

Outputs from Topic Group Discussions 7th. March 2015

Introduction and setting the scene

These sessions took place in Marlow House, Desborough from 10.30am to 1.30pm on Saturday, 7th. March 2015. There was an introduction by Cllr. David Soans Chair of the Desborough Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (DNPSG) who then handed over to Rachel Hogger of Planning Aid England, who has acted as mentor and facilitator for DNPSG. She explained what a neighbourhood plan was and then went into detail of the format of the day and what we hoped to achieve. The six topic groups (Housing, Green Environment, Heritage and Local Character, Local Economy, Town Centre and Community Infrastructure) have been decided upon based on the three rounds of public consultation as have the issues identified within each topic and any options to deal with these issues.

The idea behind the sessions was to look at each issue, rate its importance on a scale of 1 (not very important) to 5 (very important) and then review the options put forward and agree or disagree with them. Other suggestions and comments could also be made.

The members of the public who attended could decide whether to complete individual forms or work as a group. This was down to the individual's choice on the day and different approaches were taken by different groups. There were also some comments made after the event where people weren't able to stay for the whole session.

The residents attending each session were also asked if they would like to be involved further and these will be contacted with the outputs from the day and kept up to date with what happens next.

Some new issues were identified and some were discussed by more than one groups.

The tables which follow contain the output from each topic group. It should be noted that there was some misunderstanding about 'leave as is' with this being taken as 'protect in the case of heritage' so this has been rectified in the tables.

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Heritage and Local Character Topic Group, Issue 1: Lawrence Site development (HC1 - HC5 comments provided at 7th. March event)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research what can be done - level of interest in town	Put forward options for site	Liaise with KBC about what is happening. Separate stream will feed into discussions	
HC1	5	Disagree				Site would be suitable for surgery, optician, dentists with parking. A community hub at Lawrence site. Not important that factory site stays. Design needs to be in keeping with Desborough, the conservation area and the town. The factory is an eyesore.
HC2	5	Disagree	Agree	Depends if KBC scheme comes forward or not		There is an excellent plan put forward with community aspect on ground floor and offices etc. on first floor. Somewhere for kids to kick a ball around in the evening in a safe environment. So if Kettering scheme delivers on this then no need to put forward our own option. Would like to the existing cottages on the site to be retained as part of new scheme.

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Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
HC3	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	To improve the visual appearance of this site it required a sensitive development to encourage people to come into the town and for people of the town to use. Need to encourage more established businesses into town to give confidence to small individual businesses to set up
HC4	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Keep factory building. Reserve heritage of Desborough as best we can. Doctors' surgery could go onto site (with parking). We need a market square in middle of site - a focal point for the town. Small versions of established businesses (M&S?, Waitrose, food halls) would entice other individual small businesses.
HC5	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	It should be used for little shops, restaurant, doctors surgery, town hall/community hall. It would enhance the town beautifully with a big market square. A pre-school nursery could be there and will bring in revenue.
HC6	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Retain the existing factory and houses on site and use for small retail outlets and offices. And other worthwhile community uses. Landscape other areas and provide car parking facilities to include toilet facilities.
HC8	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	The site wants completely tidying up. As it is originally a silk plush factory from circa 1830, it would be nice to maintain the original building for possible shops, school nursery offices, police station and public toilets.

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HC9	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	The site has now been empty/derelict for 15 years. I understand that internally it is in sound condition. With the expansion of the residential areas of the town there is surely a need for a community use building. An action plan (with dates) should be put in place to resolve this issue.
HC10	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Desborough would have been a tourist town if the High Street and related streets had not been demolished c 1970. Most of the town has distinct character areas very pleasant to live in. What it needs Is a mixed use town centre (Station Road is inadequate) around a market square on the Lawrence site, keeping its historic buildings, with varied use of the factory (1830s and 1906 parts). The UDF Key Site 2 (2004 - 5) which came from the , is still superbly described for its possible variety of uses.
HC16	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	When Desborough Motors finished trading in this area, it was quietly demolished, together with petrol pumps. Why was this? Nothing planned to replace it. The growth of shrubs and weeds now allowed to survive is a complete disgrace, brought about by the town councillors and the Kettering borough councillors who seem not to be interested in Desborough at all.

