

CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Council Statement in respect of meeting Leicester City's unmet housing need

1. The Council has brought forward a local plan in a dynamic environment where the council's share of the unmet needs were not known until very recently. The Council has taken stock of its position in the light of the Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions ("MIQs") document as well as receipt of other participants' responses to that document; and in the light of events such as the recent Cabinet meeting at which the Council agreed to meet its identified share of Leicester City's unmet housing need. A considerable number of the responses to the MIQs are to the effect that the Council's share of Leicester City's unmet housing need should be determined at, and provision made for through, the current examination, with consequential amendments (by way of main modifications) to the draft Plan.
2. The Council has a willingness *in principle* to accept and promote the apportionment of unmet housing need as identified and put forward by Icení, the consultants who carried out the HENA and the apportionment work on behalf of all the Leicestershire authorities, through the current examination process, and to propose any necessary main modifications related to this; but seeks to *reserve* its position until after the examination hearings of Matters 4 (concerning housing need, at which hearing Icení will be present) and Matter 7 (concerning housing supply).
3. Whilst representations by a number of participants have already been made in respect of the identified figure of 78 dwellings per annum, to avoid any possible procedural unfairness the Council does not seek to preclude the submission of further written representations regarding Icení's proposed distribution; nor, if considered necessary, a further hearing session in due course.

4. To assist the examination, the Council has prepared a technical note on other potential sources of housing supply (in particular, a reliance on an historic, established contribution from small windfall sites and potential increases in yields proposed for some of the draft site allocations, as already sought by a number of promoters), should it become necessary to consider this issue further.
5. The Council's aim of course is to ensure that it has both a "sound" and a defensible plan as soon as is reasonably practicable.

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