6.3.06 In some circumstances, where it may be difficult to demonstrate long term financial sustainability, such as for a new rural enterprise, it may be appropriate for the granting of temporary planning permission for the proposed associated rural workers accommodation, for example to allow for temporary accommodation to assist with establishing the viability of the business.

The policy aims to address objectives 9, 10 and 11.

The policy helps to deliver policies R1 and R2 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy

HO6 - Rural Worker Dwellings

A. The provision of a Rural Worker Dwelling will be acceptable when it is demonstrated that there is an essential need for the dwelling to ensure the function of the rural business and where all of the following criteria can be satisfied;

i. The functional need cannot be accommodated within an existing settlement, an existing dwelling or provided through the re use or conversion of existing buildings;

ii. The proposal is of a scale commensurate with the function and need;

iii. The proposal relates to a demonstrably financially viable well-established activity;

iv. The proposal is appropriately sited to meet the functional need, with appropriate access and servicing; and

v. The proposal is well related to existing rural buildings and other dwellings or positively integrates with the surrounding countryside and appropriately reflects the distinctive rural character.

B. Temporary accommodation for new rural enterprises will be acceptable to enable the long term financial sustainability of the enterprise to be assessed, subject to meeting criteria A i, ii, iv and v.