

# Charnwood Local Plan Core Strategy Examination

## Hearing session for Matter 1

### The duty to co-operate

9.30am Weds 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (All day)

#### AGENDA

#### 1. Overall housing provision

##### a) Context

- Extent of the HMA
- Commuting and migration patterns and trends within HMA
- Effect of migration on housing needs in Charnwood
- Issues of accommodating development in Leicester e.g. constraints/land supply etc.
- Issues elsewhere in the HMA?

##### b) Practicalities of engagement with other local authorities

- Engagement during the preparation of the Core Strategy – which authorities and when?
- What form has engagement taken? Consultation at key stages, meetings/discussions, joint working etc.?

##### c) Identifying housing needs

- East Midlands Regional Plan – evidence base/relevance?
- 2008 SHMA – scope and outputs in terms of the overall housing needs of Charnwood and the wider HMA?
- 2011 Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Requirements Project – scope and outputs in terms of the overall housing needs of Charnwood and the wider HMA? Follow up by authorities/joint working?
- Do any of the above provide sufficient, up to date evidence in terms of the housing needs of Charnwood and the wider HMA?
- 2013 Housing Requirements Study – scope and outputs in terms of the wider HMA? Engagement with other authorities in the HMA – when and what form of engagement? Timing of study in relation to plan preparation and key decisions on housing numbers?
- Taking all of the above, is there up to date evidence in terms of the housing needs of the HMA? If so, is this the result of co-operation?
- Have issues of potential unmet need and the scale of it been identified? If so, is this the result of co-operation?
- Have the wider needs of the HMA informed the level of housing provision in the Core Strategy? If so, how and on what basis in terms of evidence?
  
- New joint SHMA – when commissioned? Why considered necessary? Scope and outputs and timescale for report
- Input to current plan preparation in other authorities? Timescale of other plans being prepared in the HMA?
- Timescale for discussion/agreement between authorities on distribution of housing within the HMA? Mechanism?
- Is the new SHMA necessary to provide key up to date evidence? Is it necessary to allow constructive engagement in terms of identifying housing needs in the HMA and meeting them?

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- Council's reasons for submitting the Core Strategy before work on the new SHMA was complete? Was this justified?
- Has the strategic issue of housing provision been resolved through co-operation and collaboration? What effect does the decision to submit have on the Council's compliance with the duty to co-operate?
- Overview of compliance with duty to co-operate in terms of overall housing provision?

## **2. Other issues requiring co-operation**

- What are the other strategic issues?
- How has co-operation taken place to address them? Who with and what form has it taken? Examples of joint working?
- Active and ongoing? Constructive outcomes?
- How have the issues been addressed?
- Overview of compliance with duty to co-operate in terms of these other strategic issues?