

CHAPTER 7 – COMMUNICATIONS

A14 SERVICE AREAS

- 7.28 Following the confirmation of the route of the proposed Link Road connecting the M1 Motorway at its junction with the M6 to the A1 Trunk Road and A604 at Huntingdon now open to traffic as the A14 Trunk Road, the local planning authorities whose areas are traversed by this road jointly agreed to take positive action by formulating a policy regarding the provision of service area facilities. The authorities involved are:
Corby District Council;

Daventry District Council;

Harborough District Council

Huntingdon District Council;

Kettering Borough Council;

Northamptonshire County Council
- 7.29 The Department of Transport, whilst not a signatory to this policy statement, has been party to its formulation and supports the stance adopted since it considers that it accords with its own policy outlined in Planning Policy Guidance Note No. 13 "Transport" and in Department of Transport Circular 4/88 "The Control of Development on Trunk Roads".
- 7.30 This policy statement has been the subject of consultation with the general public, Parish and Town Councils, statutory undertakers, organisations involved in the development and implementation of service areas and bodies representing the users of such facilities. The interests of both the private and the public sector have been recognised and taken into account.
- 7.31 The local authorities Joint Policy Statement limits the development of Link Road Service Areas in the Daventry District to one only, at the junction of the A14, and the A5199 (formerly the A50) Northampton to Leicester Road, between the villages of Welford and Thornby (See Proposals Map).
- 7.32 An analysis of the four quadrants of the junction indicated that service area development should be restricted to the south west quadrant on the basis of agricultural and landscape considerations.