**Part 2 Local Plan for Corby**  
Publication Draft (Pre-Submission)  
Stage Representation Form

**Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:**  
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This form has two parts –  
Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.  
Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

### Part A

**1. Personal Details***

*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable) boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*

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Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation:

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

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Please tick as appropriate

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.
If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (NNJCS) sets out the development requirements and strategic policies, including the delivery of the Strategic Opportunity, for the Corby Borough Council (CBC) and the other North Northamptonshire Authorities and it is the role of the Part 2 Plan to deliver this. However, only three years after the adoption of the NNJCS, the Part 2 Plan is presenting a position where the Part 2 Plan is saying that the development requirements and strategy cannot be met and the opportunity to secure growth with the economic and social benefits intended through the strategic opportunity will not be achieved.

As such, the Part 2 Plan as drafted is not delivering on the strategic policies in the NNJCS, which include the provision of the Strategic Opportunity to achieve the benefits identified. The reason being is that the concerns raised by the development industry in relation to unrealistic delivery timetables and rates in the NNJCS have been become a reality. This has significant negative implications as to the growth in CBC over the plan period. If the Inspector agrees that the Part 2 Plan is not the position to address this, then it is our view that this necessitates the immediate review of the NNJCS in order to address this and that a requirement to so this should be included in Part 2 Plan.
Further to the above, we have identified in other representations that the predicted completion rates in the Part 2 Plan on the larger sites remain overly optimistic, do not reflect how larger sites deliver in practice and are not supported by any historic completion data on these or other sites. When a more realistic figure is substituted in, it is evident that the supply would be lower than the housing requirement plus the 20% buffer. So even the baseline position being presented by the Council’s is not being met.

Further to the above, it is in Table 7 where the 20% buffer is identified to provide the choice and competition needed, and ultimately provides more certainty that the housing requirement is met in accordance with the Framework. However, taking to one side whether the 20% should also be added to the Strategic Opportunity figure as well, the 20% buffer is then excluded from the Strategic Opportunity part of the table. So a 20% buffer line should be added (whether against the housing requirement or housing requirement plus strategic opportunity). Assuming it was the Council’s intention to only apply the buffer to the housing requirement, the ‘Adjusted total requirement’ in the second to last line should be 14,237 + 1,847 = 16,084 dwelling. In turn this would increase the difference between the supply identified by the Part 2 Plan and Adjusted Total Requirement to minus 4,040 dwellings. This is a considerably larger deficit than that quoted.

Scope of the Part 2 Plan
We acknowledge that the Part 2 Plan needs to be prepared in line with the strategic policies in the NNJCS in accordance with the PPG. However, this does not mean that this provides no opportunities to increase housing supply in order to get closer to the requirement. This includes additional sites in Corby. It also includes the provision of appropriate scale houses in the villages.

With regard to housing in the villages, it must be remembered that additional housing here would be contributing to the housing requirement and would not be a substitute to the Strategic Opportunity. The NNJCS is clear that the Strategic Opportunity is to be delivered at the Growth Town of Corby on the SUEs and that West Corby was allocated for this purpose. Consequently, the inclusion of Council’s inclusion of West Corby in the supply figures is currently skewing the figures being presented in Table 7. By removing West Corby from the supply figures it reveals that the housing requirement plus the buffer is not being met and that there is scope for additional sites to be identified in this context before the Strategic Opportunity is considered.

Review
It has been explained in our other representations that CBC have already triggered the review mechanism in the NNJCS, but no action has been taken. With the Part 2 Plan confirming that the completion figures in the NNJCS were overly optimistic and with the Part 2 Plan unable to deliver the Strategic Opportunity and therefore running the risk of losing the benefits this was set to deliver, it is evident an immediate review of the NNJCS is required to address this.
to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Adjust the figures in the Table 7 of the Part 2 Plan to ensure the 20% is also accounted for when considering the Strategic Opportunity.

Reconsider the predicted completions in the Housing Trajectory to better reflect the completion evidence available and to acknowledge the fluctuation in delivery experienced on larger sites.

