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Policy 6

Whilst the document mentions the importance of Health and Wellbeing, it is felt that there is little joined up thinking. There is substantial development without the appropriate increases for GP surgeries or whether Northampton General Hospital can cope with the expanding population when both seem to be at breaking point.

Policy 13

The Farm, Hardingstone (ref 0204)

There are concerns that due to the location of this site that the only access would be via the village. This would mean an increase of traffic in an area that would not be suitable. There are also concerns that this area would be subject to flooding due to natural springs in the area and the elevation of the land, currently the site takes drainage water from The Green and Heritage Farm. It is the council's understanding that development on this site has been declined in the past due to the sensitive nature of the nearby conservation area.

Policy 38

The Green, Great Houghton (LAA1098)

Whilst this states "Any proposal that comes forward should include suitable measures to mitigate the impact of additional traffic generated by the development" the council does not see how this can be done. There is already plans for 1000 houses as part of Hardingstone SUE and potential 500 from Hampton Green development. Newport Pagnell Road and others in the area are not suitable for this increased volume of traffic. We understand that the joint core strategy stated that with the Hardingstone SUE this area would be just about sustainable, so how can this extra traffic be justifiable. It is our belief that a lot of cars will be leaving on the Newport Pagnell Road to go to the A45 North, or South to M1 Junction 15 creating grid lock on the Queen Eleanor roundabout and J15 roundabout.

There are also concerns that overdevelopment in this area could cause flooding on Brackmills estate.

Overall the council feels there needs to be some joined up thinking in developments. There is a lot of development already approved along the Newport Pagnell Road and there are more on the proposed list which could cause serious infrastructure issues. The council also wonders if the numbers of housing needed needs reviewing in a post-covid world when the ways people commute may change.