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Please find below the response of Hardingstone Parish Council.

1. The 'Planning For Future Growth' section of the Options Consultation Paper proposes that open space be used for housing development if it is of 'limited value, underused, or no longer serves its designated purpose' (p15). However, open space can serve many important (and sometimes hidden) functions aside from its original purpose, as recognised by the Natural Environment White Paper 2011 The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature. It provides environmental habitat for nature; it provides educational, health and leisure facilities to local communities by allowing access to nature; and it provides a setting to heritage assets and settlements.

This proposal risks undervaluing the importance of open space to local communities, encouraging its loss to development with the resulting negative impact on amenity for neighbouring communities as well as for future residents. There is no indication of how the judgement of value, usage or purpose would be made, nor the weight that would be given to local communities in making that judgement. This proposal should not be included in the Local Plan.

2. High density residential development can reduce residential amenity and lead to an increase in social deprivation, social exclusion and crime. Identifying areas for particularly high density development risks creating pockets of deprivation and undermining social cohesion, running counter to some of the key objectives of the Local Plan. High density development should be avoided.
3. Northampton already has seven Air Quality Management Areas with high levels of NO₂, all located along key road links. Building high density development along key transport corridors as proposed by the Options Consultation would site large populations in precisely those areas of highest pollution, with a resulting impact on their health. These areas are not suitable for residential developments.
4. There were more than 50 responses to the consultation on the Issues Paper of the Northampton Local Plan (Part 2), and these have been made available on the Northampton Borough Council website. It would be useful to see an analysis of the key findings from that consultation and an explanation of how these findings have been incorporated into this stage of the plan. This would demonstrate how the local community have been engaged in shaping the plan, a key objective from the Statement of Community Involvement.

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