



## Part 2 Local Plan for Corby

Vision and Local Outcomes Background Paper and Formulation of Spatial Portrait



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This background paper has been produced as part of the evidence base for the Regulation 18 Emerging Draft Part 2 Local Plan for Corby (herein P2LP). It explains the evolution of the approach to the guiding vision for the P2LP and the Plan's objectives which set out how it will achieve its vision.

### Background

- 1.2 The new Local Plan structure for Corby Borough comprises of two parts. Part 1 is a Joint Core Strategy (JCS), adopted in July 2016 and produced by the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee. This document sets out the spatial vision for future development in North Northamptonshire (which comprises of Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough and East Northamptonshire local authority areas) and contains strategic planning policies and outcomes aiming to deliver that vision. Part 2 is a more locally defined development plan for each authority area within North Northamptonshire. It is prepared following the general framework and strategic development goals of the JCS while providing emphasis and detail on how the JCS will be implemented within the Borough.
- 1.3 The JCS sets out the type of place Corby should become by 2031. It provides a vision statement for North Northamptonshire as a whole and a set of strategic outcomes that the Part 2 development plans must support in order to achieve that vision. In regards to Corby, it takes into account the aims of the Corby Borough Council Corporate Plan 2015-2020, of which one of the principal aims is to increase Corby's population to 100,000 people by 2031.

#### Joint Core Strategy Vision

By 2031, North Northamptonshire will be a showpiece for modern green living and well managed sustainable development: a resilient area where local choices have increased the ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to global economic changes. The special mixed urban-rural character of North Northamptonshire will have been maintained through urban-focused growth supporting a strong network of vibrant and regenerated settlements, which each maintain their separate and distinct character within an enhanced green framework of living, working countryside.

North Northamptonshire will be outward looking, taking advantage of its excellent strategic transport connectivity to be a nationally important growth area and focus for inward investment. Plan led change will have made North Northamptonshire, its northern and southern sub-areas and individual settlements more self-reliant, with more choices available locally. Investment in infrastructure, services and facilities and growth in high quality jobs will have led to less need to travel and will have shaped places in a way that meets the needs and aspirations of local people. A strong focus on growing investment in tourism, leisure and green infrastructure will be balanced with the protection and enhancement of the area's landscape character and its valuable built and natural environment.

North Northamptonshire will be an exemplar for construction based innovation and the delivery of low carbon growth. Its high quality environment and prosperous economy will ensure it has a

- 1.4 Achieving the Vision by 2031 in North Northamptonshire depends upon the successful delivery of the following Strategic Outcomes:

stronger profile within the UK and Europe; widely recognised as a safe, healthy, affordable and attractive area for residents and visitors, and an excellent place for business to invest in.

Ecosystems will be protected and enhanced and provision of ecosystem services increased where demand exists. The Rockingham Forest will be re-invigorated through major new tree planting, providing carbon storage and a focus for tourism, recreation and sustainable wood fuel production. Restored and newly created habitats in the Nene Valley Nature Improvement Area, will have delivered improvements for both wildlife and people and a step change in nature conservation whilst recognising its tourism potential.

**Contributing to this overall vision – Corby**

Corby will be well on the way to doubling its population and will offer international class culture and sport facilities. Enterprise areas will have promoted the town as a base for businesses leading the way in high performance technologies, creative industries and the green economy. Smart and innovative regeneration and growth will have delivered a transformed, vibrant and growing Town Centre and sustainable urban extensions; together with a network of accessible natural green spaces forming the urban gateway to the wider Rockingham Forest.

<p><b><u>Outcome 1. Empowered and Proactive Communities</u></b></p>	<p>The Plan sets out a framework for place shaping, focusing on the issues that matter to local communities and providing a context within which community led planning initiatives can flourish and prosper. It seeks to create successful, safe, strong, cohesive and sustainable communities where residents are actively involved in shaping the places where they live.</p>
<p><b><u>Outcome 2. Adaptability to Future Climate Change</u></b></p>	<p>The Plan will create more sustainable places that are naturally resilient to future climate change. Carbon footprints will be minimised and sustainable transport choice will be improved. Low carbon growth will be delivered through policies that seek the highest viable standards for energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable construction.</p>

<p><b><u>Outcome 3. Distinctive Environments that Enhance and Respect Local Character and Enhance Biodiversity</u></b></p>	<p>The Plan sets out a framework for retaining the area’s distinctiveness, by maintaining and enhancing landscape and townscape character. It promotes an integrated approach to biodiversity management and a net gain in Green Infrastructure, strengthening links between the countryside and the towns.</p>
<p><b><u>Outcome 4. Excellent Services and Facilities Easily Accessed by Local Communities and Businesses</u></b></p>	<p>The Plan establishes the priorities for future public and private investment and collaboration. It will help to secure provision of the infrastructure, services and facilities needed to sustain and enhance communities and support new development.</p>
<p><b><u>Outcome 5. A Sustainable Balance Between Local Jobs and Workers and a More Diverse Economy</u></b></p>	<p>The Plan provides for the workplaces, jobs, skills and sites to help build a more diverse, dynamic and self-reliant economy; one which is not overly dependent on in or out commuting. Higher skilled jobs will be facilitated through improved further education provision and enterprise and innovation will be enabled through next generation digital connectivity. Provision will be made to capitalise upon existing sectoral strengths in creating a stronger, greener economy.</p>
<p><b><u>Outcome 6 - Transformed Connectivity</u></b></p>	<p>The Plan seeks transformed connectivity at all levels. It sets out measures to enhance Neighbourhood Connectivity, establishes the requirement for inter urban transport links and for improvements to the strategic road network and main-line rail connections. It identifies the growth locations that will provide connections to and support the longer-term opportunity for the Northamptonshire Arc Rapid Transit network.</p>
<p><b><u>Outcome 7 - More Walkable Places and an Excellent Choice of Ways to Travel</u></b></p>	<p>The Plan identifies the actions needed in order to make walking the first choice of transport to local services and jobs including increasing connectivity to and from new development and the countryside and centres and ensuring that developments allow</p>

