

**PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL**

**PETERBOROUGH SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY STUDY**

**(2010 Update Regarding Helpston)**

Strategic Planning and Enabling  
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A survey of all village facilities was carried out in 2007 to inform the Peterborough Settlement Hierarchy and assist in reaching decisions on the proposed locations for growth for the Preferred Options version of the Peterborough Core Strategy. Following public consultation on that document in May/June 2008, a further review of all facilities was carried out in February 2009 in order to update the Hierarchy Study, and so provide evidence for the submission version of the Core Strategy. In December 2009, there were changes to facilities in the village of Helpston. This is 2010 Update Report reports those changes and their impact on the settlement hierarchy.

The report has been produced by officers of Peterborough City Council to assist the Council in reaching decisions on the settlement hierarchy, through the process of preparation of its Core Strategy. It has not been approved or adopted by the Council and does not constitute Council policy.

### **Facilities in the Village of Helpston**

- 1.1 The 2007 Settlement Hierarchy Study recorded the fact that there was a food shop and post office in Helpston.
- 1.2 By the time of the survey for the 2009 Update, these had closed. The Update Study recorded the fact that there was no food shop or post office. The score given to Helpston was reduced accordingly (to 4), although the impact was not so substantial as to suggest the removal of Helpston from the Limited Growth Village classification.
- 1.3 Since the 2009 survey, both the shop and post office have re-opened, with the opening of the post office taking place on 7 December 2009. The effect of these changes is to increase the score for Helpston back to 6 (as it was in the 2007 Study). This score is not sufficient to elevate Helpston into the Key Service Centre category, and so the overall outcome is to reinforce its position as a village appropriate for the Limited Growth Village classification.