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COUNCIL AND WNDC TO DETERMINE MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

South Northamptonshire Council is to process two major applications for outline planning permission at Upton Lodge on the western side of Northampton.

The two applications, submitted by English Partnerships and Redrow Homes, are for more than 2500 homes, community facilities, employment space, park and ride facility and a country park.

The first application, on land at Norwood Farm, proposes up to 781 houses and a country park. The land is within the boundaries of Harpole parish and is bounded by Berrywood Road, Sandy Lane and Weedon Road. South Northamptonshire Council will determine this application.

The second application on land at Upton Lodge, which borders the Norwood Farm application site, proposes up to 1784 houses, employment areas, community facilities including a primary school, a park and ride scheme and part of the country park.

This land falls within Northampton Borough Council boundaries and because of its size and location the application will be determined by the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC). Because the land borders the Norwood Farm application site, and to ensure that the two Authorities process the schemes in a joined up way WNDC has asked South Northamptonshire Council to carry out the processing side of this application alongside its own.

Councillor John Townsend, cabinet member with responsibility for planning, said; "Although WNDC will decide whether or not to approve one of the planning applications and SNC the other, we will be processing both applications to ensure that a clear and consistent process is followed, including the consideration of

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planning policies. Any major development like this must be fully sustainable and accompanied by the right infrastructure to support it so we will be looking very closely at this."

"We know that new houses must be built in Northamptonshire over the next five to twenty years but we want to make sure that any growth is planned properly and provides for the everyday facilities that people will need such as leisure opportunities, public transport, schools, and employment."

The Council will begin consulting the public and a wide range of organisations on both applications soon. More details on both applications are available on the Council website at www.southnorthants.gov.uk

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Notes to the Editor

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