	<p>movement through them. It makes the links to the Local Transport Plan for the county, which identifies improvements to public transport, cycling networks and travel information that will encourage a shift away from car use in the towns and increase transport choice in the rural area.</p>
<p><b><u>Outcome 8 - Vibrant, Well Connected Towns and a Productive Countryside</u></b></p>	<p>The Plan proposes sustainable urban-focused development and a proactive approach to meeting rural needs, supporting greater self-reliance for the area as a whole. The network of settlements will be strengthened through transformed public transport services within the north-south urban spine and out to the market towns in the east, with demand responsive services in the rural areas. Superfast broadband will support rural businesses, enable more working from home and assist the development of local food and fuel supply chains.</p>
<p><b><u>Outcome 9 - Stronger, More Self-Reliant Towns with Thriving Centres</u></b></p>	<p>The Plan proposes the regeneration of town centres and of older parts of towns will help to maximise the use of brownfield land for new development and inspire community confidence in the need for positive change. The Plan identifies the town centres at Kettering and Corby as areas of focus for leisure, retail and cultural facilities for the northern area, making them into real hearts for their communities. Implementation of the consented Rushden Lakes development will provide an additional retail and leisure focus serving the southern area, complementing Rushden and Wellingborough town centre, which will diversify and strengthen their convenience retail provision and cultural offers.</p>

<p><b>Outcome 10 - Enhanced Quality of Life for All Residents</b></p>	<p>The Plan identifies the quality and mix of housing needed to meet the full, objectively assessed needs of the housing market area, ensuring that a sufficient proportion is affordable and accessible to all. It supports initiatives that build stable, safe, healthy and strong communities, which means respecting cultural diversity and distinctiveness; planning new development to help reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime; promoting well-being and health; ensuring that development is of local character; and supporting area based renewal.</p>
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**Neighbourhood Planning**

- 1.5 Neighbourhood planning was introduced through the Localism Act 2011. A fundamental principle of neighbourhood planning is that it is community-led. It allows local community groups the opportunity to establish their own vision and objectives, development management policies and site allocations for certain defined local areas. While neighbourhood plans enable local people to play leading roles in planning for their community, they must conform to both national planning policy and the strategic policies of the Local Plan.
- 1.6 In Corby Borough, five neighbourhood plans are currently being progressed:
  - Central Corby – CENTARA Neighbourhood Association
  - Cottingham – Cottingham Parish Council
  - Stanion – Stanion Parish Council
  - Gretton – Gretton Parish Council
  - Weldon – Weldon Parish Council

**Regulation 18 Consultation**

- 1.7 Between 7<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Corby Borough Council held the scoping consultation on the issues and options to be considered in the preparation of the P2LP. The first Regulation 18 consultation document put forward a total of 50 questions setting out potential options to take forward into a future draft plan for Corby. Two options were put forward in terms of visioning for the P2LP, as follows:
  - a) Include an additional more locally distinctive vision or further outcomes to supplement those in the Joint Core Strategy
  - b) Do not include an additional more locally distinctive vision or further outcomes to supplement those in the Joint Core Strategy
- 1.8 Responses to the consultation were mostly in favour of translating the JCS strategic vision and outcomes in more detail at local level to assist in setting out the Council’s distinct ambitions. Respondents who supported a locally distinct vision believed that it would be necessary in order to deliver the large

amount of growth planned for the Borough over the next 15 years and that the JCS alone was not sufficiently detailed enough for this purpose.

## Options

- 1.9 In light of the received responses from the Regulation 18 consultation, a number of options for visioning in the P2LP have been assessed below, followed by a preferred option and explanation as to why that has been chosen.

### **Option 1 – Prepare a locally distinct vision for Corby Borough**

#### Advantages

- Responds positively to public consultation
- Grants more influence over the development of planning policies within the P2LP
- Allows for a more locally focused approach to place shaping based on local evidence.

#### Disadvantages

- An additional locally distinctive vision could lead to confusion or duplication with JCS vision or any locally prepared visions informing Neighbourhood plans.
- Limits the scope for Neighbourhood Plans to establish their own vision and objectives

- 1.10 The first option available to the Council is to develop a locally distinct vision for Corby which expands upon the vision outlined in the JCS. The benefits of this approach would be that it responds positively to the views expressed in the Regulation 18 consultation, in terms of providing more clarity over how the significant growth of Corby's population can be appropriately planned for and allows more influence over P2LP policies as well as local implementation of place-shaping principles.

- 1.11 A significant drawback of developing a new additional vision for Corby is that it could lead to a degree of confusion between two visions for the Borough and could also bring up duplications or inconsistencies between the two. It would also limit the scope for community groups to establish their own vision and outcomes within Neighbourhood Plans.

