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Q2: Are you an agent responding on behalf of another? Yes

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Q4: What are the main issues relating to housing delivery, mix and affordability which the Local Plan (Part 2) should consider? The Local Plan (Part 2) will not be reviewing the number of new homes that is already identified in the adopted Joint Core Strategy.

Ensure deliverability and viability together with flexibility and choice. This will require a variety of sites including small/medium sized which are deliverable with shorter lead times.

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Q5: Do you think that we need sites that can deliver new homes more quickly, in the short to medium term? Yes, this will help ensure maintenance of 5YHLS. Failure to ensure adequate provision has adverse economic and social impacts.
Q6: Do you think that we need a mix of market housing e.g. family homes, housing for single households? 
Yes. New family homes will continue to be required. The Council should also address local needs for self-build/custom-build homes.

Q7: Do you think that we need a mix of affordable housing e.g. affordable rent, social rent, shared ownership, Starter Homes? 
Yes

Q8: Is there evidence to support the Local Plan (Part 2) introducing the optional national housing technical standards in relation to access and space standards?
No comment

Q9: Is there evidence to support the Local Plan (Part 2) introducing the optional national housing technical standards in relation to water efficiency standards?
No comment

Q10: Are there particular sites that are not used currently for employment uses which you consider would be particularly suitable for new employment uses? The Local Plan (Part 2) will not be reviewing the jobs growth which is already set out in the adopted Joint Core Strategy.
No comment

Q11: Outside of the Enterprise Zone, are there any other existing employment areas where opportunities could be improved and vacancy rates could be addressed? If so, how could this be achieved?
No comment
Q12: Do you think there are any areas within the Borough where certain types of employment development are generally acceptable but which currently require planning permission, which could reasonably be dispensed with through the introduction of a Local Development Order?

No comment

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Q13: Please provide details of any particular infrastructure issues in relation to new development which you think the Local Plan (Part 2) should address, if possible providing evidence?

Favell Gospel Hall Trust are providers of places of worship and burial facilities for the local assembly of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church. The congregation is expected to continue to grow through the plan period to 2029 and additional places of worship will be required in the Borough. Furthermore, the private burial facility at Billing Road East is likely to reach capacity and additional burial space will be needed. The trust commends the Council for preparing the Northampton Faith Communities Profile and Places of Worship Audit & Needs assessment which is an important element in the Local Plan Evidence Base. The Trust would expect new provision through the conversion of buildings currently in other uses or through new development. All PBCC activities for worship are in dedicated premises. Hiring or use of shared space is not compatible with PBCC Core faith values. Future policy for community infrastructure should provide positive guidance and flexibility with a criteria-based approach, recognising that various faith communities have different requirements. Any policy preference for encouraging shared space in community buildings should avoid being over prescriptive. The Local Plan policies should reflect NPPF paragraphs 70 and 171. The Local Plan should also recognise the role of private sector education provision.

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Q14: How do we ensure a successful town centre in light of changes to shopping habits such as increased use of out of town retail and on-line shopping? The Local Plan (Part 2) will not be reviewing the retail growth which is set out in the adopted Joint Core Strategy.

No comment

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Q15: Are there areas where the location of betting shops and hot food takeaways should be restricted?

No comment

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Q16: Is there a need for the Local Plan (Part 2) to include a locally specific policy to protect and enhance areas of biodiversity in addition to the policies in the NPPF and Joint Core Strategy?

We are unaware of any local evidence to justify a local specific policy to protect and enhance areas of biodiversity in addition to the NPPF and JCS policies.

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Q17: Do you think there are priority areas where green infrastructure networks could be enhanced or extended?

No comment

Q18: Is there a need for the Local Plan (Part 2) to include a locally specific policy to protect and enhance heritage in addition to the policies on the historic environment in the NPPF and the Joint Core Strategy?

No

Q19: Should the Council review the list of locally listed assets of historical importance?

No. Locally listed historic asset are addressed at NPPF paragraph 135 but do not benefit from statutory protection.

Q20: Do you think there are locally important landscapes which should be identified in the Local Plan (Part 2)?

No comment

Q21: How do we ensure that new development preserves and enhances the character and appearance of the Borough and makes a positive contribution?

The Local Plan design policy should avoid excessive prescription and enable a flexible approach to innovation, whilst respecting the local vernacular and character and appearance of the Borough.

Q22: Is there a need for the Local Plan (Part 2) to include a locally specific policy to promote measures within new development to address climate change and renewable energy in addition to the policies in the Joint Core Strategy?

No

Q23: Should we review and incorporate existing Interim Planning Policy Guidance (e.g. Affordable Housing, Houses in Multiple Occupation, etc) into the Local Plan (Part 2)?

No comment
Q24: Are there any other issues that the Local Plan (Part 2) needs to consider?
No comment

Q25: Flood Risk and Drainage (Policy 5) - is this policy still appropriate and up to date in relation to the Drainage Plan Part 1?
Respondent skipped this question

Q26: Inner Ring Road (Policy 6) - is the proposal for the Inner Ring Road still appropriate and up-to-date?
Respondent skipped this question

Q27: Safeguarded Public Transport Route (Policy 8) – is the proposal for a public transport / cycling / walking route still appropriate and up-to-date?
Respondent skipped this question

Q28: Pedestrian and Cycling Movement Network (Policy 9) – should this policy be updated to link to the County Council’s Smart Corridors initiative? Are the identified routes into and across the town centre still up-to-date?
Respondent skipped this question

Q29: Parking (Policy 10) – should the Council identify more car parks within the town centre and if so, where should they be?
Respondent skipped this question

Q30: Improving the Retail Offer (Policy 13) – this policy needs to be updated due to changes in Government policy such as the extension of permitted development rights. Do secondary frontages still need to be identified?
Respondent skipped this question
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