

Charnwood Local Plan Examination
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Dear Mr Bennett,

Charnwood Local Plan Examination

Thank you for your letter of 19 July 2022.

We note that the Council considers that a 'reflective pause' would not be necessary following the Housing and Employment Land Needs hearing session, however, we remain of the view that a period of time will be needed to enable us to reach a finding about the apportionment of the unmet need for both housing and employment, for the Council to respond as necessary and to enable any implications for the Plan to be properly considered. Depending on the outcome of the hearing session, it may be necessary for us to issue supplementary questions and to enable participants to have an opportunity to respond to those before the resumption of the adjourned sessions. We appreciate the need to resume the adjourned hearings as soon as possible, but we must allow sufficient time for the outcomes at each stage to be properly considered.

The Technical Paper and any other necessary supporting documents should form part of the Council's response to our conclusions about the apportionment of the unmet need, following the Housing and Employment Land Needs hearing session. Following that, we will consider whether any supplementary questions are necessary, to which participants would have an opportunity to respond to before the resumption of the adjourned sessions. We will liaise with the Council to establish a timeline and suitable dates for those sessions.

In the meantime, it would be appropriate to get the consultation on the updated Statement of Common Ground and associated documents underway, to finish during the week commencing 26 September 2022. The dates for the housing and employment land needs hearing session would be 25 and 26 October 2022.

If there are any queries on the contents of this letter, please let us know via Mr Kemp. This letter should be put on the Examination web site.

Other parties should please note that at this stage we are not seeking a response from anyone other than the Council on the matters covered in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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