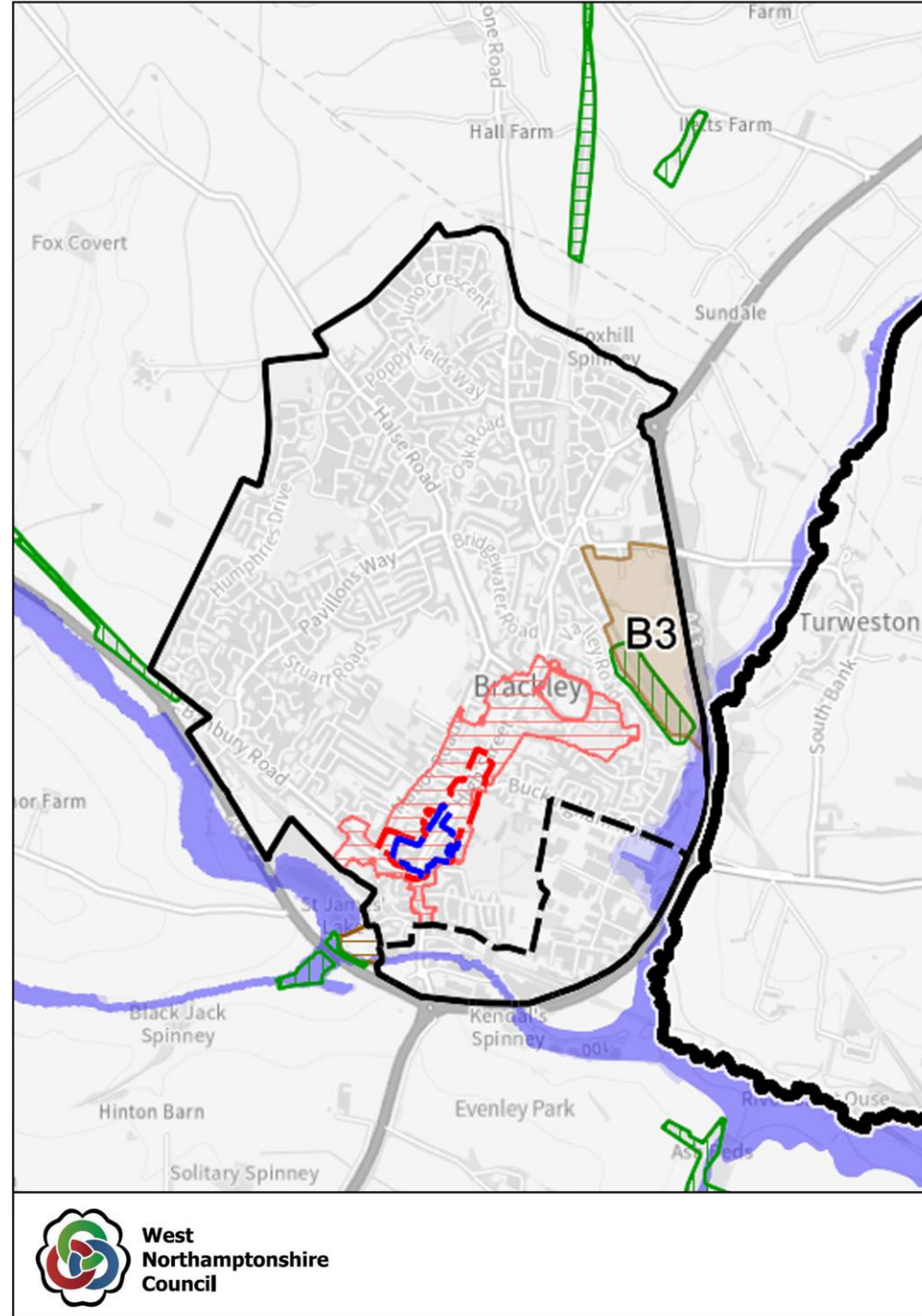
Daventry Inset Map



7. Making Great Places – Brackley

- Rural Service Centre
- Sets out the over-arching spatial strategy.
- Enhancing the vitality and viability of the town centre supporting economic investment and regeneration in employment areas including the Brackley Business District.
- New homes will be provided within the town confines and the remaining development at the Brackley East SUE as allocated in the WNJCS.

