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Dear Local Plans Team,

Thank you for consulting West Northamptonshire Council on the Regulation 19 draft of the Rugby Borough Local Plan. The progress that is being made on the plan and the opportunity to comment on the current consultation are welcomed.

Whilst raising no general objections to the spatial strategy presented through the last years Regulation 18 draft of the local plan nor to the plans strategic policies, vision and objectives West Northamptonshire Council did raise observations in respect of some of the housing allocations proposed under Policy S6 (Residential Allocations) and cautioned that they needed to be further considered in respect of their possible impact on the highway network and the character and functioning of an area of West Northamptonshire that is rural in nature, character and appearance in addition to impacts on its residents who access Rugby as their nearest town and contribute to its functioning as a successful market town.

Whilst these observations remain in relation to Allocation ref. 338 – South of Crick Road, Houlton (250 units), it is pleasing to see that the proposed allocations at Hillmorton are no longer included in the plan. (Allocation ref. 40 – East of Kilsby Road/Allocation ref. 334 – Land off Barby Lane).

In respect of the Houlton allocation the Council reiterates the observations set out at Regulation 18 and asks that impacts are fully considered and mitigated.

Our previous response set out that we would welcome the inclusion of proposals that recognised the qualities and sensitivities of the Rainsbrook Valley within the local plan, as set out in the 2017 landscape sensitivity study, and how that work could inform policies /proposals for this area. That additional work has been undertaken and the Council supports policy EN3 for the Rainsbrook Valley and the sensitivity study that was undertaken in 2025.

Finally, whilst Policy I5 and the provision of new sustainable transport modes is supported we would again ask that the potential wider benefits of the Rugby Parkway station are recognised beyond those to Rugby Borough and that efforts are made to improve connectivity and sustainable travel routes between the station and the nearby villages of West Northamptonshire.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment on this submission version of the local plan. As previously stated we are committed to continue to engage with you as part of the Duty to Cooperate.

Kind regards

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