

Daventry Part 2 Local Plan

Submission on behalf of Davidsons and L&Q to document EXAM 17 – Proposed changes to Chapter 4 and Policy SP1

At 4.1.05, the new wording states that it is not within the scope of the Part 2 Plan to plan for development that meets the needs of Northampton. This simply cannot be the case as:

- Policy S3 of the WNJCS sets a requirement for about 12,730 dwellings to be built in Daventry District; this is the starting point for the Part 2 Plan.
- Policy S3 provides a further breakdown between the three areas in Daventry District and it is not disputed that the about 5,750 figure for the NRDA part of Daventry is to meet Northampton's housing needs – housing needs that are not being met.
- Policy S4 clarifies the NRDA position in meeting housing needs by stating that Northampton's needs will be met PRIMARILY within the existing urban area and at the SUEs within the NRDA. Policy S4 actually goes on to support additional development to meet Northampton's needs if it meets the vision, objectives and policies of the JCS. By 'additional', this must be beyond the urban area and the NRDA and as a consequence elsewhere within Daventry and/or South Northants.

It is entirely within the scope of the Part 2 Plan to ensure that the Daventry District component of Policy S3 is delivered – all 12,730 dwellings. In fact the Part 2 Plan would not be sound if it did not as it would fail the positively prepared and consistent with national policy tests (NPPF paragraph 47).

The proposed change to Policy SP1(B) is completely ineffective and fails the positively prepared test in seeking to meet Northampton's housing needs. The submitted text at least at least recognised that if Northampton's needs are not being met in the NRDA, then there is a need to meet those beyond the NRDA.

To be found sound the Part 2 Plan must demonstrate how it is delivering the 12,730 dwellings as required by the JCS and set out a trajectory accordingly.