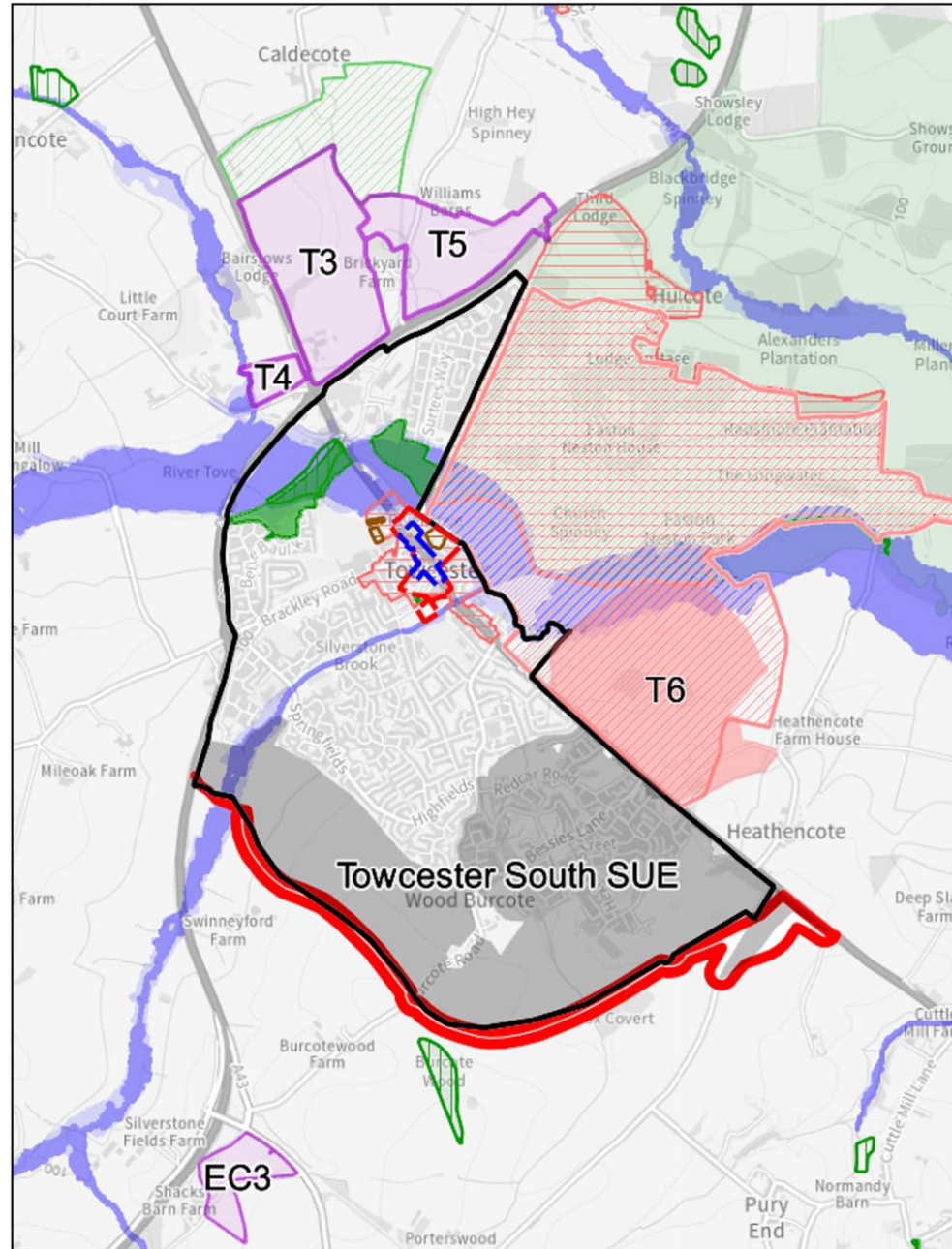
Brackley Inset Map



8. Making Great Places – Towcester

- Over-arching spatial strategy for Towcester as a Rural Service Centre
- Enhancing the vitality and viability of the town centre
- Providing leisure, tourism and exhibition facilities at Towcester Racecourse and developing and enhancing the green infrastructure network including the Watermeadows
- New homes within the town confines and at the Towcester South SUE.
- Employment opportunities coming through the remaining development at Towcester South in addition to the three employment allocations made in the South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 at Bell Plantation, Woolgrowers Field and Tiffield Lane.

