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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Northampton Part 2 Local Plan Options consultation. The following comments are submitted on behalf of Anglian Water. I would be grateful if you could confirm that you have received this response.

Question 2 – Do you think there are other objectives that should be included?

We are supportive of the objectives 2 (Infrastructure and Development) and 10 (Climate Change) which are of relevance to Anglian Water as set out in the consultation document. Therefore we do not consider that there is a need for further objectives to be included in the Part 2 Local Plan.

Question 6 – What other actions would help new homes to be built and completed more quickly on the identified sites for housing development?

The Council has proposed that sites which are deliverable within 5 years should be prioritised as part of the Part 2 Local Plan. For all sites it would be helpful to consider to what extent new and improved water and wastewater infrastructure will be required and whether this will require the allocation site(s) to be phased.

Question 18 – Are there any other Development Management policies that you think should be included in the Northampton Local Plan (Part 2)?

National Planning Practice Guidance enables local planning authorities to set out the optional water efficiency requirement in a Local Plan where it can be demonstrated that there is a clear need. In doing so reference should be made to the Environment Agency's water stressed area classification maps and Anglian Water's Water Resource Management Plan.

Our understanding is that the Environment Agency (EA) considers that Northampton Borough is located in a water stressed area as defined in the EA's maps. Therefore we would support the principle of the optional water efficiency standard being applied within Borough Council. However the Borough Council will need to consider further the impact that such a requirement would have on the overall financial viability of the Local Plan

We note that the West Northamptonshire Core Strategy already includes a borough wide policy which includes reference to sustainable drainage systems.

It is not considered necessary to duplicate the requirements of Policy BN7A in the Part 2 Local Plan in relation to surface water management. However it would be helpful to consider whether there any specific development criteria for the proposed allocation sites (once identified) which are needed relating to water and water recycling infrastructure.

Should you have any queries relating to this response please let me know.

Regards,

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