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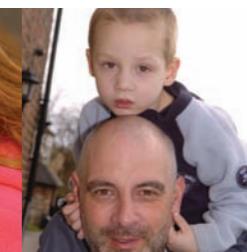
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Planning for Our Next Generation

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Charnwood 2026: Planning for Our Next Generation

What is Charnwood 2026?

Charnwood 2026 is the name given to the Council's Local Development Framework – a collection of planning documents which together form part of the development plan for Charnwood. The Local Development Framework is an important document because it tells people where future development will go and protects the most sensitive areas of our built and natural environment.

What is the Core Strategy?

The Core Strategy is the most important of the planning documents that make up the Local Development Framework. It presents a vision for the future of the Borough and sets out the plan to get there. The Council has been working on the Core Strategy for some time and is now asking for comments on the latest proposals before it does any more work.

Why is Charnwood 2026 important to me?

The Council is faced with some big challenges for the future. We have to build many more houses (including affordable houses and houses for families and older people) to meet expected needs, provide good and well paid jobs and improve the quality of life for everyone. However, these things must be planned in a way that reduces our contribution to climate change, respects our environment and the character of towns and villages.

Achieving a balance between these things is not easy and we cannot shy away from the challenges they present. It is important that you tell us what you think about the proposals because your Councillors will eventually have to make difficult decisions about where new development will go in the Borough when they consider the final version of the plan.

What is this leaflet about?

This leaflet summarises the latest proposals in the Core Strategy consultation document. It focuses on the biggest challenge of where new homes and jobs should go. However, the Core Strategy considers a much wider range of issues than this including renewable energy, transport, design and much more. To find out more please read the full consultation document available at -

www.charnwood.gov.uk/charnwood2026.

The options we considered

Before we explain where we think new homes and jobs should go, we want you to know about the other options we considered.

We considered spreading the future houses and jobs around the edge of Loughborough and Leicester. However in the past this approach has placed increasing pressure on infrastructure like roads, health care, schools and leisure facilities. If we were to continue to plan like this it is clear that the infrastructure will not be able to cope and so we have taken a fresh approach with a new vision for the future growth of the Borough.

Rather than the piecemeal development of old, our vision takes a different approach. It plans for new and more sustainable communities where homes and jobs are planned from the start along with new schools, surgeries, shops, roads and play areas. We think that planning for 'sustainable urban extensions' is the best way to plan for the future.

How Can I Have My Say?

First, we would really like you to read the full Charnwood 2026: Planning for our Next Generation. You can see the full documents for free by visiting the Council's website:

www.charnwood.gov.uk/charnwood2026

Hard copies will be available at local Libraries and Joint Service Shops at the Borough Council Offices and Leicestershire County Council, Glenfield, Leicester. If you would like to purchase your own hard copy, you can do so from the council by calling 01509 634769 / 01509 634929.

Then you can let us know your views in a number of ways. You can tell us your views online using our online consultation portal by following the links from the Council's website:

www.charnwood.gov.uk/charnwood2026

Alternatively, you could e-mail your views to:

charnwood2026@charnwood.gov.uk

or put them in writing to

Director of Development,
Charnwood Borough Council, Southfields, Loughborough, LE11 2TN.

All comments should be sent to us by Friday 5th December 2008. We will also be holding a number of exhibitions and presentations/discussions across the borough where you can talk to officers about our proposals. The dates, times and locations of these can be seen below.