### **Option 2 – Do not prepare a locally distinct vision but rely upon the JCS Vision instead.**

#### Advantages

- Less resource implications and effective plan approach
- Greater scope for Neighbourhood Plans to respond to local circumstances

#### Disadvantages

- Lack of specific vision to cover the locally specific policies of the P2LP.

- 1.12 The second option is not produce a locally distinct vision but solely rely on the JCS vision and strategic outcomes for the P2LP. Advantages of this approach are that it would have less resource implications and would remove the possibility of developing inconsistencies with the JCS strategic vision by producing an additional one. The disadvantages are that the P2LP would lack a more specific vision for Corby, informed by the challenges that face the Borough, and therefore rely on a strategic vision that is not distinctive to the Borough.

- 1.13 Following on from the responses received from the Regulation 18 consultation, it was ascertained that the views from stakeholders leaned towards being in favour of adding more details to the strategic vision and outcomes within the JCS. However, as set out above, risks were identified with both options initially put forward at the consultation. Therefore, it was agreed that a third option for visioning should be appraised. Option 3 is set out and appraised below:

**Option 3 – Utilise JCS Vision but incorporate a Spatial Portrait and add more detailed Local Outcomes for Corby Borough**

**Advantages**

- Will be complementary to the strategic vision for Corby in the JCS
- Supported in the Regulation 18 public consultation.
- Addition of local distinctiveness to the JCS strategic outcomes will provide a robust understanding of the Borough to better inform decision taking.
- Provides developers and investors for growth with more clarity on key challenges facing the Borough and how they should be addressed.
- Provides scope for neighbourhood planning groups to develop their own distinct visions for their plan areas if deemed necessary.

- 1.14 Option 3 is a hybrid option that uses the JCS vision as the guiding vision for the Borough but develops a set of more locally specific outcomes which complement the strategic objectives in the JCS. These will provide more detail in how the P2LP will contribute towards meeting the JCS objectives. The spatial portrait of the Borough will form the first chapter of the P2LP and aims to outline Corby's current social, economic and environmental context, and the key challenges which the P2LP aims to address during its life. The Spatial Portrait will provide the necessary evidence base to justify the Local Outcomes.

**Preferred Option**

- 1.15 The Council considers that Option 3 is the preferred option to take forward for the P2LP. The Regulation 18 consultation responses supported the provision of a more locally defined vision for Corby Borough, highlighting that sole reliance upon the JCS vision and objectives would present difficulties in how the P2LP would approach the key challenges that currently face the Borough. Analysis of developing a locally distinct vision found that there would be a risk of producing a vision which either duplicated the existing JCS vision or departed from it too much, leading to inconsistency. It could also impact on the ability of local communities to establish their own vision and objectives.

## **2.0 FORMULATION OF SPATIAL PORTRAIT AND LOCAL OUTCOMES**

- 2.1 The preferred option for the vision to guide the P2LP is to utilise the vision statement in the JCS and build upon the JCS's strategic outcomes to develop a set of local outcomes, which reflect Corby's key strengths and challenges (i.e. the local context of the Borough) while demonstrating broad consistency with the strategic outcomes for North Northamptonshire. It was considered that the best way of understanding the strengths and challenges faced by the Borough is through the opening chapter of the P2LP. This constitutes a spatial portrait that outlines the Borough's main characteristics.

2.2 The Spatial Portrait for the P2LP is informed by an assortment of adopted local strategies and background documents. Below are some of the key documents used:

- Corby Borough Council Corporate Plan 2015-2020
- P2LP for Corby Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (2016)
- North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (Adopted July 2016)
- Received responses at the Regulation 18 P2LP Issues and Options Consultation (November to December 2016)
- Corby Borough Employment Land Review – May 2018
- Social Mobility Commission in Great Britain - Annual Report (November 2017)
- Study of Housing and Support Needs of Older People Across Northamptonshire (March 2017)

### **Local Outcomes**

2.3 The spatial portrait identifies the current challenges that are facing the Borough as well as its strengths which must continue to be supported if Corby is to meet its vision by 2031. Below are some of the main opportunities and challenges identified.

