

REPORT TO: Cabinet

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Response to consultation on Pre-Submission Draft Uttlesford Local Plan (Reg 19)

Supplementary report

1. Two amendments to the published report are recommended to Cabinet.
2. Amend paragraph 55 as follows:

"55 Paragraph 152 of the NPPF in regard to plan making states that local planning authorities should seek opportunities to achieve each of the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and states that: 'Significant adverse impacts on any of these dimensions should be avoided and, wherever possible, alternative options which reduce or eliminate such impacts should be pursued'. However a number of significant harms regarding the NUGC have been identified in regard to transport and landscape. A revised NUGC development could reduce its harm by ~~avoiding any~~ **limiting** built development on the **north, west and eastern edges of the** high plateau / ~~ridgelines on the site~~ **and avoiding built development** ~~or~~ on the slopes facing towards the A11. This could be achieved by reducing the overall scale of the new settlement to that which could be **so** accommodated ~~within the south-west and south facing valleys of the site~~ or **by** amending its southern boundary. The Council does not offer a preference for an alternative site; the issue for South Cambridgeshire District Council is the impact of the current NUGC proposal on its area. The examination of the Regulation 19 Local Plan will need to establish that there are no reasonable alternative options to accommodate development which would eliminate the harms identified to the three dimensions of sustainable development or that the level of harm can be satisfactorily mitigated."

3. Add as a new subheading and paragraph 61a to follow paragraph 61 of the report::

"Electricity Grid Capacity

61a The Council is aware that there are electricity grid capacity issues facing development in the southern part of South Cambridgeshire, which require investment from developers to facilitate grid reinforcement. It is important that Uttlesford District Council give consideration to whether energy infrastructure upgrades are required to support development in its district as part of infrastructure delivery planning, as the costs and timescales for grid reinforcement could have an impact on both development viability and delivery timescales."