North Northamptonshire
Joint Planning Unit

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

North Northamptonshire Local Development Framework
Notice of Draft Supplementary Planning Documents:
1. Development Contributions and 2. Biodiversity

In accordance with regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended) the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee has agreed the above documents for public consultation. When adopted (with or without alteration) they will form part of the Local Development Framework for North Northamptonshire.

The Development Contributions SPD is a tool for decision makers and applicants for planning permission, to assist with determining the level of contributions for different infrastructure categories, as required through policy 6 of the adopted North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy. The Biodiversity SPD provides guidance on the implementation of policies 5, 13 and 16 of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy in order to ensure that biodiversity is fully incorporated into the development process.

The Development Contributions and Biodiversity SPDs cover the administrative area of the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee (the Boroughs of Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough and the District of East Northamptonshire).

Screening reports have been produced for both SPDs in relation to both Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment. These reports have concluded that the SPDs, both alone and in combination with other plans, are not likely to have a significant environmental effect either generally in North Northamptonshire, or more specifically on the internationally important interest features of the designated and proposed Special Protection Areas. Therefore neither an Environmental Assessment or a Habitats Regulations Assessment is required.

The North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee will be consulting on the Development Contributions and Biodiversity SPDs for 6 weeks from Friday 8 October 2010. Copies of the draft SPDs and supporting documentation will be available at www.nnjpu.org.uk and will be free of charge from the Joint Planning Unit. They are available to view during normal opening hours at the offices of North **Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit, Corby Borough Council, East Northamptonshire Council, Kettering Borough Council, and the Borough Council of Wellingborough; also at public libraries throughout North Northamptonshire, including the mobile libraries.**

Representations on the draft SPDs and are invited and must be received no later than **5.30 p.m. on Friday 19 November 2010.** Representations should be sent in writing to the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit, 1 Exchange Court, Cottingham Road, Corby, NN17 1TY, by fax to 01536 443951, or by email to info@nnjpu.org.uk. Representations may also be submitted electronically via the Joint Planning Unit web site www.nnjpu.org.uk and this is the preferred method for receiving responses.

Please note that representations received during the consultation period cannot be treated as confidential.

Please notify the Joint Planning Unit if you wish to be informed when either SPD has been adopted.

If you have any questions on the Development Contributions SPD or the Biodiversity SPD please contact the Joint Planning Unit on 01536 274974 or via info@nnjpu.org.uk

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