#### *Opportunities*

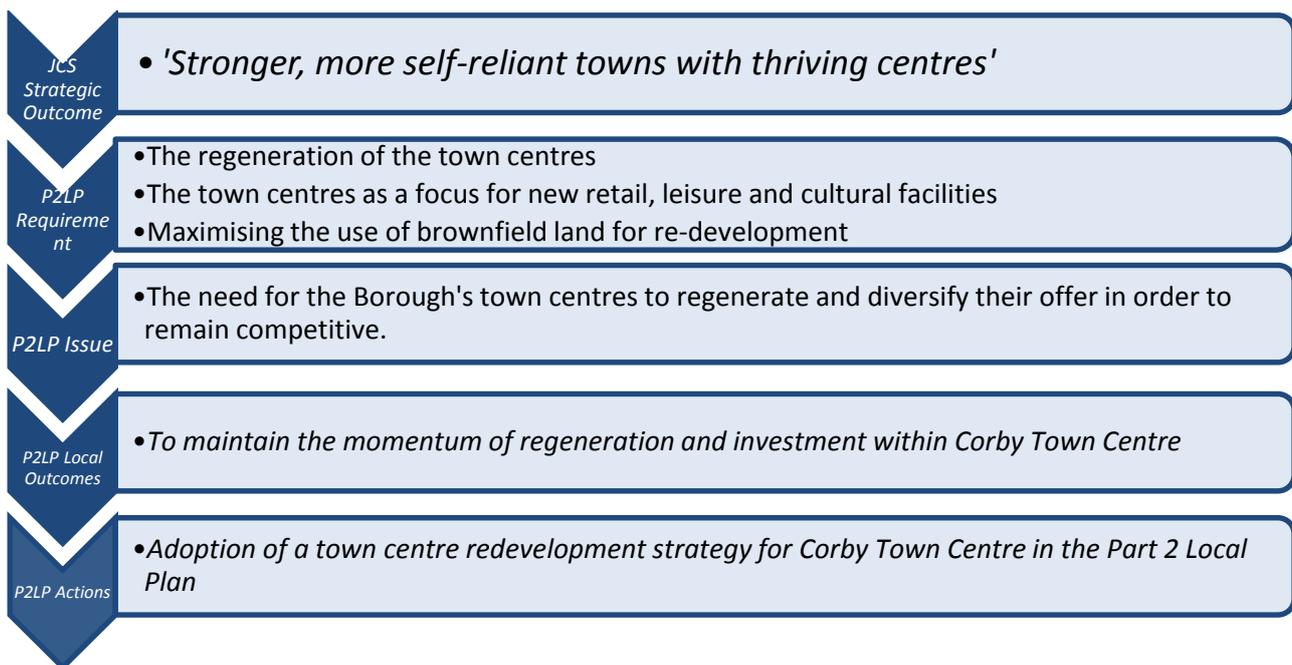
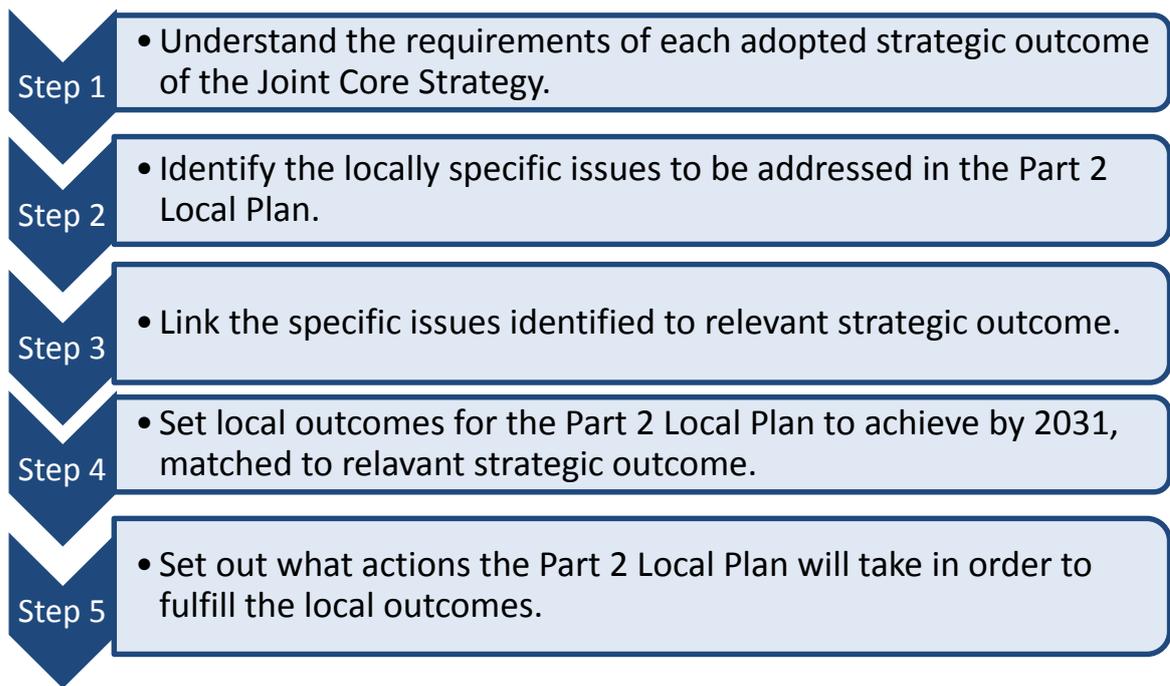
- Central location with good regional, national and international road and rail links
- Landscape character of Welland Valley and the ancient woodland of Rockingham Forest
- Attractive and preserved villages
- Relatively affordable housing market close to London and the Southeast
- Relatively large supply of employment land available to develop
- Substantial commitments for new housing and employment opportunities

#### *Challenges*

- High levels of deprivation and poor health
- Limited diversity in employment opportunities
- Future growth potentially harming village identity
- Pressure upon Borough's biodiversity and ecology due to development growth
- Improvement to existing infrastructure provision to serve ambitious population growth.
- The need for the Borough's town centres to regenerate and diversify their offer in order to remain competitive
- Meeting the housing needs of a growing elderly population

2.4 Once the locally specific strengths and challenges had been identified, in order to ensure consistency with both the JCS vision for Corby and the JCS strategic outcomes, it was then necessary to determine the Plan's local outcomes. To achieve this, the identified strengths and challenges were paired with the relevant strategic outcome (see **Appendix 1**). To ensure full transparency and comprehension of the process, actions that the P2LP will take to help achieve the local outcomes have been outlined.

2.5 The following flow-charts set out the process that was used to develop the local outcomes in the P2LP:



## Local Plan Committee

2.4 Input from members of the planning committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 helped refine the local outcomes further. In particular, members suggested that emphasis should be given to making sure the P2LP achieves the following outcomes:

- Continue supporting manufacturing sector in Corby, particularly the steel production industry.
- Strengthen pedestrian and cycle connectivity into Corby Town Centre from rest of the town and outlying villages.
- Strengthen connections between green spaces.