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Heritage and Local Character Topic Group, Issue 2: Local Listing of key sites (HC1 - HC5 comments provided at 7th. March event)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research sites and produce listing			
HC1	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>1. 1670 (oldest house in Desborough) should be listed. It is on the corner of High Street and Station Road.</p> <p>2. The old Church School. The bottom part of the original wall is still in place. Behind the bus station on Lower Street there is a sign that says 1840 but the Church (or some other party) have plastered over the sign. There is also a motto "Fear God and Honour the King" but suspect this has been plastered over.</p> <p>3. The Old Station House 1847.</p>
HC2	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>I am concerned that locally important buildings will not be considered when planning applications are determined so a list and NP policy is important.</p> <p>No point having a local list if it is not enforced.</p> <p>Specific comments of proposed local list:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Harborough Road buildings – yes 2. Not sure about the Cheaney's Fish and Chips shops as this has changed so much already 3. Coop bank – yes this is special 4. Corset factory – yes. It is worth keeping 5. Manor House (Dunkelmans) – yes, this is a nice part of the past.

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HC3	5		Agree			<p>Desborough has lost a massive amount of its historical buildings due to poor decisions by KBC. People of Desborough need to be (.....) instead of being told what's going to happen.</p> <p>Identify key sites and ensure they are preserved.</p>
HC4	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>In High Street, 18th /19th Century homes/shop should be retained. The typed list is accurate – even Paddock Lane (I have lived in Desborough all my life).</p>
HC5	5					<p>Local Character... part of green area top of high street should be taken out to allow circle of land in front of 2 18th Century pubs & small shops – with parking. Remains of High Street to be listed.</p> <p>15 – 19 and 23 – 25 High street to be preserved: Station House, The Heritage Centre, Co-op Drapery (i.e. Revive), sea bank; buildings (18th Century near church), Manor House, Rothwell Road Corset Factory; Chamberlains House in Dunkirk Avenue, St. Anthony's Hill terrace of houses.</p>
HC6	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>1. support the list drawn up for the town planning consultation and in addition would like to mention Cheaney's factory shop in Rushton Road, Desborough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - property of interest on L. H. side in Havelock street - the row of iron stone constructed terraced houses on R.H side.

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Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
HC12	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>Desborough has lost a massive amount of its historical buildings due to poor decisions by KBC. People of Desborough need to be (.....) instead of being told whats going to happen</p> <p>Identify key sites and ensure the are preserved</p>
HC14	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>With the local lists produced on the authorised forms with a Civic Society team and Dr Peter Hill in 2007 (he pointed out important features). The lists/papers went to KBC for listing and publication which did not happen. However, Desborough Civic Society (DCS) kept copies. DCS had sent a reasoned case for a Conservation area in 1999. NCC sent something even heavier, asking for Desborough to be the county's Boot and Shoe town; but this was not used. The UDF 2004 - 2005, (David Hallen et al) put listed (some not.....!) and local listed buildings on a conservation page. The Conservation Area (2008) is useful but Nichols Street and areas to the south of great importance are excluded</p>

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Heritage and Local Character Topic Group, Issue 3: Retain local character of the town (different areas) (HC1 - HC4 comments provided at 7th. March event)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research town by area and produce report to feed into Housing/Community Infrastructure/Local Economy/Town Centre groups			
HC1	5	Disagree	Agree			1. Old Co-op site (Dairy) needs clearing completely. 2. Lawrence site needs to be cleared.
HC2	5	Disagree	Agree			Havelock Street opposite post office: gardens are so unique. They contribute towards making the place unique. Old Dairy site. Early 2000 used to be a lovely place. Could see the shapes of stables; really unique.
HC3	5		Agree			Take the history of Desborough and its remaining heritage into schools to educate and create awareness.