Settlements	Venue	Date	Time
Anstey	Jubilee Hall, Stadon Road	27th October 2008	7pm-9pm
Barrow upon Soar	Parish Offices, High Street	4th November 2008	10am - 2pm
Birstall	Village Hall, School Lane	12th November 2008	7pm-9pm
Hathern	Hathern Community Centre, Pasture Lane	10th November 2008	7pm-9pm
Loughborough	Town Hall, Victoria Room	28th October 2008	7pm-9pm
Loughborough	Maxwell Drive Community Centre	30th October 2008	10am - 2pm
Loughborough	The Rushes, Unit corner of Biggin Street	1st November 2008	10am - 4pm
Loughborough	Tesco car park, Park Road	7th November 2008	10am - 6pm
Mountsorrel	Memorial Hall, 105 Leicester Road	7th November 2008	7pm-9pm
Quorn	Quorn Village Hall, 64 Leicester Road	3rd November 2008	10am - 2pm
Rearsby	Horse & Groom PH, Melton Road	28th October 2008	10am - 2pm
Shepshed	Glenmore Community Centre, Thorpe Road	31st October 2008	7pm-9pm
Shepshed	Car park at Shepshed Library, Hall Croft	6th November 2008	10am - 6pm
Sileby	Community Centre, High Street	24th October 2008	1pm - 5pm
Syston	Community Centre, School Street, Brookside Suite	25th October 2008	10am - 2pm
Syston	Community Centre, School Street, Brookside Suite	4th November 2008	7pm-9pm
Thurmaston	Elizabeth Park Sports Centre, Checkland Road	29th October 2008	7pm-9pm
Thurmaston	Asda car park, Barkby Thorpe Lane	5th November 2008	10am - 6pm
Woodhouse Eaves	Village Hall Annexe, Main Street	30th October 2008	7pm-9pm
Wymeswold	Memorial Hall, Clay Street	11th November 2008	7pm-9pm

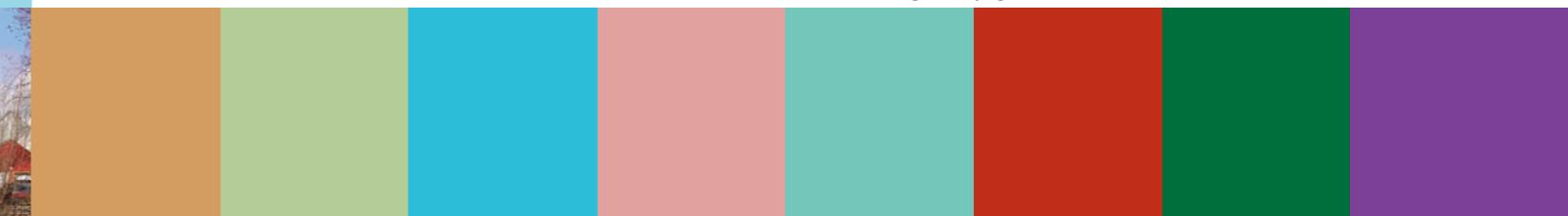
Key ■ = Exhibition display

■ = Presentation / Discussion

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Officers will also give presentations to the autumn Area Forum meetings.

For more details of the dates and times of these please see the Council's website at: www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/areaforums1