## Appendix 1: Development of P2LP Local Outcomes

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<p><b>Empowered and Proactive Communities</b></p> <p>The Plan sets out a framework for place shaping, focusing on the issues that matter to local communities and providing a context within which community led planning initiatives can flourish and prosper. It seeks to create successful, safe, strong, cohesive and sustainable communities where residents are actively involved in shaping the places where they live.</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 – Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development  Policy 7 – Community Services &amp; Facilities  Policy 10 – Provision of Infrastructure  Policy 11 – Network of Urban and Rural Areas</p>
<b>P2LP Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The delivery of necessary infrastructure in co-ordination with growth</li> <li>• Strengthening the network of settlements.</li> <li>• Supporting local communities in producing neighbourhood plans.</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the JCS by protecting the character and identity of the villages surrounding Corby Town.</li> <li>• Support the JCS by collaborating with partners to provide infrastructure such as schools, health and emergency services to support the significant growth planned for Corby.</li> <li>• Support the JCS in providing infrastructure that serves a growing elderly population.</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To support the Joint Core Strategy in protecting the character and identity of the settlements and protect them from unnecessary expansion into open countryside.</li> <li>2. To support the Joint Core Strategy in the timely delivery of infrastructure, services and facilities necessary to meet the needs of local communities, both existing and planned for.</li> <li>3. To support, when appropriate, the development of the neighbourhood plans being produced by local communities.</li> </ol>
<b>P2LP Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The P2LP closely informed by the North Northamptonshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the Northamptonshire Transport Plan as part of its evidence base.</li> <li>• The P2LP exists as a contingency in the case of neighbourhood plans not coming forward, so as not to prejudice their status.</li> </ul>

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<p><b>Adaptability to Future Climate Change</b></p> <p>The Plan will create more sustainable places that are naturally resilient to future climate change. Carbon footprints will be minimised and sustainable transport choice will be improved. Low carbon growth will be delivered through policies that seek the highest viable standards for energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable construction.</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 – Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development  Policy 4 – Biodiversity and Geodiversity  Policy 5 – Water Environment, Resources and Flood Risk Management  Policy 8 – North Northamptonshire Place Shaping Principles</p>
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	<p>Policy 9 – Sustainable Buildings</p> <p>Policy 19 – The Delivery of Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Policy 20 – The Nene and Ise Valleys</p> <p>Policy 21 – Rockingham Forest</p> <p>Policy 25 – Rural Economic Development and Diversification</p> <p>Policy 26 – Renewable and Low Carbon Energy</p>
<b>P2LP Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase resilience to climate change and minimise carbon footprint</li> <li>• Protect communities from risks of flooding</li> <li>• Protection of existing biodiversity assets and require a net increase of biodiversity on new developments of a certain scale</li> <li>• Regenerate Rockingham Forest for carbon storage</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The significant pressure upon the Borough’s existing biodiversity due to the large amounts of future development growth planned for Corby.</li> <li>• Supporting the JCS in reducing the necessity of car travel for accessing amenities and commuting.</li> <li>• Supporting the JCS in improving green infrastructure connectivity, particularly between the urban area of Corby and the surrounding villages.</li> <li>• Supporting the JCS in the regeneration Rockingham Forest for carbon storage</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. To protect new and existing communities from risks of flooding and support the JCS strategy on flood risk management and improvement of the quality of the water environment</li> <li>5. To support the Joint Core Strategy in protecting and enhancing the green infrastructure corridors and identify their scope for expansion</li> <li>6. To support the Joint Core Strategy in the provision of amenities and town centre uses within the committed Sustainable Urban Extensions in order to reduce need to travel by vehicle</li> <li>7. To regenerate parts of Rockingham Forest located within the Borough to increase carbon storage</li> </ol>
<b>P2LP Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Flood Risk Assessment incorporated into evidence base to inform P2LP.</li> <li>• Supporting the JCS and national strategies of creating an enhanced green infrastructure network by identifying and protecting green spaces via local policy.</li> <li>• Town centre uses allocated at the SUEs in the form of new local centres.</li> <li>• Site design principles for housing sites require consideration of flood risk mitigation where appropriate.</li> </ul>

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<b>Distinctive Environments that Enhance and Respect Local Character and Enhance Biodiversity</b>
	<p>The Plan sets out a framework for retaining the area’s distinctiveness, by maintaining and enhancing landscape and townscape character. It promotes an integrated approach to biodiversity management and a net gain in Green Infrastructure, strengthening links between the countryside and the towns.</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 – Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development</p> <p>Policy 2 – Historic Environment</p> <p>Policy 3 – Landscape Character</p> <p>Policy 4 – Biodiversity and Geodiversity</p> <p>Policy 6 – Development on Brownfield Land and Land affected by contamination</p>

