Changes to Paragraphs 1.4.04, 4.1.05 and Policy SP1 part B as a result of discussions held during Matter 1 of the Daventry Part 2 Plan Examination.

1.4.04 With respect to housing led sites in the NRDA, the only duty to co-operate issue that needs to be resolved is the issue of housing delivery in the NRDA. This is explained more fully in the Background Paper, but in outline there have been potential issues around the rate of delivery on sites within the NRDA. However these sites are now progressing, with planning applications on each of the SUE’s in Daventry District that contribute towards meeting the NRDA requirement, and some completions on these sites, most notably North of Whitehills. Furthermore as set out in the consultation on a schedule of sites published by the Borough in October 2017 there is sufficient sites to meet the Borough’s needs (18,870 as set out in WNJCS Policy S3). More detail is set out in the NRDA Background Paper and the Duty to Co-operate Background Paper. As the SUE’s start to progress and the Borough has sufficient sites within its boundary it is not considered that it requires a policy response in this plan. It is not within the scope of the Part 2 Plan to plan for development that meets the needs of Northampton (outside the SUEs that have already been allocated). However it is important that this plan acknowledges the potential for further development arising from the review of the WNJCS (Part 1 Plan) in the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan to keep this position under review as further cooperation takes place to ensure that the WNJCS spatial strategy is delivered.

4.1.05 As this is a Part 2 Local Plan it is crucial that this over-arching spatial strategy of the WNJCS is carried forward. With respect to the NRDA, it is important that Northampton’s needs are met in a plan-led manner to avoid piecemeal development. As set out in para 5.12 of the WNJCS piecemeal development can increase the load on the current road and utilities infrastructure, without bringing forward the economies of scale that would make the provision of further infrastructure cost effective and therefore deliverable. Such a pattern of development in the District is not considered to be sustainable. It is not within the scope of the Part 2 Plan to plan for development that meets the needs of Northampton (outside the SUEs that have already been allocated). Work on the review of the WNJCS (Part 1 Plan) is underway, and it is important that this plan does not prevent additional development coming forward to meet Northampton’s needs arising from that review, in the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan.
The policy aims to address all of the objectives

The policy helps to deliver policies S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, E1, D1, BN5, R1 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.

SP1 – Daventry District Spatial Strategy

To ensure a sustainable pattern of development to meet the overall spatial strategy of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, sustainable development in Daventry District will be guided by the following spatial principles:

A. Focusing development at Daventry town to deliver its regeneration and reinforce its role as the sub-regional centre of West Northamptonshire and its ability to support the surrounding communities;

B. Assisting with the delivery of plan-led development to meet Northampton’s needs identified in the West Northampton Joint Strategic Plan where it is identified that this cannot be accommodated within the Northampton Related Development Area;

C. Promoting a vibrant economy through encouraging the regeneration of Daventry Town Centre and protecting and enhancing a network of identified employment areas at the town and across the rural area;

D. Supporting the development of Daventry District’s learning infrastructure to raise educational achievement and the skills base of our communities;

E. Protecting and enhancing existing services and facilities within the District’s villages through allowing limited development to meet their identified housing needs;

F. Ensuring that development promotes healthy and active lifestyles through encouraging the use of sustainable transport modes and protecting and enhancing a network of green infrastructure and open space;

G. Protecting and enhancing the built and natural environment and the District’s heritage assets, including protecting the Open Countryside;

H. Prioritising and making an efficient use of previously developed land, including ensuring that unused and vacant buildings are brought back into a use appropriate to their location.