

Non-technical Summary

This report concludes that the Oadby and Wigston Core Strategy provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the Borough over the next 15 years. The Council has sufficient evidence to support the strategy and can show that it has a reasonable chance of being delivered.

A limited number of changes are needed to meet legal and statutory requirements. The principal changes can be summarised as follows:

- a) *Chapter 3: A Spatial Portrait of the Borough of Oadby and Wigston, should be amended to provide a consistent and concise picture of the economic, environmental and social issues facing the Borough;*
- b) *References to Eco Towns and Pennbury Eco Town should be removed;*
- c) *Policy 1: Spatial Strategy and Policy 2: Development in the centres of Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston should state how much new housing, new employment land, new office and retail floorspace is planned in each of the main centres and Direction for Growth;*
- d) *Policy 8: Climate change and renewable energy should be changed so that it complies with current national policy and has sufficient flexibility to remain relevant if further changes are made;*
- e) *Policy 11: Affordable Housing should be amended to be more specific as to the target for affordable housing provision but more flexible so as to allow for consideration of individual site circumstances and viability.*

Almost all the changes recommended in this report are based on points raised and suggestions put forward by participants during the Examination which were agreed by the Council. They do not alter the essential thrust of the Council's overall strategy.