	<p>Policy 8 – North Northamptonshire Place Shaping Principles</p> <p>Policy 19 – The Delivery of Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Policy 20 – The Nene and Ise Valleys</p> <p>Policy 21 – Rockingham Forest</p>
<b>P2LP Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The protection, preservation and enhancement of heritage and natural assets</li> <li>• Ensuring that new developments of all scales are well-designed to a high standard and contribute towards creating a sense of place.</li> <li>• Strengthening links between the countryside and the towns by means of green infrastructure and advocating a net gain in biodiversity</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant pressure upon the Borough’s biodiversity due to the large amounts of future development growth planned for Corby.</li> <li>• Supporting the JCS in improving green infrastructure connectivity, particularly between the urban area of Corby and the surrounding villages.</li> <li>• Supporting the JCS Place-shaping agenda by ensuring that new development at all scales is well designed built to a high standard and creates a strong sense of place.</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b>	<p>8. To support the Joint Core Strategy agenda for place-shaping by ensuring new development is well designed, of high quality and create a strong sense of place</p> <p>9. To support the Joint Core Strategy in ensuring that development protects or enhances the Borough’s identified heritage assets</p> <p>10. To support the Joint Core Strategy in protecting areas of biodiversity and advocating a net gain to biodiversity on new developments</p> <p>11. To support the Joint Core Strategy in improving the quality of open space, encouraging provision in areas of deficiency and within any new developments</p>
<b>P2LP Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation Area evidence updated for Gretton and Great Oakley</li> <li>• Local Open Space, Sport and Recreation evidence updated and policy included</li> <li>• Restraint village policy coverage for Rockingham and East Carlton</li> <li>• Policy protection for Local Green Spaces which come forward.</li> <li>• Further refinement of local green infrastructure corridors to ensure more robust and comprehensive coverage – also supports JCS Policy 21 which seeks to increase tree planting in the Rockingham Forest, increase biodiversity links and support new green infrastructure</li> <li>• Housing allocations in P2LP identify site-specific design principles</li> </ul>

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<b>Excellent Services and Facilities Easily Accessed by Local Communities and Businesses</b>
	<p>The Plan establishes the priorities for future public and private investment and collaboration. It will help to secure provision of the infrastructure, services and facilities needed to sustain and enhance communities and support new development.</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 – Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development</p> <p>Policy 7 – Community Services &amp; Facilities</p> <p>Policy 10 – Provision of Infrastructure</p> <p>Policy 18 – HGV Parking</p> <p>Policy 22 – Delivering Economic Prosperity</p> <p>Policy 28 – Housing Requirements</p>

<b>P2LP Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retention, enhancement and provision of new community services and facilities.</li> <li>Collaborating with partners to deliver infrastructure in co-ordination with growth</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting the JCS by allocating further community facilities and expand existing ones in order to serve the significant development growth in Corby.</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b>	<p>12. To collaborate with the service providers in the delivery of new infrastructure including transport, education and training, social and cultural, emergency services, healthcare, utilities and telecommunications</p> <p>13. To support the Joint Core Strategy through the allocation of new or improved community amenities within the Borough's town centres and neighbourhood centres</p> <p>14. To support the Joint Core Strategy in improving pedestrian and cycle connectivity between Corby and the surrounding villages</p>
<b>P2LP Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The P2LP supports the infrastructure improvements outlined within the North Northamptonshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> <li>Neighbourhood shops and amenities which serve an important community function are protected via local policy in P2LP</li> </ul>

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<p><b>A Sustainable Balance Between Local Jobs and Workers and a More Diverse Economy</b></p> <p>The Plan provides for the workplaces, jobs and sites to help build a more diverse, dynamic and self-reliant economy; one which is not overtly dependent on in or out commuting. Higher skilled jobs will be facilitated through improved further education provision and enterprise and innovation will be enabled through next generation digital connectivity. Provision will be made to capitalise upon existing sectoral strengths in creating a stronger, greener economy.</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development  Policy 22 – Delivering Economic Prosperity  Policy 23 – Distribution of new jobs  Policy 24 – Logistics  Policy 25 – Rural Economic Development and Diversification  Policy 26 – Renewable and Low Carbon Energy  Policy 27 – Rockingham Motor Racing Circuit Enterprise Area</p>
<b>P2LP Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify sufficient high quality employment sites to encourage a stronger, more sustainable and diverse economy.</li> <li>Retention of industrial and commercial land and existing industrial estates in order to maintain and expand current employment sectors</li> <li>Support the infrastructure needs for certain employment uses (e.g. warehousing and logistics-based development)</li> <li>Support new employment opportunities within the Rockingham Enterprise Area</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansive and well maintained industrial estates providing a variety of employment uses of various scales.</li> <li>Large quantity of suitable employment land to develop but unfortunately majority was allocated in previous Local Plan in 1997 and has not yet been developed</li> <li>Professional office sector in the Borough is currently very limited</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low skilled local workforce means that local labour market is limited to certain sectors</li> <li>• Recognising the need to maintain a strong retail employment sector in the town centres</li> <li>• Proximity to RMRC allows for opportunity to develop specialised employment sectors within the Rockingham Enterprise Area (e.g. performance technologies)</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b>	<p>15. To continue supporting Corby's strong manufacturing sector and its traditional steel industry</p> <p>16. To support the Joint Core Strategy by allocating sites in the Rockingham Enterprise Area and encouraging the development of new employment opportunities</p> <p>17. To identify a supply of non-strategic employment sites in the Borough and maintain the existing industrial estates for employment uses.</p> <p>18. To maintain and enhance the strong, sub-regional retail draw of Corby Town Centre and encourage new employment opportunities within the town centres, for example office uses.</p>
<b>P2LP Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Employment Land Review produced and forms part of P2LP evidence base.</li> <li>• Policy identifies non-strategic employment land allocations and promotes them for all employment uses (B1 to B8 uses)</li> <li>• Policy supporting the improvement of existing industrial areas is included in the P2LP</li> <li>• Criteria based policy to safeguard existing employment areas included in the P2LP</li> <li>• Town centre redevelopment sites allocated in Corby Town Centre for main town centre uses which include residential.</li> </ul>