Towcester Inset Map



9. Making Great Places – Rural

- Sets out a specific rural context and provides a standalone open countryside policy addressing how the intrinsic character, beauty and tranquillity of the open countryside will be recognised and setting out the type of developments that will only be supported in the countryside.
- The chapter also discusses the role of and proposals for a settlement hierarchy to help plan for the areas nearly 190 settlements and the role of settlement confines in the delivery of sustainable development.
- A consultation was recently undertaken with Parish Councils on the settlement hierarchy and settlement confines and briefings/meetings have taken place to help inform the development of this section of the plan in the Submission Version (Regulation 19).

10. Homes

- Delivering new homes in a way that maximises the opportunities to renew and regenerate existing towns, minimises the need for development on greenfield land and sustains existing communities.
- 2,173 dwellings per annum
- 39,150 new homes 2023-2041.
- Policies on affordable housing, residential canal moorings, houses in multiple occupation, rural workers dwellings and housing type and mix.
- Requirement to provide houses which meet the national space standard, enhanced accessibility and water efficiency.
- Self-build and custom-build housing policy – No standalone exceptions policy but requires 5% on sites of more than 100 dwellings
- ‘Policies still in development’ - affordable housing, affordable housing exception sites & residential development outside settlement confines
- Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople – call for sites

11. Employment

- Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HENA) - recommends that it sets an employment target of 38,451 jobs
- There is a sufficient supply of employment land for both B and E(g) Classes to meet local growth demand as long as the current supply pipeline is safeguarded.
- Policies to safeguard existing employment sites, rural and visitor economies
- Policy requiring retail assessments for retail and other main town centre uses over 280sqm
- In addition to allocations made in the making great places chapter the Employment chapter carries forward allocations at Shacks Barn, Whittlebury and Furtho Pit, Old Stratford/Cosgrove.
- Policies for Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal; Northampton Gateway and Silverstone Circuit.

12. Built and Natural Environment

- Built environment policies covering:
 - Designated and non-designated heritage assets and archaeology
 - Heritage in regeneration
- Landscape and Special Landscape Areas
- Green Wedge policy and designations (some new)
- Green and Blue Infrastructure, nature conservation and the mitigation hierarchy
- Biodiversity Net Gain – links to Nature Recovery Strategy
- Upper Nene Gravel Pits Special Protection Area (SPA) and a new requirement for applications comprising a net gain in residential units within 5.9km of the SPA to make an Access Management and Monitoring contribution

13. Transport

- Prioritisation of pedestrian, wheeler, cyclist and public transport users ahead of car users
- Retain and enhance West Northamptonshire's strategic connections for economic advantage Council will work in partnership with relevant transport providers to deliver a number of initiatives.
- Future transport schemes are also considered with policies identifying land to be safeguarded and schemes that may be investigated for future transport use
- Policies on canals and lorry parks

14. Infrastructure

- Infrastructure will need to be delivered alongside homes and jobs in a timely manner.
- The Council will work in partnership with developers, neighbouring authorities, central government, England's Economic Heartlands and other stakeholders to deliver this infrastructure.

15. Implementation

- Monitoring framework is required to measure how the West Northamptonshire Local Plan is delivering its objectives. If found necessary, such monitoring will allow actions or interventions to be put in place to mitigate against any potential adverse impacts.
- This chapter will be fully developed when the policies are in a settled form for the Submission version of the plan.
- The Housing Land supply is currently calculated for three policy areas as set out in the WNJCS. Once this plan is adopted the Land Supply will be calculated as a single figure for the whole of West Northamptonshire.

Consultation 1

- Consultation started on 8th April for 8 weeks
- Closes midnight on Sunday 2nd June
- Alongside the consultation on the plan, a Call for Sites will be re-opened, this will include a call for sites that can be used for gypsies and travelers accommodation. Nominations for Local Green Space invited.
- Social Media
- Mini video on website

Consultation 2

Held briefings/meetings with:

- Larger Parishes Forum (with NCALC)
- All Parishes (to alert them to the consultation) (with NCALC)
- Northampton Forward
- Youth Forum
- Parish Councils around Npton fringe
- Agent's Forum

Held exhibitions at Moulton, Wootton, Grosvenor Centre, Brackley and Towcester

Briefings/meetings to be held with:

- All Parishes (with NCALC)
- Northampton Town Council
- General public (on line)

Next Steps

- Consider Responses to consultation/further evidence
- Drafting of Regulation 19 Plan – Member workshops etc
- Considered at PPC and Full Council at end of year
- Publish for Representations
- Submit for Examination
- Evidence base

Questions

