Dear Terry,

Part 2 Local Plan for Corby Publication Draft (Pre-Submission) - Regulation 19

Thank you for consulting the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning and Delivery Unit (JPDU) on the above. As a partner authority within North Northamptonshire, the JPDU welcomes the positive engagement of Corby Borough Council with the Joint Planning and Delivery Unit (JPDU) throughout the preparation of the Part 2 Local Plan. This engagement and its focus on the relationship between the Part 2 Plan and the adopted Joint Core Strategy (JCS) has ensured the preparation of a robust plan that is consistent with, and takes the JCS forward with more local detail. An officer level response to the Publication Draft consultation is provided below.

**Relationship with the JCS**

The JPDU considers that the Part 2 Plan appropriately understands its relationship with the JCS - Part 1 of the Local Plan. The Part 2 Plan addresses non-strategic issues and does not duplicate policies within the JCS. The Plan provides appropriate local distinctiveness to the strategic policies of the JCS. An example of this is within Policy 6 of the Plan (*Green Infrastructure Corridors*) which adds more local guidance to Policy 19 of the JCS (*The Delivery of Green Infrastructure*) by determining a localised Green Infrastructure Network (as shown in Appendix 4) to underpin the already established local and sub-regional corridors in the JCS.

The Part 2 Plan makes reference to the housing requirements set out by Table 5 of the JCS, with the overall target for the Borough being at least 9,200 new dwellings by 2031 consistent with the requirements in Policy 28 of the JCS (*Housing Requirements*). However, it is noted that the Plan makes provision for an additional 2,844 homes through the Housing Land Supply set out in Table 7. It is considered that this provides a robust contingency and is consistent with Policy 28 of the JCS as well as contributing towards the delivery of the Strategic Opportunity for Corby set out in the JCS for delivering an additional 5,000 homes.
This is taken forward by site specific areas within the Borough (Table 8) that are allocated to boost housing supply in addition to the SUEs (also referred to as Garden Communities) of Priors Hall and Weldon Park (which form North East Corby), West Corby and other sources of housing supply.

Policy 22 of the Part 2 Plan - *Regeneration Strategy of Corby Town Centre*, sets out a number of proposals to encourage the regeneration of the town. These include accommodating a range of town centre uses whilst maintaining retail provision, encouraging innovative design and improving connectivity to the neighbouring woodland. This approach is considered to be consistent with Policies 8 (*North Northamptonshire Place Shaping Principles*) and 12 (*Town Centres and Town Centre Uses*) of the JCS.

**Conclusion**

The JPDU welcomes the progress made by the council with the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby. It is considered that the Plan is in conformity with the JCS and identifies the relevant local issues where additional guidance is required. It clearly recognises the existing policy framework within the JCS and the importance of not duplicating this. The JPDU will continue to support Corby Borough Council in taking the Part 2 Plan forward to submission and beyond this to the Examination.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact myself or another member of the JPDU.

Yours sincerely

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