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<b>Transformed Connectivity</b>
	<p>The Plan seeks transformed connectivity at all levels. It sets out measures to enhance Neighbourhood Connectivity, establishes the requirement for inter-urban transport links and for improvements to strategic road network and main-line rail connections. It identifies the growth locations that will provide connections to and support the longer-term opportunity for the Northamptonshire Arc Rapid Transit network.</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 – Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development  Policy 8 – North Northamptonshire Place Shaping Principles  Policy 15 – Well Connected Towns, Villages and Neighbourhoods  Policy 16 – Connecting the Network of Settlements  Policy 17 – North Northamptonshire's Strategic Connections  Policy 18 – HGV Parking</p>
<b>P2LP Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute towards improving inter-urban transport links</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corby is very well connected on the national road network</li> <li>• Electrification upgrade of the Corby-Kettering railway will support faster and more efficient train services to Corby.</li> <li>• New franchise for the East Midlands Rail Network from August 2019 is expected to bring about timetable changes for Corby and more services to London St Pancras.</li> <li>• Linkages between Corby Town Centre and Corby train station are currently poor and need enhancing.</li> </ul>

<b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b>	<p>19. To support opportunities to develop sustainable transport connections between Corby town centre and Corby Train Station</p> <p>20. To support opportunities that build upon the proposed enhancements to the Midland Mainline improving Corby's connectivity to the national rail network and rail connections to mainland Europe.</p> <p>21. To support the growing take-up of electric cars by providing sufficient charging infrastructure for homes, businesses and public places.</p>
<b>P2LP Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of regeneration strategy for Corby Train Station and Corby Town Centre which aims for improved public realm and connectivity between them.</li> </ul>

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<p><b>More Walkable Places and an Excellent Choice of Ways to Travel</b></p> <p>The Plans identifies the actions needed in order to make walking the first choice of transport to local services and jobs including increasing connectivity to and from new development and the countryside and centres and ensuring that developments allow movement through them. It makes the links to the Local Transport Plan for the county, which identifies improvements to public transport, cycling networks and travel information that will encourage a shift away from car use in the towns and increase transport choice in the rural area.</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 – Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development  Policy 8 – North Northamptonshire Place Shaping Principles  Policy 15 – Well Connected Towns, Villages and Neighbourhoods  Policy 16 – Connecting the Network of Settlements  Policy 19 – The Delivery of Green Infrastructure</p>
<b>P2LP Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walking and other sustainable transport prioritised as main mode of travel</li> <li>Prioritising movement and connectivity within new development</li> <li>Improving the connections between the towns and the open countryside</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting the JCS strategy of creating more 'walkable' places and increasing transport choice, particularly</li> <li>Large expansions to Corby in the form of SUEs raises the opportunity to establish more 'walkable' environments and expand the green connections between new development and the surrounding countryside</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b>	<p>22. To support the Joint Core Strategy by working with partners to improve public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure across the Borough</p> <p>23. To support maintaining and expanding the strategic Green Infrastructure network within the Borough, improving connectivity between communities and facilitating the development of shared pedestrian and cycleway linkages along green corridors</p> <p>24. To ensure that pedestrian and cycle linkages from Sustainable Urban Extensions to existing urban areas and neighbouring villages are incorporated fully.</p>
<b>P2LP Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting the JCS and national strategies of creating an enhanced green infrastructure network by identifying and protecting green spaces.</li> <li>Infrastructure, services, retail and businesses located within the SUEs in order to make them 'walkable'.</li> <li>Corby Town Transport Strategy outlines the committed transportation network improvements for Corby and forms part of the evidence base for the P2LP.</li> </ul>

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<p><b>Vibrant, Well Connected Towns and a Productive Countryside</b></p> <p>The Plan proposes sustainable urban-focused development and proactive approach to meeting rural needs, supporting greater self-reliance for the area as a whole. The network of settlements will be strengthened through transformed public transport services within the north-south urban spine and out to the market towns in the east, with demand responsive services in the rural areas. Superfast broadband will support rural businesses, enable more working from home and assist the development of local food and fuel supply chains.</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 - Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development  Policy 13 – Rural Exceptions  Policy 15 – Well Connected Towns, Villages and Neighbourhoods  Policy 16 – Connecting the Network of Settlements  Policy 19 – The Delivery of Green Infrastructure  Policy 25 – Rural Economic Development and Diversification  Policy 28 – Housing Requirements  Policy 29 – Distribution of New Homes</p>
<b>P2LP Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focusing new development towards the urban area, except in certain circumstances</li> <li>• Supporting a prosperous and diverse rural economy</li> <li>• Improve public transportation between the towns</li> <li>• Supporting superfast broadband connections to allow more people to work from home</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting JCS strategies in relation to focusing development towards urban areas, improving public transportation provision and diversifying the rural economy</li> <li>• Supporting the JCS in delivering improved telecommunication infrastructure to allow more people to work from home.</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b>	<p>25. To support the Joint Core Strategy framework of sustainable urban-focused development, improving public transportation provision to outlying villages and diversifying the rural economy</p> <p>26. To support the Joint Core Strategy ambition for enhancing broadband provision to facilitate more sustainable working practices</p>
<b>P2LP Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Corby Town Transport Strategy outlines the committed transportation network improvements for Corby and forms part of the evidence base for the P2LP.</li> <li>• Supporting the JCS and national strategies of creating an enhanced green infrastructure network by identifying and protecting green spaces</li> <li>• Support in the P2LP for enhancing sustainable modes of transportation, including walking and cycling routes within green infrastructure and supporting the move towards electric car usage</li> <li>• Policy for new telecommunications infrastructure in the P2LP.</li> </ul>

