Q1: Please provide your contact details in the boxes below:

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Q2: Are you an agent responding on behalf of another? No

Q3: If you are an agent responding on behalf of another, please enter your details below: Respondent skipped this question

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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.

Protection of the historic environment by ensuring that NBC obtains from the developers sufficient data about the potential archaeology, heritage and historic buildings that the development plan will affect BEFORE any outline or full permissions are granted.

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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? Respondent skipped this question

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Q6: Do you think that we need a mix of market housing e.g. family homes, housing for single households? Respondent skipped this question

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

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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?  
Respondent skipped this question

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Q9: Is there evidence to support the Local Plan (Part 2) introducing the optional national housing technical standards in relation to water efficiency standards?  
Respondent skipped this question

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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.  
Respondent skipped this question

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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?  
Respondent skipped this question

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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?  
None within the historic cores of the towns or village or known sites with archaeological / heritage potential. These areas are likely to contain significant archaeology and if the development involves the construction or demolition of structures and the construction of new premises thorough Development Orders there is the potential for the destruction of significant information relating the historic development of Borough.
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?

Respondent skipped this question

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.

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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?

The potential impact of discovering human remains or an unknown heritage asset of national importance whilst construction is under way needs to be considered and Northampton Local Plan (Part 2) should include a policy for establishing whether any undesignated heritage assets (e.g. unknown archaeological sites and unlisted buildings of an early date masked by later changes) occur within potential development sites other than those of a minor nature. This to avoid the need for unplanned changes to the design of schemes, the delays that these cause to completion dates and additional development costs. Such a policy should cover desk-based assessments, geophysics and trial trenching.
Q19: Should the Council review the list of locally listed assets of historical importance?

The documentation of the Borough of Northampton’s historic environment is very incomplete and much of the Medieval and earlier heritage can only be discovered by investigation and analysis of the upstanding and buried physical remains of these periods. The same is also true of aspects of the post-medieval period. Only a relatively small proportion of the known historic assets in the area are designated and it is important that those which do not reach the status of designation but which can offer an insight into aspects of the areas heritage are identified so that their special interest can be taken into consideration in any planning schemes that could affect them. Maintaining and updating a ‘local list’ of historic buildings and archaeological sites (e.g. the area of Northampton Castle that is not scheduled) is therefore of great importance and should be linked to the County Council Historic Environment Record and the ‘Grey Literature’ reports received from archaeological organisations which can often modify known boundaries and the date range of sites and buildings. In addition to advising officers of the Council it would also assist the public, developers etc. identify undesignated buildings and sites which may have heritage issues providing there is the proviso that the list is a ‘dynamic’ one and can change with new information becoming available.

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

1) Large scheduled monuments such as Hunsbury Hill
2) Conservation Areas such as Northampton Boot & Shoe Quarter Conservation Area
3) Abington Park
4) Delapre Park and Battlefield
5) Site of Northampton Castle
6) River Valley of the River Nene and its tributaries
7) The Saxon core of Northampton, especially the area around Gregory St, Freeschool Street, St Peter’s Street and Green Street.
8) Medieval cores of Northampton and the villages
9) Abington Park which incorporates the site of a Medieval settlement
10) Billing Road Cemetery
11) St Andrew’s Hospital site and grounds

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

obtains training for the post from Historic England.
2) Encourage planning officers to take a course in Urban Design.
3) Buy in the services of a qualified architect to provide planning officers with design advice when needed.
4) Follow the advice of the County Council Archaeological Advisor in respect of planning applications.
5) Regularly carry out Conservation Area reviews to analyse and define the changing character of particular areas
6) Undertake a robust approach against developers who produce uninspiring schemes with ‘token’ chimneys, inappropriate detailing, poor material choices, etc. and positively encourage those who analyse the local vernacular architecture and incorporate aspects of this into their design.
7) Encourage beneficial regeneration utilising the heritage dividend and thereby help
8) Protect the best of the form and character of historic urban Northampton. Underpin better understanding and appreciation of the great value of the town’s archaeological and built heritage by completing an Urban Archaeological Database (UAD) Strategy for the town utilising the existing UAD held by the Northants HER.
9) Compile full archaeological survey of Northampton Battlefield.
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?  
Respondent skipped this question

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)?  
Respondent skipped this question

Q24: Are there any other issues that the Local Plan (Part 2) needs to consider?  
Respondent skipped this question

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
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Q35: Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report? (Please identify the page, paragraph number(s), table or appendix within the Scoping Report to which each of your comments applies).

Respondent skipped this question.

Q36: Do you have any comments on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement?

Respondent skipped this question.