

West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy - Consultation Questionnaire CORRECTED

The consultation will run until:

Wednesday 30th September 2009 5.00 [pmp.m](#)

This questionnaire replaces the previous version issued at the start of the consultation. The previous version has been withdrawn as it contained errors which affected a small number of questions. This meant that these questions did not correspond with the consultation document. This in **no way affects the actual published document** or electronic consultation document.

The questions affected are:

- Question 22:** The reference to the table should read – ‘table 6.1: Levels of Affordable Housing – from Affordable Housing SPD sites of 15 or more dwellings’.
- Question 23:** The box should read - ‘Please provide reasons for your response:’
- Question 47:** Should read - ‘Do you support the policy approach in relation to Climate Change?’
- Question 53:** Should read - ‘Do you support the rejection of ‘Northampton Option 2 (Northampton East)’ and ‘Northampton Option 5 (South of the M1 and South-west)’?’
- Question 54:** Should read - ‘Do you support the rejection of ‘Daventry Option 1 (Daventry East)’, Daventry Option 2 (Daventry West), Daventry Option 3 (Daventry North West) and Daventry Option 7 (Daventry South)?’
- Question 55:** Should read - ‘Do you support the rejection of ‘Towcester Option 2 (Towcester West), Towcester Option 3 (Towcester Northwest), Towcester Option 5 (Towcester Racecourse), Towcester Option 6 (Towcester North), Towcester Option 7 (Towcester to Silverstone Lung) and Towcester Option 8 (East of Silverstone Lung)?’

In light of this mistake the consultation period has been extended until **Wednesday 30th September 2009** at 5 pm.

If you have already returned a questionnaire you do not need to resubmit it. We will be in contact with you directly.

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The purpose of this Consultation Questionnaire is for you to provide comments/representations on the content of the West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy.

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Question 1

Do you support the vision?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[The reason for answering as 'don't know' is that CLASP is not a pressure group regarding the validity of the development proposals for West Northamptonshire but is purely interested in the identification, investigation and where appropriate the conservation and protection of the in-situ archaeology and built heritage together with associated historical landscapes. We will not therefore comment on the general validity nor non archaeological technical aspects of the proposal as this is not our role.](#)

Question 2:

Do you support Objective 1: 'To deliver the planned growth in West Northamptonshire as required through East Midlands Regional Plan and the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub Regional Strategy, through the provision of managed growth and necessary infrastructure principally focused on Northampton, but also Daventry, Towcester and Brackley'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 3:

Do you support Objective 2? 'To exploit West Northamptonshire's position internationally for economic advantage by facilitating significant employment growth and opportunities for knowledge based industries and environmental technologies'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 4:

Do you support Objective 3? ‘To support existing and new communities through the provision of education, health, community, leisure, cultural and social facilities, linking new and existing communities physically and socially’.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[CLASP would support the involvement of the community in any archaeological activity that may arise from the proposed developments. Whilst it would not be appropriate for CLASP to undertake whole projects that would normally be undertaken by the commercial archaeology sector we do see a role for our members to either work in partnership with them or undertake some peripheral activity, details of which would be discussed at individual planning application stage.](#)

Question 5:

Do you support Objective 4? ‘To direct retail development to the most appropriate locations that support regeneration of the town centres’.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 6:

Do you support Objective 5? ‘To complete, enhance and safeguard the connections in the existing strategic Green Infrastructure Network, extending these into new urban extensions and creating connections between neighbourhoods’.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 7:

Do you support Objective 6? ‘To encourage key rural communities to become more sustainable places to live and work’.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 8:

Do you support Objective 7? ‘To ensure future development is based upon sustainable development principles’.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 9:

Do you support Objective 8? ‘To protect and enhance the built and cultural assets of West Northamptonshire, the character of its towns and settlements and foster the development of West Northamptonshire as a destination for heritage and cultural tourism’.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[We fully support the protection and where appropriate the enhancement of both built and other cultural assets in West Northamptonshire. We would also seek to ensure that this specifies the non visible archaeological remains that lie beneath the surface.](#)

Question 10:

Do you support Objective 9? ‘To contribute towards raising educational achievement and the skills base of our communities through supporting schools, colleges and the University in their provision and development’.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[We would hope that the work undertaken by community archaeology groups is supportive of schools, colleges and the University, conversely we would seek an enduring relationship with the University to work with CLASP. This latter aspect is currently being developed.](#)