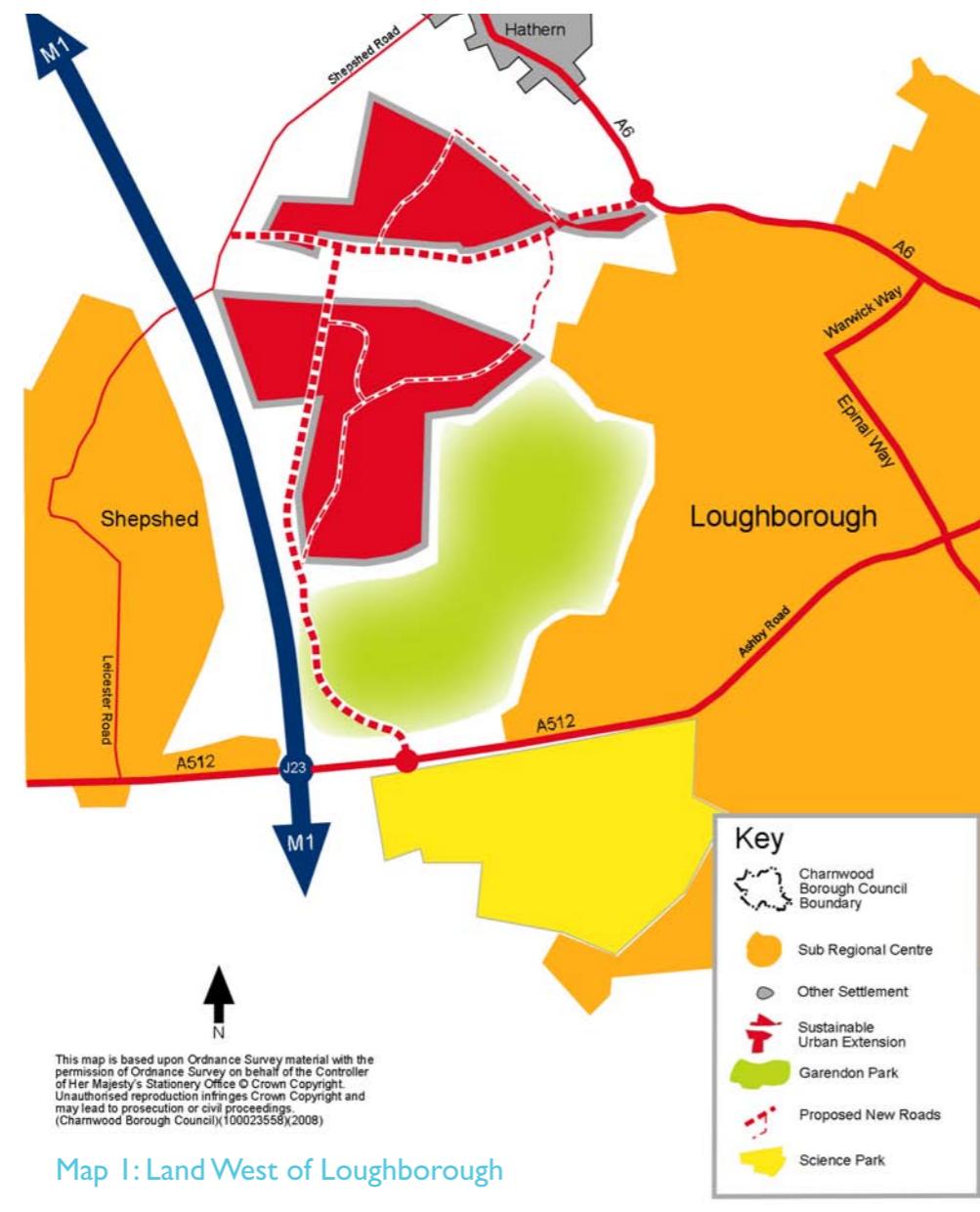
What is Proposed?

Having considered all of the options very carefully, we have identified two areas within Charnwood that we think represent the best general locations for the bulk of future development on the basis of the evidence currently available.

The first is land West of Loughborough and north of Garendon Historic Park and Gardens towards Shepshed. There is potential here for the development of around 3,500 new homes, 20 hectares of employment land, an extension to the Science Park next to the University. This option would provide new schools, health facilities, local shops and new transport facilities including buses, footpaths and cycleways and a possible new road link between the A512 and the A6.

