

Napton-on-the-Hill – SWLP: Issues and Options

Consultation Comments

Q-S7.2:

Option 1: Rail Corridors – Neutral

- Relies heavily on independent railway companies providing more stations and a real commitment to building larger settlements/communities in open countryside.

Option 2: Sustainable Travel – Inappropriate Strategy

- Current bus services are infrequent, unreliable, and routes are likely to be permanently cancelled. For this option to work the Government need to create a sustainable transport system that works for everyone, whether in a city, town, or the rural countryside.

Option 3: Economy – Inappropriate Strategy

- This option potentially creates developments in the green space between Napton and Southam with a strong possibility of the two settlements becoming connected creating one large settlement. This will ruin the open countryside and destroy the community of the village of Napton.

Option 4: Sustainable Travel and Economy – Inappropriate Strategy

- This option combines Options 2 and 3 which for the reasons listed above do not make this option viable.

Option 5: Dispersed – Inappropriate Strategy

- This is the current strategy being used and does not work. The number of homes being built in villages and small towns are creating problems for the current infrastructure and no solutions are being provided.

Q-S1:

Green & Blue Corridor development could be appropriate due to the need for housing closer to Birmingham for people commuting to work in this region. If developments appropriately address the importance of habitat biodiversity features and sustainability, wherever possible.

Q-H5:

Self-builds must rely on a case-by-case approach as the need for policy requirements and criteria to ensure suitability, sustainable locations, and sensitivity to the local community's needs.

Q-S3.1:

Brownfield sites should only be developed when it can be proven that the development is in a sustainable location or would increase the sustainability of the area.

- Making sure that the development is in the local interest.
- Determining if there is a more suitable location in line with the development strategy.
- Determining if the development would be an improvement on the current use.
- Determining the scale and nature of the impacts the development will have on the local community.
- Ability to support sustainable travel.
- Determining any potential areas of flood risk.
- Appropriate existing infrastructure or a plan to develop same.