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Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
HC4	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>High Street has been a disaster since 1970s. Old Dairy site should be compulsory purchased, if doctors' surgery not moved into Lawrence building/site, then a drop- in surgery should be built on this site <u>with car park</u>. Or welcoming shops could be put at front, buildings se house.</p> <p>Station should be upgraded (e.g. railings in front of houses)</p> <p>No building beyond present roads - those running down from Dunkirk, those from and along Pioneer Avenue because local character with view of Ise Valley should be preserved.</p>
HC7	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>The Station Road area with Revive on the Ritz and attaching properties are a great improvement to the road. Spoilt only by the dust bins etc standing in front of the terraced houses opposite the Ritz.</p> <p>Could the local council consider giving these properties some form of screen or railings to avoid this unpleasant aspect which does create a bad image of a now nice road?</p>
HC12	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>The Victorian terraced houses and other, older ironstone cottages must be kept to retain the different areas and retain the local character of Desborough.</p> <p>The Conservation area supports this; the area defined by the significant boot and shoe factory on the Lawrence site.</p>

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Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
HC13	5	Disagree	Agree			Desborough is an important historic town, having grown from a village, still only 4,000 in 1914, because of silk plush industry in 1830s and boot and shoe in 1860s. This is represented by the "Lawrence" factory and the terraced roads round it. These should be conserved. There are still some ironstone buildings from the 17 th to 19 th century throughout the town and these should be kept visibly. The Heritage Centre records and photographs support this view.
HC14	5	Disagree	Agree			... because the "Lawrence factory" and the historically related Georgian houses (15 - 21) on Harborough Road should be preserved and used to bring the town centre (shops, offices, community and commercial facilities with a market place) lost with A6 road widening and compulsory purchase and destruction of our 17 th - 19 th century town centre c 1970. Keeping the local character of the Conservation area together with a distinctive town centre square (using old buildings) would raise the character and morale of Desborough.
HC17	5	Disagree	Agree			<p>Improve the Lawrence site from the present mess. We need the town centre improvement proposed by the UDF - so that we have an attractive area with a variety of offerings in place of a neglected buildings which should be repaired.</p> <p>No (further information). What is Kettering doing -when it had money and great opportunities to set up this small town with the cultural and commercial centre it needs.</p>

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Heritage and Local Character Topic Group, Issue 4: Solar Farms (HC1 - HC3 comments provided at 7th. March event)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Put forward alternative options			
HC1	5	Disagree				Dreadful visual feedback adversely affecting character of Desborough. Trout lakes (construction on Rushton Road – is this just beyond the NP boundary?) dreadful too.
HC2	1	Agree				You can't see it. It is environmentally friendly. When you cycle down Pipewell lane. You can't see the fields and so you won't be able to see the solar panels.
HC3	2	Agree	Disagree			To same extent we do have consider alternative energy provision.
HC10	1	Agree				I like solar farms.
HC15	5					Solar farms damage the rural nature of the countryside around Desborough. No further applications should be approved.

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Green Environment Topic Group, Issue 1: Protection of green space: Ise Valley, Pocket Park, Tailby Meadow

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research what can be done, level of interest in the town	Liaise with KBC about the Ise Valley - at what stage is the borough's plan (working with the Co-op)? Separate stream will feed into discussions		Ise valley must be protected as a green and blue corridor to protect wildlife and flora to improve biodiversity. Tailby Meadow must be protected building near this will compromise this SSI (<i>please note Tailby Meadow is a local nature reserve, not a SSI</i>). Wildlife groups have lots of information on this subject.
	5	Disagree	Agree			Ise valley must be protected as a green and blue corridor to protect wildlife and flora to improve biodiversity. Tailby Meadow must be protected building near this will compromise this SSI (<i>please note Tailby Meadow is a local nature reserve, not a SSI</i>). Wildlife groups have lots of information on this subject.
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		
	5	Disagree				
	5	Disagree				Air quality and forestry to be integrated not fragmented - keep corridor for fauna.
	3	Disagree	Disagree	Agree		Pocket Park is good - would like more flat areas to walk around.
	5					Provide funding to protect.

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Green Environment Topic Group, Issue 2: Focus on Green Infrastructure, not just roads

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research what can be done, level of interest in the town	Liaise with appropriate organisations		
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Too many fields and green spaces are being swallowed up by housing and industrial buildings. Public footpaths should be protected and improved with maps and signposts.
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Always a good idea to at least see what interest there is. Always some authority to liaise with - we are not alone.
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Desperate need to prioritise ecology.
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		A ramblers' club would help to keep footpaths open.
	5					When building new houses look at building wider roads and incorporating trees and parking. House, path, trees, parking, road.