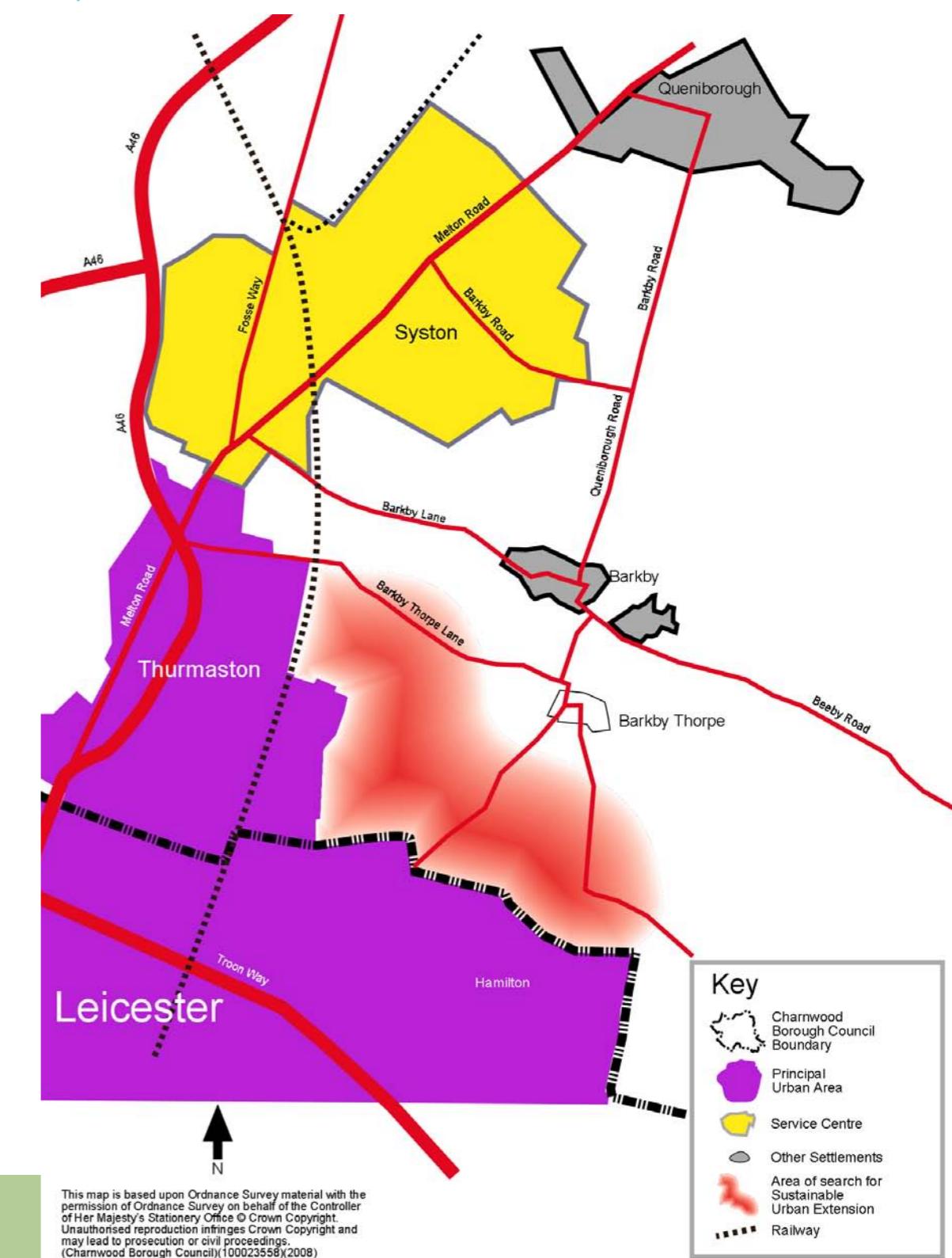
A key part of this proposal is the opportunity to secure the Garendon Historic Park and Gardens, to improve wildlife habitats and provide public access to a new Country Park for

the people of the borough to enjoy. If the proposal goes ahead, areas of open land will need to be incorporated into the design to safeguard the separate identities of Loughborough and Shepshed.



The second is an area of land to the East of Thurmaston and North of Hamilton. This area north of Leicester has potential to provide around 5,000 new homes as well as up to 50 hectares of employment land, new shops, schools, other community facilities and new transport facilities including buses, footpaths and cycleways. This proposal will need to take account of the separate identities of Syston, Barkby and Barkby Thorpe and the deserted medieval village at Hamilton, which are nearby.

Map 2: Land East of Thurmaston and North of Hamilton



Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we need new houses and businesses?

There is a nationwide shortage of housing especially 'affordable' housing for younger people starting out in life. Added to this is the fact that the way we live is changing - for example, more people are living alone which means that although the population is reasonably stable there is a greater need for new homes. The bottom line is that though many people might wish to keep Charnwood just as it is, the result of 'mothballing' the borough would mean that our younger people would find it even more difficult to find a home and would have to look further afield to find work.

How many new homes are we talking about?

The Secretary of State is finalising a plan for the East Midlands called the 'Regional Plan'. The Regional Plan tells us exactly how many homes and how much new employment land we need to plan for in the future. The plan says that Charnwood should find 19,300 homes between 2001 and 2026. Taking account of those already planned there is a balance of around 10,000 more homes to find.

When will we see more detail of what is proposed?

