

## 1. ABOUT THE LOCAL PLAN

### 1.1 GENERAL

#### Objections

025/012	F	English Nature
128/005	F	Councillor Paul Espin
253/004	F	Gedney Hill Parish Council
595/002	R	Peterborough City Council
670/010	R	Moulton Parish Council

#### Issues

- a. Whether each policy should be given a title to ease cross reference.
- b. Whether there should be executive summaries of the Plan, written in plain English.
- c. Whether the plan needs to provide further detail on the provision of public services and facilities.
- d. Whether greater recognition of the smaller villages should be made in the Plan.
- e. Whether the terms 'food sector', 'food processing' and 'food cluster' should be included within the Glossary.

#### Inspector's Reasoning and Conclusions

- 1.1.1 **Issue a.** The Plan has been re-written since the FDD version, such that all policies now have titles.
- 1.1.2 **Issue b.** The Plan is a statutory document and must be written with precision; that should not preclude the use of plain English. Where I have been pointed to text that appears unclear, I have attempted to address this. However, it is beyond my remit to apply this test to the whole of the document. It is a matter for the Council as to whether executive summaries are produced. Some of the wording of Chapter 1 of the Plan will need to be revised in the Adopted Version to reflect its status. IC63 would allow this.
- 1.1.3 **Issue c.** The objector's concern appears to be adequately met within Policy SG6.
- 1.1.4 **Issue d.** This is a matter dealt with in Chapter 3 of this report, which considers the settlement hierarchy.
- 1.1.5 **Issue e.** The Council accepts this point and proposes IC75 to include the relevant definitions in the Glossary (See Chapter 10 to this report).

#### RECOMMENDATION

- R.1.1. I recommend that the Plan be amended in accordance with IC63.**