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Green Environment Topic Group, Issue 3: Sensitive development of the Hawthorns Site.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with KBC about the Ise Valley - at what stage is the borough's plan (working with the Co-op). Separate stream will feed into discussions.			Local residents (through the Hawthorns Forum, part of DCDT) are working with Locality and providing plans for minimally invasive development on the Hawthorns site, which will give walkways, play areas & walkways with ecologically friendly housing. This work should be incorporated into the neighbourhood plan. <i>(Please note, the separate stream is this work and it has always been part of the neighbourhood plan process).</i>
	5	Disagree				Too many fields and green spaces are being swallowed up by housing and industrial buildings. Public footpaths should be protected and improved with maps and signposts.
	5	Disagree	Disagree			Leave the site as it is.
	5	Disagree				Leave the site as it is.
	5	Disagree	Agree			
	5					<p>Played cricket on the pitch years ago and sunk into the grass. As I feel that this acts like a flood plain and I think it would be foolish to build on this it would be better to leave it as a green space.</p> <p>Funding from councils to maintain designated green areas and planting to attract wild life in these areas.</p>

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Green Environment Topic Group, Issue 3: Green walkway around the town.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research into what can be done and the level of interest in the town	Liaise with appropriate organisations		
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		To make Desborough an attractive area for ramblers etc. to appreciate the biodiversity.
	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree		It would be nice to have a green corridor that can be accessed easily.
	3	Agree				
	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Ribbons of green to be maintained at all costs.
	5	Disagree		Disagree		
	5					Would like a walkway/cycle route that would join the two halves of the town together, looking at use of right of ways that are already in use.

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Green Environment Topic Group: Other suggestions

Concern that green walkways between houses and roads would be abused – cars parking partly on grass

Improve public footpaths around Desborough avoiding tarmac roads

Maintain existing footpaths- provide signposts, and signage indicating nature reserves

Provision of dog litter receptacles on Ise Valley

Protection of woods between the grange, the Plens and Back Lane

Discourage building on green space and encourage use of brown space

Hawthorns Forum ideas for Hawthorn site – incorporate in NP (*please note the Hawthorns Forum's work always has fed into the Neighbourhood Plan*)

Roads south of Dunkirk Avenue are prone to flooding this water can be seen flowing down onto Ise Valley, therefore any new building would also be liable to flooding

People are concerned that KBC only look on the Ise valley as a potential money maker

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Housing Topic Group - Discussions at the 7th. March 2015 Event

This topic group reviewed the issues put forward and felt that these did not directly cover the major issue - where to put the houses the town has to build by 2031.

The original issues were:

- Infrastructure cannot support new housing
- Infrastructure needed to support growth in housing
- Develop 'brownfield' sites first if development needed
- Develop off Pioneer/North of the town if development needed

As can be seen there is a theme where there is a need for infrastructure (see under Community Infrastructure/Town Centre and Local Economy topic groups) plus a difference about where housing should go. North Northants Joint Planning Unit has now allocated the number of houses required by town (working with KBC) and the figure for Desborough by 2031 is 1360. Therefore the topic group decided to work from these perspective and the potential sites as per KBC's plan plus the review undertaken by the Planning Consultant commissioned by the Steering Group.

The issues were quickly reviewed and the outcome presented as a group, issues 1 and 2 were combined with the following view being presented:

The infrastructure can support new housing as the sewage pumping station has been upgraded, new street lighting is being installed and the access for the proposed sites is adequate (these are sites with planning permission already in place).

Issue 3 ("brownfield" sites) was accepted however there are no such sites on the site allocation plan.

Issue 4 was reviewed as 'location for sites for new housing' with the following outcome:

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Background – Desborough allocation for new housing 2011 to 2031: Total 1360

Already built since 2011		60
Planning permissions –	a) Grange phase 2	700
	b)) Weavers Mead	165
	c) Harrington Road	<u>75</u> 1000
	Balance required	360

Balance achievable by developing the following sites from KBC LDD housing allocations assessment document:

Preferred site DE/067: The Orchards, Harrington road	60 houses
Preferred site DE/188: Buxton Drive	46 houses
Preferred site DE/063: Desborough site 3	81 houses
Discounted site DE/064: Desborough site 2	<u>222 houses</u>
Total against target	409 houses

Conclusion Housing targets could be achieved without building on site DE/210 (combination of all Ise valley sites)

