

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**INTERIM PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT**

The Secretary of State has recommended that the submitted Huntingdonshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document, April 2006, be withdrawn in order to enhance its spatial content and therefore its overall soundness. Huntingdonshire District Council has resolved to accept this recommendation and to request that the Secretary of State formally withdraws that document.

Therefore the Development Plan for Huntingdonshire remains as -

- ◆ The Huntingdonshire Local Plan 1995.
- ◆ The Huntingdonshire Local Plan Alteration 2002.
- ◆ The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003.
- ◆ The Cambridgeshire Aggregates (Minerals) Local Plan 1991.
- ◆ The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Local Plan 2003.

Specific saved policies from these adopted Structure and Local Plans will retain their status until they are replaced by adopted new Development Plan Documents. The Huntingdonshire Local Development Scheme, March 2007, in Appendix 2 outlines the basis of these saved policies and notes their relationship to the emerging new policy areas whilst Appendix 3 clarifies which supplementary planning policy guidance will also remain material.

The Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the East of England is also at an advanced stage of preparation with its formal adoption programmed for July 2007 (at which point it will also become part of the Development Plan).

In order to maintain an appropriate and up to date local planning policy framework (for development control and other planning decision making purposes) the Council, acting in respect of its role as the Local Planning Authority, and upon advice from the Government Office (GO-East) and the Planning Inspectorate, therefore intends to adopt, as well as the relevant saved Structure and Local Plan policies, the following policies from the (withdrawn) Huntingdonshire Core Strategy 2006. The Council considers that these policies have been subject to substantial public participation and take full account of recent Government Guidance. It is intended that this Interim Planning Policy Statement will guide the Council's decision making processes pending the preparation of its updated Development Plan Documents.

(Withdrawn) Huntingdonshire Core Strategy Policies to be adopted by the Interim Planning Policy Statement:

- ◆ Chapter 3 Key Principles -
  - Policy P1 Sustainable Development.
  - Policy P2 Natural Resources.

- Policy P3 Social and Economic Well-being.
- Policy P4 Settlement Strategy.
- Policy P5 Settlement – Market Towns.
- Policy P6 Settlement Hierarchy – Key Centres.
- Policy P7 Settlement Hierarchy – Smaller Settlements.
- Policy P8 Development in the Countryside.
- Policy P9 Mixed Development.
- Policy P10 Flood Risk.
- Policy P11 Infrastructure requirements.

◆ Chapter 4 Greenspace -

- Policy G1 Open Space and recreational land.
- Policy G2 Landscape Character.
- Policy G3 Trees, hedgerows and other environmental features.
- Policy G4 Protected habitats and species.
- Policy G5 Historic Parks and Gardens.
- Policy G6 Areas of Strategic Open Space.
- Policy G7 Biodiversity.

◆ Chapter 5 Built Environment -

- Policy B1 Design Quality.
- Policy B2 Street scene.
- Policy B3 Accessibility, adaptability and security.
- Policy B4 Amenity.
- Policy B5 Energy and Water use.
- Policy B6 Re-use and redevelopment of buildings in the countryside.
- Policy B7 Listed Buildings.
- Policy B8 Conservation Areas.
- Policy B9 Sites of archaeological interest.

◆ Chapter 6 Housing -

- Policy H1 Location of housing development.
- Policy H2 Housing density.
- Policy H3 Mix of dwelling sizes.
- Policy H4 Alteration or replacement of existing dwellings in the countryside.
- Policy H5 Housing for agricultural and related workers.
- Policy H6 Affordable housing.
- Policy H7 Affordable housing targets and thresholds.
- Policy H8 Rural exceptions sites.
- Policy H9 Retirement housing.
- Policy H10 Nursing and care homes.
- Policy H11 Accommodation for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople.

- ◆ Chapter 7 Economy and Tourism -
  - Policy E1 Location of office development.
  - Policy E2 location of industrial and warehouse development.
  - Policy E3 Redevelopment of office, industrial and warehouse sites.
  - Policy E4 Location of tourist facilities.
  - Policy E5 Farm Diversification.
  - Policy E6 Town centres, primary shopping areas and primary frontages.
  - Policy E7 Location of retail and leisure development.
  - Policy E8 Retention of key local services and facilities.
  
- ◆ Chapter 8 Transport and Utilities -
  - Policy T1 Transport impacts.
  - Policy T2 Car and cycle parking.
  - Policy T3 Rights of way and other public routes.
  - Policy T4 Telecommunications.
  - Policy T5 Renewable energy.
  
- ◆ Appendix 1 - Car and cycle parking standards.
  
- ◆ Appendix 2 – Sustainable development checklist.