Question 11:

Do you support Objective 10? 'To protect the environment by minimising the risk of flooding and the effects of climate change and facilitating improvements in air quality'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 12:

Do you support Objective 11? 'To involve the community in the decisions about the future planning of West Northamptonshire so they can influence and shape such decisions'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[We would seek to ensure that Community Archaeology can be involved in the future planning of West Northamptonshire to influence planning decisions and therefore project design to best accommodate and conserve appropriate archaeological features for the future. Having read the consultants reports in the Evidence Base related to this report it may be appropriate for general update of some of the known archaeological features in the area by utilising the considerable amount of work in progress and therefore not yet reported by community groups and individuals to the HER. CLASP would be prepared to undertake this exercise as far it relates to its sphere of interest. We may well be able to direct you to others who also hold relevant information.](#)

Question 13:

Do you support Objective 12? 'To provide quality housing to meet current and future needs of all sectors of our communities'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 14:

Do you support Objective 13? 'To foster the regeneration of Northampton to enable it to fulfil a greater role within West Northampton and the Region'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

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Question 15:

Do you support Objective 14? 'To foster the regeneration of Daventry, Towcester and Brackley'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 16:

Do you support Objective 15? 'To enable and support the delivery of co-ordinated transport improvements with an emphasis on non-car modes; improving connections within and around West Northamptonshire including links to the wider network'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 17:

Do you support Objective 16? 'To achieve high quality design that takes account of character and local distinctiveness, enables access and promotes community safety'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[High quality design should hopefully incorporate the recognition and protection of local built heritage and the underlying archaeology which we would of course support.](#)

Question 18:

Do you support Objective 17? 'To provide a mechanism for the delivery of infrastructure (including health, education, transport, community, leisure and recreational facilities) in tandem with development'.

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 19:

Do you consider the Objectives to be specific to local circumstances?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

If you have selected 'No', then what would you change to make them more locally distinctive?

Question 20:

Do you support the overall principle of Option B – focusing growth in a small number of larger development areas?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 21:

Do you support the combined choice of urban extensions?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 22:

Do you support the policy approach for Affordable Housing and particularly the provisions suggested in table 6.1 'Levels of Affordable Housing- from Affordable Housing SPD sites of 15 or more dwellings'?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 23:

Do you support the policy approach for Gypsies and Travellers accommodation? In particular do you support the criteria defined?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 24:

Do you support the policy approach to employment demand and supply?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

Question 25:

Do you support the policy approach for locations of employment growth?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 26:

Do you support the policy approach to Sustainable Transport?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 27:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton North'?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please give reasons for your response:

[Whilst this is outside of CLASP's geographical area of interest we would hope that the comments made in this response regarding the protection of our archaeological resources would be applied here as well.](#)

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 28:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton South East'?

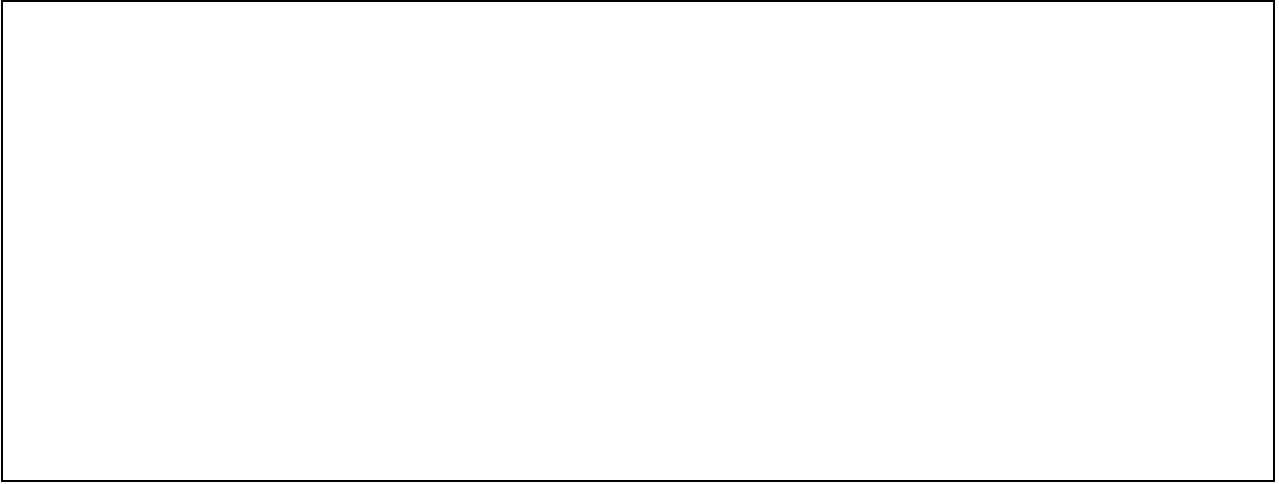
(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Whilst this is outside of CLASP's geographical area of interest we would hope that the comments made in this response regarding the protection of our archaeological resources would be applied here as well.](#)