Group comments:-

Group 1 (5 people)

DE/067 –Agreed as a primary location

DE/188 – Agreed as a primary location

DE/063 – Agreed as a primary location

DE/064 – Agreed , but with review to reduce number of houses on this to minimum required to cover balance. I.e. 173 houses *(however it would be sensible to build in a buffer figure as KBC will possibly require this - need to clarify).*

Strongly opposed to building on sites DE/210 (DE/173, DE/189, DE/072) due to current use for recreational walking etc, flood issues and to preserve green area for nature

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Group 2 (4 people)

To consider building on site DE/064 instead of building on sites DE/072, DE/189 and DE/173 as this is an area that Desborough people use in their leisure time, a natural walk with dogs, children Etc. Also prone to flooding and existing houses adjoining this area are concerned of the impact on their land. Also develop sites DE/188, DE/067 and DE/063 as they are adjoining existing sites and infrastructure, i.e. roads are already in place.

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Local Economy Topic Group, Issue 1: There is a need for a filling station.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Contact developer and Sainsbury's (others) about Grange (Magnetic Park) option			
	5	Disagree	Agree			Crushed by KBC officers deceitfully [Sainsbury's]. We must have a supermarket & filling station. Link to major supermarket. Some distance to nearest facilities.

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Local Economy Topic Group, Issue 2: Improve employment opportunities.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research what can be done including talking to current employers and put forward options			
	5	Disagree	Agree			Must engage with [current] employers. Need reduction in costs for local businesses - peppercorn rents, reduced rates. Disincentives for large corporates. KBC is a stumbling block - fails to consider the needs of "satellite communities" like Desborough.

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Local Economy Topic Group, Issue 3: Old Dairy site needs to be resolved.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with KBC about status of discussions regarding this site and review			
	5	Disagree	Disagree			Forget KBC - make our own decisions. Privately owned so KBC have no decision.

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Local Economy Topic Group, Issue 4: Lawrence site needs to be resolved.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with KBC about what is happening with Lawrence site. Separate stream will feed into discussions	Put forward options for the site		
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Liaise with KBC about this site – some current commercial interest. Original plans included small shop units – help new businesses. Relocation of Marlow House. Collateral damage in retail wars – has KBC no power?

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Local Economy Topic Group, Issue 5: More support for businesses (start ups).

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Work with local businesses and other organisations to look at what could be done	Put forward options		
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Must engage with local businesses. Information needs to be improved for start ups. Use s 106 money to encourage start ups. Encourage KBC to stimulate small businesses - peppercorns rents, rate reductions, local sourcing.

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Local Economy Topic Group: General Comments

Inevitably discussion on the subject of the Local Economy overlaps other subjects like Town Centre and Community Infrastructure, so some comments and observations may reflect comments made by respondents on these topics also.

Delivering Economic Prosperity

The North Northants Joint Planning Unit (NNJPU) Core Spatial Strategy stresses, in their strategy to 2021, the need for a broad balance of new jobs to housing growth, with an objective of stemming the increase in commuter traffic. It is their aim to provide 50% of the new jobs in the service sectors – retail, leisure, professional and public sector and 50% in admin [offices], manufacturing and distribution.

From the NNJPU perspective, the economy will grow by 27,800 new jobs if the economy continues at its current levels, but another 19,600 jobs need to be provided to achieve the jobs : housing growth balance. By improving the range of higher value added jobs, e.g. knowledge based, customer services and high quality engineering, the reliance on low wage, low skilled jobs will eventually transform into better quality jobs for the area, including Desborough.

Our rural economy needs to diversify and the impacts of high speed broadband and the conversion of buildings, urban and rural, to economic reuse will enable this transformation. The development of tourism related activities should not be dismissed either, as the largest growth sector is warehousing and distribution which relies on good transport links and train services, benefits which also assist the growth of tourism.