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<p><b>Stronger, More Self-Reliant Towns with Thriving Centres</b></p>
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	<p>The Plan proposes the regeneration of town centres and of older parts of the towns will help to maximise the use of brownfield land for new development and inspire community confidence in the need for positive change. The Plan identifies the town centres at Kettering and Corby as areas of focus for leisure, retail and cultural facilities for the northern area, making them into real hearts for their communities. Implementation of the consented Rushden Lakes development will provide an additional retail and leisure focus serving the southern area, complementing Rushden and Wellingborough town centre, which will diversify and strengthen their convenience retail provision and cultural offers.</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 - Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development  Policy 6 - Development on Brownfield Land and Land affected by contamination  Policy 12 – Town Centres and Town Centre Uses  Policy 28 – Housing Requirements  Policy 29 – Distribution of New Homes</p>
<b>P2LP Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The regeneration of the town centres</li> <li>• The town centres as a focus for new retail, leisure and cultural facilities</li> <li>• Maximising the use of brownfield land in town centres for redevelopment.</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town centres nationwide need to diversify beyond traditional retail in order to remain viable in the current economic context</li> <li>• Out-of-centre retail provision challenging the Borough’s town centres</li> <li>• Corby Town Centre has seen recent regeneration; however this needs to continue in order for it to remain a competitive and thriving centre to serve the growth planned for the area.</li> <li>• JCS requirement for a net increase in comparison retail floorspace by 2031.</li> <li>• Corby train station and Corby Town Centre is currently linked by poor quality public realm</li> </ul>
<b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b>	<p>27. To maintain a network of accessible, diverse and active town centres across the Borough including new local centres to serve the SUEs</p> <p>28. To maintain the momentum of regeneration and investment within Corby Town Centre, including further public realm improvements and strengthening connectivity between the Town Centre and Station</p> <p>29. To support the Joint Core Strategy in providing a net increase in comparison retail floorspace in Corby’s town centres by 2031.</p> <p>30. To support a variety of different uses such as leisure, community uses and residential development within Corby Town Centre to ensure that it provides a unique range of uses serving the northern sub-area of North Northamptonshire</p>
<b>P2LP Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified redevelopment sites in Corby Town Centre are brownfield in nature and are allocated for high quality designed developments and main town centre uses.</li> <li>• Evidence has been gathered in order to support the adoption of local retail impact thresholds in order to protect town centre vitality and viability.</li> <li>• Town centre uses are allocated at the SUEs in the form of new local centres.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood shop rows that serve a smaller catchment are protected via policy.</li> </ul>

<b>JCS Strategic Outcome</b>	<b>Enhanced Quality of Life for All Residents</b>
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	<p>The Plan identifies the quality and mix of housing needed to meet the full, objectively assessed needs of the housing market area, ensuring that a sufficient proportion is affordable and accessible to all. It supports initiatives that build stable, safe, healthy and strong communities, which means respecting cultural diversity and distinctiveness; planning new development to help reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime; ensuring that development is of local character; and supporting area based renewal</p> <p>Policies to help achieve this outcome are:</p> <p>Policy 1 - Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development  Policy 6 – Development on Brownfield Land and Land affected by contamination  Policy 8 – North Northamptonshire Place Shaping Principles  Policy 9 – Sustainable Buildings  Policy 10 – Provision of Infrastructure  Policy 19 – The Delivery of Green Infrastructure  Policy 21 – Rockingham Forest  Policy 28 – Housing Requirements  Policy 30 – Housing Mix and Tenure  Policy 31 – Gypsies and travellers and travelling show people</p>
<p><b>P2LP Requirement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering a wide mix of housing tenures in order to accommodate all types of housing need</li> <li>• Prioritising the re-development of brownfield land</li> <li>• Ensuring the delivery of energy efficient homes and buildings</li> </ul>
<p><b>P2LP Issues and Opportunities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The national policy requirement for new development to fully consider how to minimise crime and anti-social behaviour, to encourage healthier lifestyles and to respect the local area character.</li> <li>• Health issues in the Borough are significant and need to be addressed</li> <li>• The Council is proactive in delivering new homes as a statutory provider of new housing for those in need.</li> <li>• There is a growing elderly population in the Borough requiring specialist housing.</li> <li>• Supporting the JCS in providing appropriate sites for gypsy and travelling show people accommodation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>P2LP Local Outcomes</b></p>	<p>31. To support the Joint Core Strategy by providing a mix of housing tenure in the Borough, including social housing, housing older people, affordable housing, gypsy and travelling show people accommodation and custom and self-build housing plots.</p> <p>32. To support the JCS by encouraging new developments to contribute towards encouraging healthier lifestyles, prioritising ‘walkable’ streets, providing on-site open space and creating opportunities for active leisure</p>
<p><b>P2LP Actions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint working with other North Northamptonshire local planning authorities to update assessment of needs for gypsy and travelling show people accommodation.</li> <li>• Policy requirement for residential schemes of specified scales to provide serviced plots for custom house building.</li> <li>• Self and Custom House building Register eligibility requirements have been updated to better assess demand for serviced plots</li> <li>• Local policy support for specialist housing and older people’s accommodation</li> </ul>

