Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) – all-weather pitch with artificial surface, used for a variety of sports.

Changing Minds – Changing Minds Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) is an initiative to provide psychotherapy to the general population. It is provided by the Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to people over 17.5 years old with mild to moderate depression and/or an anxiety disorder.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) - the most senior government advisor on health matters. There are four CMOs in the United Kingdom, appointed to advise their respective national governments. In England, the CMO is a civil servant in the Department of Health and Social Care, and head of the medical civil service and public health.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – a charge on the amount of floor space created by new development. It is intended to raise funds for essential community infrastructure across an area as the population grows.

Display Energy Certificate (DEC) – required by public buildings to show their energy performance. They use a scale that runs from ‘A’ to ‘G’ – ‘A’ being the most efficient and ‘G’ being the least.

EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) – An energy consumption-based rating system, used to summarise the energy efficiency of buildings in the UK on a scale from A (very energy efficient) to G (not energy efficient). A property or business with a better energy efficient rating will have lower running costs, and a property with a worse energy efficient rating will have higher running costs.

Legacy Leisure - a ‘not for profit’ part of Parkwood Leisure, managing Brackley Leisure Centre and Towcester Centre for Leisure on behalf of South Northants Council (SNC).

Local Housing Allowance (LHA) – A flat rate allowance paid to Housing Benefit claimants. There are five different rates according to property size and the rate is determined by each claimant’s bedroom need.

Local Plan – An overarching planning policy document setting out how future applications for development in the district will be considered by the Local Planning Authority.

Limiting long-term illness or disability - health problems and disabilities which are long-lasting and reduce a person’s ability to carry out the activities people usually do day-to-day.

Lower Super Output Area – a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) – outdoor courts used for a range of different sports including basketball, tennis, netball and football.

Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA) – the whole of Northampton Borough and parts of Daventry District Council and South Northampton Council’s administrative areas where development required to serve the needs of Northampton has already been completed or will take place.
Neighbourhood Plans – A public-led planning document allowing the residents of a particular locality to contribute to setting out how any future development in that area will take place.


Primary service villages – Those larger villages with the highest levels of services and facilities, considered most sustainable for future development.

Registered Providers (RPs) – Providers of Affordable Housing (including Housing Associations), that are registered with Homes England (a regulatory and funding public body).

Secondary service villages – smaller villages with some, but not all the facilities of primary villages.

Public Health England - an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social Care, providing government, local government, the NHS, Parliament, industry and the public with evidence-based professional, scientific expertise and support.

Quest accreditation - the national, industry standard quality scheme for Leisure Centres.

Universal Credit – a new benefit payment combining six former means tested weekly benefits into a single monthly payment.

Unitary Authority – A single-tier council which includes all of the council functions for a particular area.

West Northants – The working name of the potential Unitary Authority covering South Northamptonshire, Daventry and Northampton.