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:



Question 29:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton Junction 16?'
(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

CLASP has serious concerns with this proposal as it is situated on an area of notable archaeological activity. This archaeological activity is also reflected in surrounding areas.

There is a significant Romano-British villa site at SP 684599. This has been subjected to various investigations during the past 150 years that have identified certain aspects of the site. CLASP has also undertaken significant investigations and surveys into this site in recent years that have still to be finalised but tend to indicate that this site is larger than originally thought. In addition to this Romano-British activity there is also recorded Bronze and Iron Age activity where the proposed area meets the current A45. Additionally there is a considerable amount of recorded archaeology across neighbouring areas that would, in addition to what is recorded on the site, justify wide ranging archaeological investigation across the site before it could be finally approved for development.

Until this investigation is completed we could not move beyond a 'don't know' opinion.

Question 30:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton West'?
(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please give reasons for your response:

Again this area is centred in an area that is surrounded by much recorded archaeology from the Iron Age and Romano British eras. There is also some record of Anglo-Saxon activity in the Duston and Upton area. The investigations for the adjacent Pineham Barn development revealed both Iron Age and Romano British archaeology. To the east of the proposed site lays the Romano-British town of Duston whilst to the west in Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe there are recorded finds of Romano-British activity. There are several published archaeological reports for work undertaken in the Duston and Upton area.

It would therefore be considered appropriate for extensive archaeological field survey work to be undertaken in this area prior to final approval of the area for development.

It is acknowledged that there is discussion on this area within the The Northampton Study included in your evidence base.

From the archaeological perspective we could not therefore move beyond a 'don't know' view until this investigatory work is completed.

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 31:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Northampton South'?
(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Whilst this is outside of CLASP's geographical area of interest we would hope that the comments made in this response regarding the protection of our archaeological resources would be applied here as well.](#)

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 32:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Daventry South East'?
(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

CLASP has already made significant submissions to the current Planning Appeal at Daventry regarding the Danetre Village proposal. A copy of that submission together with others will be attached to this submission.

With regard to this specific area owing to its proximity to two scheduled monuments, Borough Hill and Burnt Walls together with several other recorded archaeological finds and sites in the area we would consider that again this area would justify a widespread archaeological survey before any development was permitted.

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 33:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Daventry North'?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

From our research into the proposed developments at Monksmoor and Churchfields and noting the reported archaeological sites at Middlemore, all relatively close to the Daventry North Option we would consider that a detailed archaeological survey of this area would be justified before any development could be permitted.

Being relatively close to the Romano-British town of Bannaventa and the hillfort at Borough Hill it is important to investigate the hinterland surrounding them to establish the wider landscape of the area whilst the principal sites were active. CLASP considers that information already obtained from the other developments mentioned above is helping to fulfill this task, a full investigation at the Daventry North site would also be beneficial to this project.

A copy of the CLASP submissions re Monksmoor and Churchfields to the Daventry Appeals are attached to this submission

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 34:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Daventry North East'?
(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[This site would appear to be identical with the current Churchfields proposals. A copy of our detailed submissions to that Appeal is attached as mentioned at Q33 above.](#)

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 35:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Towcester South'?
(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

CLASP has previously submitted a response on the proposed development known as Towcester Vale to WDC previously, a copy of this is attached to this report. It is difficult to discern from the emergent Joint Core Strategy Document whether the area described as Towcester South therein is identical in area and scope as Towcester Vale. This needs clarification.
We would also support any submission made by our member organisation Towcester District History Society regarding this proposal.