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Community Infrastructure Topic Group, Issue 1: Policing improvements needed.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with police to see what can be done	Put forward options		
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Parking is not policed. Better presence required to discourage anti-social behaviour. The North Northants Infrastructure Delivery Plan 12.4 has funding in time for Desborough North community police

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Community Infrastructure Topic Group, Issue 2: More options needed for young people.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with Youth Leaders and young people to discuss what can be done	Put forward options		
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Population of youth outweighs current provision. Loss of skate park and leisure centre means a loss in youth provision. Aspire to a skate park or similar, covered areas (not bus shelters) and include in plans for Leisure Centre phase 2. Use lower housing densities to provide more space for facilities and have these on stream earlier in development plans

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Community Infrastructure Topic Group, Issue 3: Another pub/restaurant (family) needed (also under Town Centre topic).

Please refer to Town Centre responses					
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Community Infrastructure Topic Group, Issue 4: Community Centre not linked to a church is needed.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research what can be done – Lawrence site?	Put forward options and feed into other groups		
	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree		With increase in population there is currently no facility large enough for provision of youth, night classes, family occasion gatherings, large community events.

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Community Infrastructure Topic Group, Issue 5: Pedestrian crossing in the High Street from the doctors' surgery to Hazeland House.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with KBC/NCC about this and put forward options (costings)	Liaise with the Town Centre Group		
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		All participants agreed this was a "no brainer" and is required ASAP. Would have added safety benefits as it will be used by Havelock school children using the Library on a regular organised basis.

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Community Infrastructure Topic Group, Issue 6: Improved medical facilities (larger) and education needs (linked with parking issues).

Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6	Reasoning/Further information
	Leave as is	Liaise with healthcare providers to develop strategy for short and long term	Consider alternative approaches (Corby), can anywhere be used as a walk-in centre? Lawrence site?	Liaise with education providers to understand what is planned and when (Loatlands extension and school on Grange 2) and develop strategy	Consider secondary education and different approaches and where	Liaise with Town Centre group	
5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Too large a ratio of patients to GP doctors (practice responsibility). Query use of adjoining Old Dairy site or satellite surgery/drop-in centre. Medical services for the town have not increased as the town has grown. Very high priority in the town.

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Community Infrastructure Topic Group, Issue 7: Improved leisure facilities needed.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Push for Phase 2 of Leisure Centre (get definite date and facilities to be included)	Put forward options		
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Would want like for like following closure of previous leisure centre. Decentralise leisure facilities - looking at green infrastructure around town to increase areas of facility use (thinking of smaller "play areas" to be mandated as part of development briefs for sites).

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Community Infrastructure Topic Group, Issue 8: Lawrence site needs to be resolved.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with KBC about what is happening. Separate stream will feed into discussions	Put forward options	Work with Local Economy/ Town Centre/ Heritage groups	
	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Site requires development after 10+ years. Provision of nursery/playgroup, small retail/business, housing and car parking + link to Station Road and provide a "Heart of the Town"

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Community Infrastructure Topic Group, Issue 9: Old Dairy site needs to be resolved.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with KBC about status of discussions regarding this site and review	Work with Local Economy/ Town Centre groups		
	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	It was felt that this topic would more naturally fit into the Town Centre topic group.

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 1: Need to improve the state of the town centre (TC6 comments post event)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Review and research approaches to decluttering roads and redesign/other public realm (pavements)	Put forward options	Work with Local Economy/ Town Centre groups	
On the day, the group discussion felt this would be covered by discussing individuals issues						
TC56	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	The town is expanding rapidly without thought as to infrastructure etc. Services can no longer cope! No attraction to young or old! The flowers at road crossings have been an improvement though!

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 2: Lack of parking in the town centre, on street and in car parks and also at the doctors' surgery

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Identify sites - Buckwell Close, Lawrence site, on street	Work with Community Infrastructure/ Local Economy/ Town Centre Groups		
TC1	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Parking needed to encourage spending in town
TC2	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Old Dairy site possible new medical centre/pharmacy combination with extra parking for community use
TC3	1	Disagree	Agree	Agree		
TC4	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Being a newbie to the town the most obvious omission is parking in the 'centre of the town
TC5	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		New in the town - want to know what is addressed
TC6	1	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Population increase needs to avoid town becoming merely a dormitory town. Population need to avoid being against everything

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 3: Insufficient provision of parking for disabled in the town centre, on street and in car parks and also at the doctors' surgery. Secure cycle parking as well.

