

DECISIONS AND REASONS ON PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

MATTER 1 – OVERALL STRATEGY

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<p>1.27 That Strategy Policy 1 be omitted as a separate policy and transferred to the explanatory memorandum as a highlighted statement of the Objectives of the Plan, amended as follows:</p> <p>OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY The Plan aims to promote sustainable development and living by integrating social, environmental, economic and resource objectives, as follows:</p> <p><u>Social</u></p> <p>(a) ensuring the provision of appropriate housing, jobs and services to meet the needs of people in the Plan Area;</p> <p>(b) supporting measures to regenerate urban and rural communities and improve access to facilities, services and opportunities;</p> <p><u>Environmental.</u></p> <p>(c) Protecting and enhancing irreplaceable assets of the natural and cultural environment and ensuring that replaceable assets are identified and replaced if lost or increased where there is a deficiency;</p> <p>(d) Enhancing the quality of the built environment by promoting good design in both urban and rural</p>	<p>Accept recommendation for the reasons given in the Panel Report (paragraphs 1.5 and 1.8 to 1.9).</p>

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<p>areas so as to make them safe and attractive places in which to live and work;</p> <p><u>Economic.</u></p> <p>(e) providing in a sustainable way for the land use and transportation requirements of businesses already within or wishing to locate to the Plan Area;</p> <p><u>Resources.</u></p> <p>(f) securing patterns of development which integrate land uses and transportation provision, minimise the need to travel, minimise waste and pollution, promote the efficient use of energy and protect against the risk of flooding;</p> <p>(g) Ensuring that development makes the best use of existing infrastructure and that appropriate new infrastructure is provided in phase with new development.</p>	
<p>1.28 That other statements related to the vision, aims and objectives of the Plan in the explanatory memorandum of Chapters 1 and 2 should be reviewed and more closely related to the above Objectives or to appropriate sections elsewhere in the Plan.</p>	<p>Accept recommendation for the reasons given in the Panel Report (paragraphs 1.1 to 1.8).</p> <p>This issue was conceded at the EIP.</p>
<p>1.29 That terminology used in Strategy Policy 1 such as 'replaceable' and 'irreplaceable' assets should be clearly defined, in relation to other terms in the explanatory memorandum such as 'constant', 'critical' and 'tradable' capital.</p>	<p>Accept recommendation for the reasons given in the Panel Report (paragraph 1.10).</p> <p>This issue was conceded at the EIP.</p>

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<p>1.30 That further explanation of the linkages between the objectives set out above and the policies of the Plan should be incorporated both in the Strategy chapter and in the introductory sections of each topic based chapter, in the form of appropriate explanatory text, possibly accompanied by a matrix or chart.</p>	<p>Accept recommendation for the reasons given in the Panel Report (paragraphs 1.11 to 1.14).</p> <p>This issue was conceded at the EIP.</p>
<p>1.31 That paragraphs 2.4-2.6, dealing with the CLPA, should be transferred to the explanatory text supporting new Policy 2 of the Plan.</p>	<p>Accept recommendation for the reasons given in the Panel Report (paragraph 1.15).</p> <p>This issue was conceded at the EIP.</p>
<p>1.32 That consideration should be given to introducing a new policy, or widening the scope of Resource Management Policy 3, to cover non-renewable energy development.</p>	<p>Accept recommendation for the reasons given in the Panel Report (paragraph 1.16).</p> <p>Widening the scope of the Pre-EIP Change, proposed to Resource Management Policy 3, is favoured in accordance with RPG 8 Policy 56.</p>
<p>1.33 That robust arrangements should be put in place to ensure effective monitoring of the Plan, including special arrangements among the county and six district planning authorities covering the CLPA to monitor and manage development within that area. These arrangements should be outlined in the explanatory memorandum to Chapter 10 of the Structure Plan.</p>	<p>Accept recommendations for the reasons given in the Panel Report (paragraphs 1.17 to 1.19) subject to not implementing special arrangements among the county and six district planning authorities covering the Central Leicestershire Policy Area (CLPA) to monitor and manage development within that area.</p> <p>The Panel highlight the increasingly important role that monitoring plays in development planning, especially with the greater emphasis now being placed on plan, monitor and manage. This importance is acknowledged and it is the intention of the Structure Plan Authorities (SPAs) to produce a regular monitoring report. However, it is not viewed necessary to introduce separate arrangements to monitor and manage</p>

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	development within the CLPA. Notwithstanding the associated resource implications, this work will form an integral part of the monitoring of the Plan.
1.34 That the list of Key Indicators and Targets in Chapter 10 should be reviewed and refined, taking into account the points made in paragraphs 1.20 to 1.26 above.	Accept recommendation for the reasons given in the Panel Report (paragraphs 1.20 to 1.26).