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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4. Do you consider the Local Plan is:

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes √ No

4.(2) Sound

Yes √ No

4.(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate

Yes √ No

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.

Homes England are taking forward landholdings throughout Corby including a landholding at Pen Green, Corby where we are in discussion with the adjoining landholder and potential promoter to deliver a residential development of around 250 dwellings, including 50 dwellings on our landholding.

Homes England notes that Pen Green is not included in Policy 11 of the plan or the accompanying Table 8.

Homes England objects to the omission of Pen Green from the plan; as currently drafted, the plan does not meet the test of soundness by failing to plan positively by artificially limiting the plan’s capacity to deliver housing and its ability to contribute to meeting the area’s objectively assessed needs. The plan is therefore inconsistent with national policy which requires plans to positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of their area, and be sufficiently flexible to adapt to rapid change (NPPF 2018, Paragraph 11).

Homes England are also working to take forward a landholding at Station Road, Corby, known as Site A which has the capacity to deliver 84 dwellings in a flatted...
development. Homes England notes that the plan allocates land for residential development at Station Road in Policy H4 but restricts this allocation to the consented parcel at the southern part of the Station Road site and does not include the parcel known as Site A to the north.

Homes England objects to the omission of Site A from the plan; as currently drafted, the plan does not meet the test of soundness by failing to plan positively by artificially limiting the plan’s capacity to deliver housing and its ability to contribute to meeting the area’s objectively assessed needs. The plan is therefore inconsistent with national policy which requires plans to positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of their area, and be sufficiently flexible to adapt to rapid change (NPPF 2018, Paragraph 11).

Homes England therefore requests the following changes to Policies 11 (Delivering Housing) and H4 (land at Station Road) and the preceding Table 8 to make the Plan sound.

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6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need 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.

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<td>Maple House, Canada Square</td>
<td>14</td>
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<td>Former Our Lady Pope John School, Tower Hill Road</td>
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<td>Land at Station Road</td>
<td>234150</td>
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<td>Land off Elizabeth Street</td>
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Policy 11 – Delivering Housing

The sites listed in Table 8, and which are shown on the Policies Map, are allocated for residential development, or for mixed use development including residential.

Each allocation is supported by site-specific policies H1 to H8 and TC1 to TC3 that provide further detailed guidance on the development of these sites. These site specific policies also form part of this policy.

Land at Station Road
7.18 The site is located to the east of Corby railway station and is bordered by the station access road to the north, Station Road to the east, the railway station to the west with Railside Lane and residential dwellings located to the south. The site has been cleared, although it was previously developed. Most of the site is covered in concrete hard standing with a small area of shrubs and bushes in the southwest corner and a small copse of self-set trees adjacent to the western boundary.
7.19 Planning approval was granted in May 2018 for the erection of 150 dwellings on the southern part of the site; the northern part of the site has capacity for 84 dwellings in a flatted development.

Policy H4 Land at Station Road
A site totalling 1.52 hectares in two parcels of 0.77 hectares is allocated for residential development to include 234 dwellings. In addition to according with relevant development plan policies and material considerations, applications will be supported where the following site design principles are addressed:
- A landmark building will be provided to reflect the gateway location next to the railway station;
- The design should be of the highest quality, in particular the public realm should complement the existing public areas around the railway station;
- Development should strengthen the street edge along Station Road whilst creating a vibrant street scene;
- Careful consideration should be given to improving connectivity within and beyond the site, in particular pedestrian and cycle connections to the town centre;
- Careful consideration should be given to neighbouring residents to avoid negative impacts on amenity, such as in relation to privacy, direct sunlight or daylight;
- Before occupation of the development all garden and landscape areas must be subject to land contamination mitigation measures;
- Full details of the surface water drainage scheme, including maintenance, should be agreed with the Local Planning Authority before development commences; and
- There is an existing water main in Anglian Water’s ownership within the boundary of the site and the site layout should be designed to take this into account.

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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)
- [✓] 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:

Homes England exists to accelerate the delivery of housing across England; we are a national agency and non-department public body, sponsored by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Part of the way we do this is through unlocking public and private land. Specifically in Corby we have a number of landholdings; a number of these sites are amongst the housing Land Allocations sites in the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby.

Homes England is a key partner for delivery of the Local Plan for Corby.

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:  

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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.