



Nene Valley NIA

People, Place and Economy:

Using s106, CIL and planning conditions
to transform the Nene Valley

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What is more important

People

Place

Economy

How do you reach a resolution?

Where should the focus of planning be?



Context – North Northamptonshire

- Largest growth area outside of London
- Ambitious housing targets across the county to meet the objectively assessed housing need
- A proportionally low level of biodiversity assets
- The SPA is at risk from recreational pressure and inappropriate management and 58% is classified as unfavourable recovering condition
- Limited funding

What we are doing in North Northamptonshire?



North Northamptonshire

Current

- Adopted Core Spatial Strategy
- Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Development contributions – s106 – site specific

Legal tests Necessary to make development acceptable in planning terms, directly related, fair and reasonable

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – strategic one big pot of money - R123 - uncertain



North Northamptonshire

Future – **Evidence related**

- ANGSt
- GI Delivery Plan
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan



Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan

39 projects peer reviewed down to 19
 'ready' projects
 For use by planners
 Endorsed through committee

The pro-formas for each project include headers such as

- Contact
- Vision
- Drivers
- Description
- Aims
- Partners
- Costs and funding
- Status

Barnwell Country Park

Contact: Countryside Services, Northamptonshire County Council

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk



Without project

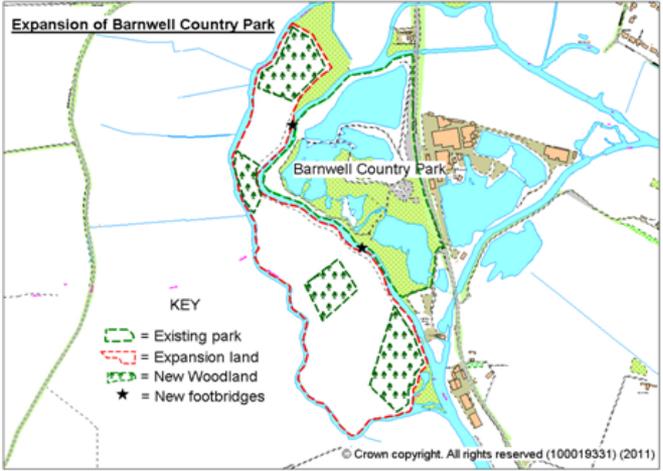
With project

In addition a Habitats Regulation Screening Assessment needs to be completed due to the proximity to the SPA

Project	Health and wellbeing	Movement networks for people	Accessible natural greenspaces	Education	Inward investment	Food and food production	Flood and water management	Air and air quality	Cultural heritage	Landscape setting	Climate change and the carbon challenge	Movement networks for biodiversity	Natural greenspace for biodiversity
Living Nene: Summer Leys expansion	✓	✓	✓✓	✓						✓		✓✓	✓✓

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Infrastructure Delivery Plan

PROJECT	Barnwell Country Park Expansion		
Infrastructure Type	Green Infrastructure		
Location	Oundle		
Can a location map be provided?	 <p>The map shows the expansion of Barnwell Country Park. The existing park is outlined in green. Expansion land is shown in red. New woodland is indicated by green hatched areas. New footbridges are marked with black stars. The map includes a key and a copyright notice: © Crown copyright. All rights reserved (100019331) (2011).</p>		
Why is the infrastructure required and the purpose of the infrastructure. What is the associated development?	Extension of country park to accommodate increased visitor numbers from wider population growth and to help meet the shortfall in public open space provision within Oundle. (see other information for more information).		
Estimated timescale of development	<start>	<end>	
Timescale of infrastructure requirement (start - end)	Start - subject to funding	4 year project	
Cost of infrastructure	£740,072	Date of costing	2013
Sources of funding	Amounts	Secured funding	
S106	£	<details>	
Planning application reference/s S106 agreement Reference number(s)/		<details>	

Pro-forma includes information such as

- Why is the infrastructure required
- Estimated timescale
- Cost
- Sources of funding
- Remaining funding to be sought
- Lead organisation
- Associated evidence base
- Additional information
- Contact details

Used at examination to show that the core strategy is deliverable



Future – **Evidence related** (contd.)

- CIL infrastructure list
- Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs)
- Dialogue

Transforming the Nene Valley

- Have to be in it for the long game
- Can't expect immediate results through the planning system
- Need to start/continue now to see results in the medium/long term
- Joining up of funding sources and working with partners and build relationships
- Explore all opportunities, be ready to go when needed
- Provide the necessary information to the case officer



What is more important?

A **Balance** of all three

People and

Place and

Economy

The question is – can this balance be achieved....

