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

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Town Northampton

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

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: Do you have any comments on the vision for the Northampton Local Plan (Part 2)?

The vision as in new homes, new employment, vibrant town centre and celebrating our heritage is fine and should be applauded. It is the delivery of this vision that we must concentrate on

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Q5: Do you think there are other objectives that should be included?

Yes - infrastructure is key as without it we get gridlock, increased traffic pollution (eg Kingsthorpe corridor) and this is not conducive to celebrating our heritage or creating a vibrant town.

Provision of affordable business premises for local business especially startups as these are the lifeblood of community employment

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Q6: Do you agree that we should apply a 20% housing land supply buffer to our housing land supply?

The buffer should be provided on brown field sites ONLY. We understand that we must lose some fields as population inevitably rises but this should be kept to a minimum as open spaces are critical to human wellbeing

We would seek clarification on what this buffer means

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Q7: Do you agree with a residential density of 40 dwellings per hectare outside of the sustainable urban extensions, with higher densities in the town centre, other centres and along key transport corridors?

This depends entirely upon location and architecture. Each development should be judged on its own merits, dwelling density may not always be the critical factor.

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Q8: In allocating sites for housing development, do you agree that we should give priority to sites that can be delivered in the short term?

No - this policy will compromise quality, mean loss of green belt etc and mean that town centre brownfield sites (Chron&Ech, Greyfriars) are left as eyesores and will be to the detriment of the Vision for a vibrant town centre

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Q9: What other actions would help new homes to be built and completed more quickly on the identified sites for housing development?

Release of corporate land banks to allow for social housing

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Q10: Do you agree that we should identify sites for specialist housing?

Yes - eg social care

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Q11: Do you agree that we should identify sites specifically for the provision of older persons housing?

Yes

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Q12: Should allocations for general housing include a proportion of smaller market dwellings (1 and 2 bed)?

Yes, we must provide for the makeup of the UK population

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Q13: Should the plan specify a threshold or proportion of serviced plots to ensure the delivery of custom build and self build plots?	
Yes	
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Q14: Do you agree that there is demand for more small scale office space, especially in the town centre?	
No, what we have isn't taken up. If there was affordable parking in town then this might help	
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Q15: Do you think that dated, low value office stock in the town centre is oversupplied? Yes	
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Q16: Do you agree that outside the town centre, some medium and larger office allocations should be released to provide small or medium sized industrial and distribution uses to help meet demand for these uses?	
If the demand is there then yes, and this should be supported by relevant grants/tax breaks/low rent periods	
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Q17: In demonstrating that existing employment sites have been actively marketed before they are considered for release to other uses, should active marketing be required to be undertaken for a minimum period of 12 months or 24 months?	
12 months	
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Q18: Do you agree that we should allow more flexibility in some smaller centres for other uses to be introduced?	
Yes, and in residential areas we should avoid introducing industrial use, and give careful consideration to retail use eg fish and chip shops	
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Q19: Do you agree that we should review the secondary retail frontages policy, which restricts non retail uses in some sections of frontage, to allow greater flexibility for non retail uses in some areas?	

We do not understand the question, please clarify.

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Q20: Do you think that within the town centre, some of the medium and larger sized office allocations are oversupplied?

Yes

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Q21: Are there any other Development Management policies that you think should be included in the Northampton Local Plan (Part 2)?

All those in the existing plan plus:

Respecting the existing Community and preventing development that is not sympathetic to or is likely to adversely affect the character of an area

Policy to control infills within existing residential areas

Policy on corner plot development in residential areas

Stricter enforcement of limit of HIMO developments

Policy on returning divided homes to family use

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Q22: Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal of the Options Consultation Paper? (Please identify the page, paragraph number(s), table or appendix within the Sustainability Appraisal to which each of your comments applies).

At this moment, no, but we would welcome the opportunity to review and comment on this in the future