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
Refer to responses to previous issue about parking in general						

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 4: Limited shopping provision/choice *and* Encourage local shopping and retain more variety in shops

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Work with local businesses and other organisations to look at what could be done	Work with Community Infrastructure/ Local Economy/Town Centre Groups		
TC1	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		To attract people into the town centre choice needs to be offered. Encouraging people will also attract more traffic so the infrastructure will need to be improved greatly. A one way system extended through the town along Station Road and Gladstone Street will help ease pressure
TC2	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		
TC3	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		
TC4	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Population increase needs more shopping provision particularly supermarket provision. More urgent provision is at least one more largish supermarket.
TC5	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		The town is woefully lacking in the range of shopping/facilities it required. I would think parties are well placed to address this shortfall. If we do nothing, Desborough will die off completely

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 5: Old Diary site needs to be resolved (TC6 comments post event)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with KBC about status of discussions regarding this site and review	Work with Local Economy/ Community Infrastructure groups		
TC1	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Could be used for a multitude of uses, i.e. car park to allow surgery to be extended, recreational facilities..
TC2	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Desperately needs sorting out, full of rats. Shortage of car parking - obvious choice as in town centre.
TC3	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		
TC4	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Mess, improvement the look of the town.
TC5	?	Disagree	Agree	Agree		It's an eyesore and suggests a sense of indifference by KBC and DTC for the appearance and ambience of the town.
TC6	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree		An eyesore. Surely this could be put to some better use?

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 6: Lawrence site needs to be resolved (TC6 comments post event)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with KBC about what is happening with the site. Separate stream will feed into discussions	Put forward options for the site	Work with Local Economy/ Community Infrastructure/ Heritage groups	
TC1	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Needs a multi-purpose use. Would be best used as a small mall area with a variety of shops (preferably branded) similar to the one on Sheep Street in Kettering but on a smaller scale. Also provides room for parking and potential for flats above building. Provides jobs and income and encourage people to visit!
TC2	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Combine need for parking and encourage new businesses.
TC3	3	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	
TC4	1	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Not sure
TC5	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Good 'brownfield' site and lots could be done with it. Other interests are holding us back.
TC6	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	This is an eyesore to the town. Other towns have put to use these old buildings - housing, light industry etc. Relocate the doctor's surgery?

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 7: Another pub/restaurant (family) needed -also under community infrastructure (TC1 to TC3)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research what can be done - Lawrence site possibility	Put forward options for the site	Work with Community Infrastructure group - feed into Heritage group	
TC1	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	An establishment like this could provide dozens of jobs and a community hub. Possibly another site on 'old A6' towards the Travel Lodge
TC2	2	Agree	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Enough pubs and eateries as it is.
TC3	4	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Low priority. Anything should be quite large.

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 8: George Corner traffic problems (TC6 comments post event)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Research alternative approaches - decluttering of road signs, removal of white lines and turning junction into 'roundabout' using some of spare land on Co-op side	Put forward options and feed into other groups		
TC1	5?	Disagree	Agree	Agree		It is a really problematic bottleneck and needs to be resolved
TC2	5?	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Unsafe junction. Remove the George and relocate it or move traffic further away from corner (still need to remove a building)
TC6	5?	Disagree	Agree	Agree		The corner is very tight, especially for large vehicles. You have to right up to the corner due to poor visibility of traffic approaching down Station Road. Strangers to the town are uncertain as to right-of-way as the obvious flow of traffic is changed. Consider one-way flow.

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 9: Move market to a better place

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
Felt this was covered in comments made about Lawrence and Old Dairy sites - broadly in agreement						

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Town Centre Topic Group, Issue 10: Pedestrian crossing in the High Street from the doctors' surgery to Hazeland House - also under community infrastructure (TC6 comments post event)

Respondent ID	Level of Importance	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Reasoning/Further information
		Leave as is	Liaise with KBC/NCC about this and put forward options (costings)	Liaise with Community Infrastructure group		
TC1	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Provide a connection across what is a busy and dangerous road
TC2	4	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Much needed zebra crossing to provide safe crossing fro children and the elderly
TC3	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		Essential! Possible combining with lay-by in front of Hazeland House
TC6	5	Disagree	Agree	Agree		A pedestrian crossing is needed. But where to place it is the problem! Pedestrians crossing the road from the shops also find problems due to the traffic flow from Station Road. Until the George Corner is resolved it will be difficult to resolve this problem.