

CHAPTER 4 – HOUSING POLICIES

HOUSING RELATED TO THE GROWTH OF NORTHAMPTON

- 4.13 The northward expansion of the built up area of Northampton has now reached the boundary between Northampton Borough and Daventry District almost everywhere along its length. In approving Alteration No 1 to the County Structure Plan, the Secretary of State for the Environment therefore required that provision be made in the Daventry District for an additional 1000 dwellings "related to the growth of Northampton". The options are considerably narrowed by landscape and other physical considerations, together with the acknowledged need to prevent the coalescence of the town with its surrounding villages.
- 4.14 The Consultation Draft of the Local Plan proposed that all 1000 dwellings should be located at Whitehills. This was amended to include sites at Boughton Green Road, Round Spinney and Park View in the Deposit Draft Local Plan. Following the Local Plan Public Inquiry the allocated sites are now at Whitehills (Policy HS2) and Boughton Green road (Policy HS3) and include a flexibility allowance to ensure that the Structure Plan provisions are met in full. The sites chosen and the conditions imposed upon them will seek to minimise any impact on the highway network, the impact on nearby residents and any threat of coalescence with surrounding villages.