## Summary of Responses – SUE Development Frameworks, Regeneration & Public Realm

## RESP 11

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Appendix 2	Carlton Parish Council(10/CU0053)	Street trees The provision of shade can be expected to become much more important over time as climate change develops and will need to be carefully chosen for their size and spread, tolerance of drought, and high summer and low winter temperatures.	Noted. The species of trees most appropriate for the location will be a matter for consideration at the detailed planning application stage.
Paragraph No. 7.2 (Barwell Centre Regeneration)	G Kent (035/01565)	One of the arguments used by HBBC and the Developers to try to justify locating a SUE at Barwell is that it will enable the village centre to be regenerated. However, the plans presented at exhibitions have been vague and appear mostly to involve cosmetic improvements, which although welcome, would not in themselves be real regeneration.  When quizzing the Developers Representatives about important issues such as parking, it is clear that they are as frustrated as the residents, about the limited options available. Parking is urgently needed adjacent to the Cooperative Store, and indeed suitable land has been available in the past, but as is often the case, Councillors preferred filling the land with housing developments (for the Councils financial benefits) rather than parking (for the residents' benefits).  The Developers Representatives were also critical of the recently installed speed bumps on Hinckley Road, which are unpleasant for residents and visitors alike. It seems likely that the SUE would bring more of these on other roads in Barwell. The speed bumps are also environmentally unfriendly since they induce repeated acceleration and deceleration of traffic.	the material presented by the developers.  The District Centre regeneration opportunities presented in Appendix 3 of the AAP identify 3 indicative options for new or improved car parking provision.  A range of traffic calming measures can be considered during the planning application process and subsequent design stages. The County Council as the highways authority will consult on all such proposals to identify the most appropriate measures to be used.
		The suggestion that a SUE would improve Barwell's retail offering is questionable. In the 34 years that I have been a resident, the population of Barwell has greatly increased but the retail offering has decreased (a modern trend). From memory, Barwell has lost:  • A VG store • A bakers • A second chemists shop • Two clothing stores • A furniture shop • An electrical shop • A Cooperative furniture and electrical shop • A newsagents • A fruit and vegetable shop • Two banks • An estate agents • Two public houses • A shoe factory shop • Two hardware stores	As stated in paragraph 4.7 of the AAP, the increased local population provides an opportunity for businesses to open or expand as a result of a critical mass of people to support and sustain new and improved service and retail offerings.

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		A cake shop	
		It is a fact of modern life that SUE residents will do most of their weekly shopping at one of the large supermarkets and most of their other shopping via the internet.	
		There seems little doubt that the Regeneration of Barwell Centre as a result of a SUE would be modest and far outweighed by the drawback of increased traffic congestion.	
		Councillors and Developers should stop pretending that Barwell is a good location for a SUE on the premise that a SUE would provide a huge benefit in Regeneration. Last years Parish Poll, where 96% of those who voted said NO, indicates that residents are unconvinced, and rightly so.	
Section 6 – Barwell SUE	Mr S Baker (36/15605)	Village centre improvements must focus on increased car parking if an attractive retail offer is to tempt new businesses/regeneration.	The District Centre regeneration opportunities presented in Appendix 3 of the AAP identify 3 indicative options for new or improved car parking provision.