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 36:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Towcester Moat Lane'?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

To our knowledge this area has already been subjected to detailed investigation and we would support the outcome of these

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 37:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Brackley North'?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Whilst this is outside of CLASP's geographical area of interest we would hope that the comments made in this response regarding the protection of our archaeological resources would be applied here as well.](#)

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 38:

Do you support the development of the Preferred Option 'Brackley East'?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

Whilst this is outside of CLASP's geographical area of interest we would hope that the comments made in this response regarding the protection of our archaeological resources would be applied here as well.

If you have selected 'No, then please provide a realistic alternative:

Question 39:

Do you support the policy approach for the hierarchy of centres?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role

Question 40:

Do you support the policy approach for the existing and future neighbourhoods?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 41:

Do you support the policy approach for the rural settlement pattern for West Northamptonshire?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 42:

Do you support the policy approach for the regeneration of communities across West Northamptonshire?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Do you support the policy approach for Designing in Quality into new and existing developments?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response

[We would expect that design is to high quality and would support the Sustainable Movement network especially where it facilitated access and availabilty to our cultural heritage. This access though must be such that the condition and value of the asset is not demeaned.](#)

Question 44:

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Green Infrastructure?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 45:

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Culture and Cultural Heritage?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

Whilst our response is shown as 'don't know' in essence we have no objections although much of this is outside our remit. Again we support the proposed Museums but are surprised to see no mention of Daventry Town Museum.

One facility that is not mentioned is the provision of an archaeological archive to store the material that will emanate from both the archaeological investigations that will be required to inform planning decisions and also from post planning decision excavations. Additionally there is already a vast quantity of material that is being held in the area. CLASP is currently putting a partnership proposal forward to all local authorities in West Northamptonshire regarding this. It must be stressed that an archive store is totally different to a museum. We would very much hope that CLASP and other community archaeology groups together with local history and heritage societies are consulted and involved with the finalisation of policy regarding our built heritage and archaeology.

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(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

As it stands this section cannot be supported as no mention is made of the historical landscape. Whilst it is accepted that not every landscape can be preserved due consideration must be given to protecting the more significant historical landscapes and this should be reflected in the Strategy Document.

Question 47:

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Climate Change?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role

Question 48:

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Flood Risk?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 49:

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Health and Wellbeing and Leisure, Sport and Recreation?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response

[Whilst we would support provision of sporting facilities leisure must include a far wider range of activities. We would also hope to see the provision of structured access to public footpaths for walking; this would help provide access to heritage buildings, landscapes and archaeological sites. This builds on our response to earlier questions.](#)

Question 50:

Do you support the policy approach in relation to the phasing of growth across West Northamptonshire?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 51:

Do you support the policy approach in relation to Funding and Delivery?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

Question 52:

Are there any other comments that you would like to make regarding the Emergent Joint Core Strategy?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Comments:

[Please see covering letter and attached reports](#)

Question 53:

Do you support the rejection of Northampton Option 2 (Northampton East)' and Northampton Option 5 (South of the M1 and South-west)?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

If you have selected 'no', then please provide realistic alternatives:

Question 54:

Do you support the rejection of 'Daventry Option 1 (Daventry East)', Daventry Option 2 (Daventry West), Daventry Option 3 (Daventry North West) and Daventry Option 7 (Daventry South)?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

If you have selected 'No, then please provide realistic alternatives:

Question 55:

Do you support the rejection of 'Towcester Option 2 (Towcester West), Towcester Option 3 (Towcester Northwest), Towcester Option 5 (Towcester Racecourse), Towcester Option 6 (Towcester North), Towcester Option 7 (Towcester to Silverstone Lung) and Towcester Option 8 (East of Silverstone Lung)?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[We support the comments made regarding archaeology in Option 6, we would however suggest that the reasons for rejecting option 3 are also enhanced to show what appears to be significant archaeological remains. CLASP has carried some non intrusive archeological investigations here and has indications of a ribbon development of the Romano-British era facing the original course of Watling Street here.](#)

If you have selected 'No, then please provide realistic alternatives:

Question 56:

Do you support the rejection of 'Brackley Option 1' (Brackley South) and 'Brackley Option 2 (Brackley North West)?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No Don't know

Please provide reasons for your response:

[Again we cannot answer this question as it is not our role](#)

If you have selected 'No', then please provide realistic alternatives: