



## **Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Modifications Consultation Statement of Representations Procedure and Fact July 2022**

### **NORTHAMPTON LOCAL PLAN PART 2 PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS (REGULATION 24)**

#### **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

- Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications
- Schedule of Proposed Additional Modifications
- Schedule of Proposed Changes to the Policies Map
- Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitats Regulations Assessment

West Northamptonshire Council submitted the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 to the Secretary of State in February 2021 for independent examination. Examination Hearings were held by the Planning Inspectors Philip Lewis BA (Hons) MA MRTPI and Mark Sturgess BSc (Hons) MBA MRTPI in November 2021.

Following the Hearings, a number of Main Modifications have been prepared at the request of the Planning Inspectors. A Main Modification is an amendment which is considered necessary to make the Plan sound and is required in order to address concerns raised by the Inspectors or other representors during the examination process. The Council has prepared a schedule setting out the proposed Main Modifications it considers necessary in order for the Local Plan to be found sound. They are put forward without prejudice to the Inspectors' final conclusions and all representations will be taken into account by the Inspectors. The Main Modifications have been subject to Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment. Representations about the Main Modifications, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment will be forwarded to the Inspectors.

The Council is also consulting on Additional Modifications which are minor changes that do not relate to the Plan's soundness. The Main Modifications and Additional Modifications have also resulted in the need for a number of consequential changes to the Policies Map. The Council is consulting on these changes too. The Inspectors will not be considering responses to consultation on Additional Modifications or

Policies Map Changes in their report and recommendations; these will be matters for the Council to consider.

## **PERIOD FOR MAKING REPRESENTATIONS**

The consultation runs for six weeks from Thursday 7 July to 23:59 on 18 August 2022.

## **WHERE TO VIEW THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

The Schedule of Main Modifications, the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Schedule of Additional Modifications, Changes to the Policies Map and Updated Policies Map are available to view from the Council's website at:

[northampton.gov.uk/LPP2mods2022](http://northampton.gov.uk/LPP2mods2022)

Hard copies of the documents are also available for inspection during normal opening hours at the One Stop Shop (at the Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE), publicly owned libraries and parish council offices in Northampton.

## **HOW TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS**

To make representations to the Main Modifications consultation documents, please use the online form <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/>

Alternatively, representations can be made on the form which can be obtained from the Council's website or one of the deposit points listed above, electronically or in hard copy.

Representations can then be returned:

By **email** to:

PlanningPolicy.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk

By **post** or by **hand** to:

Planning Policy Team (***Modifications***)

West Northamptonshire Council

The Guildhall

St Giles Square

Northampton

NN1 1DE

**Please note that the consultation is limited to the schedule of Main Modifications and associated consultation documents listed above and is not the opportunity to comment on other aspects of the Local Plan.**

Representations received in response to the Main Modifications, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment will be passed to the Planning Inspector and, together with any responses to the Additional Modifications will be

made available for public inspection and therefore your name and representation will be viewable on our website and in hard copy once the consultation has closed.

Representations cannot be treated as confidential. Postal address, telephone and email details will not be published.

## **FURTHER NOTIFICATION**

The representation form contains an option to request further notifications in relation to the progress of the Local Plan. Further notification requests can be made for the following events:

- Publication of the Inspectors' Report on the examination of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2
- Adoption of Northampton Local Plan Part 2