Insert the requirement for an immediate review of the NNJCS.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

Please note In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

   No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)   X  Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

   To discuss the implications of the Part 2 Plan not delivering the strategic policies in the NNJCS and present our case as to why the requirement for an immediate review of the NNJCS should be included in the Part 2 Plan.

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

9. Signature:  ___________________________ Date:  16.9.19
Guidance Note

1. Introduction

1.1. The plan has been published by Corby Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority [LPA] in order for representations to be made on it before it is submitted for examination by a Planning Inspector. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended, [PCPA] states that the purpose of the examination is to consider whether the plan complies with the relevant legal requirements, including the duty to co-operate, and is sound. The Inspector will consider all representations on the plan that are made within the period set by the LPA.

1.2. To ensure an effective and fair examination, it is important that the Inspector and all other participants in the examination process are able to know who has made representations on the plan. The LPA will therefore ensure that the names and addresses of those making representations can be made available and taken into account by the Inspector.

2. Legal Compliance and Duty to Co-operate

2.1. You should consider the following before making a representation on legal compliance:

- The plan should be included in the LPA’s current Local Development Scheme [LDS] and the key stages set out in the LDS should have been followed. The LDS is effectively a programme of work prepared by the LPA, setting out the plans it proposes to produce. It will set out the key stages in the production of any plans which the LPA proposes to bring forward for examination. If the plan is not in the current LDS it should not have been published for representations. The LDS should be on the LPA’s website and available at its main offices.

- The process of community involvement for the plan in question should be in general accordance with the LPA’s Statement of Community Involvement [SCI]. The SCI sets out the LPA’s strategy for involving the community in the preparation and revision of plans and the consideration of planning applications.

- The LPA is required to provide a Sustainability Appraisal [SA] report when it publishes a plan. This should identify the process by which SA has been carried out, and the baseline information used to inform the process and the outcomes of that process. SA is a tool for assessing the extent to which the plan, when judged against reasonable alternatives, will help to achieve relevant environmental, economic and social objectives.
• The plan should comply with all other relevant requirements of the PCPA and the *Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012*, as amended [the Regulations].

2.3. You should consider the following before making a representation on compliance with the duty to co-operate:

• Section 33A of the PCPA requires the LPA to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with neighbouring authorities and certain other bodies over strategic matters during the preparation of the plan. The LPA will be expected to provide evidence of how they have complied with the duty.

• Non-compliance with the duty to co-operate cannot be rectified after the submission of the plan. Therefore the Inspector has no power to recommend modifications in this regard. Where the duty has not been complied with, the Inspector cannot recommend adoption of the plan.

3. Soundness

3.1. The tests of soundness are set out in paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Plans are sound if they are:

• **Positively prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum seeks to meet the area’s objectively assessed needs, and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring authorities is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;

• **Justified** – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;

• **Effective** - deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and

• **Consistent with national policy** – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the NPPF.

3.2. If you think the content of the plan is not sound because it does not include a policy on a particular issue, you should go through the following steps before making representations:

• Is the issue with which you are concerned already covered specifically by national planning policy?

• Is the issue with which you are concerned already covered by another policy in this plan?
• If the policy is not covered elsewhere, in what way is the plan unsound without the policy?

• If the plan is unsound without the policy, what should the policy say?

4. General advice

4.1. If you wish to make a representation seeking a modification to a plan or part of a plan you should set out clearly in what way you consider the plan or part of the plan is legally non-compliant or unsound, having regard as appropriate to the soundness criteria in paragraph 3.1 above. Your representation should be supported by evidence wherever possible. It will be helpful if you also say precisely how you think the plan should be modified.

4.2 You should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification. You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions. Any further submissions after the plan has been submitted for examination may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies.

4.3. Where groups or individuals share a common view on the plan, it would be very helpful if they would make a single representation which represents that view, rather a large number of separate representations repeating the same points. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.

4.4. Please consider carefully how you would like your representation to be dealt with in the examination: whether you are content to rely on your written representation, or whether you wish to take part in hearing session(s). Only representors who are seeking a change to the plan have a right to be heard at the hearing session(s), if they so request. In considering this, please note that written and oral representations carry the same weight and will be given equal consideration in the examination process.