At this stage we are not able to say exactly where new houses, shops, roads, jobs and other facilities will go on any of the options. However, once we are able to commit to an option we will have to do more work to understand how and where the houses and other uses will go. We hope to be able to start this process in the New Year and we will need your help again.



Why can't we keep 'bolting on' developments?

We can. But it is our opinion that, having weighed up all of the evidence, the most sustainable approach for the borough is to concentrate development on two large sites. This means we can plan for the necessary supporting facilities - schools, open space, community facilities alongside the new development. However, if you disagree, this is your chance to have your say.

What is the likely timescale for any development?

It is tempting to think that all this is going to happen over the next year or two but it's not. In fact much of the development needed over the next few years has already been planned and allocated. Charnwood 2026 looks further ahead and suggests the best way to accommodate the growth of homes and jobs in our borough for the long term.

Does the Core Strategy propose building on Garendon Park in Loughborough?

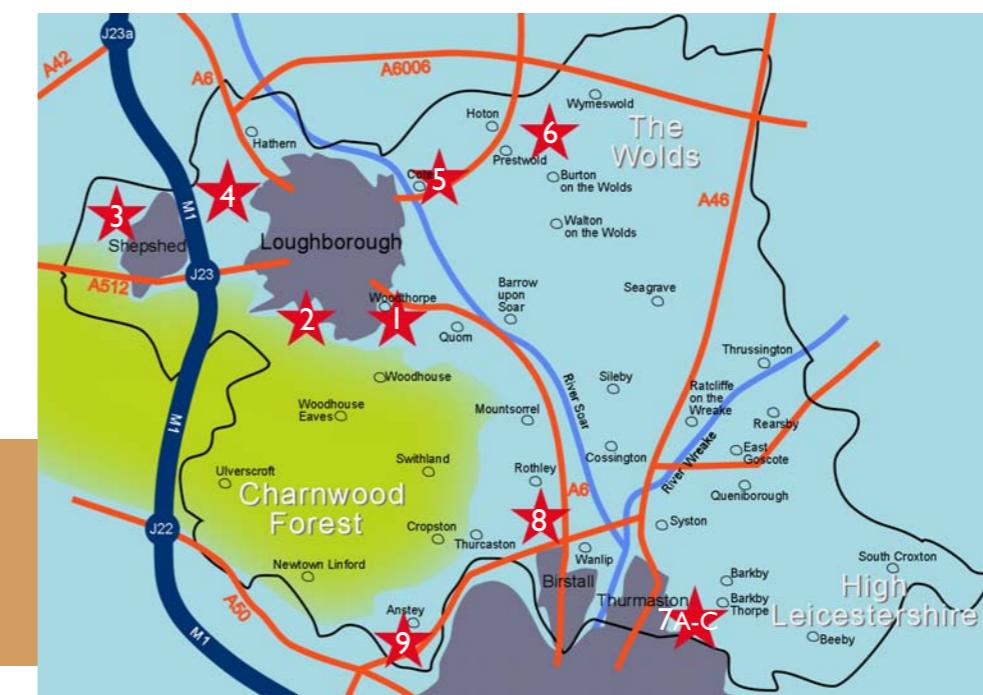
No. The area north of the A512 up to Coe Avenue is an important area of open land which is registered as a Historic Park and Garden by English Heritage which we want to protect. The Core Strategy consultation document proposes a western expansion to Loughborough towards Shepshed to provide a new community with homes, jobs, schools, shops and other necessary facilities. This could help secure Garendon Park and provide for a new public Country Park for the future benefit of Loughborough, Shepshed and Charnwood residents.

We have looked at a number of alternative locations for large sites around Loughborough and Shepshed and to the north of Leicester. These are shown as red stars on the map below and include:

1. South of Loughborough
2. South west of Loughborough
3. West of Shepshed
4. West of Loughborough
5. East of Loughborough
6. East of Loughborough at Wymeswold Airfield and Around
- 7A. East of Thurmaston/South of Syston
- 7B. East of Thurmaston/South of Syston/North of Hamilton
- 7C. East of Thurmaston/North of Hamilton
8. North of Birstall
9. North of Glenfield/South of Anstey

We assessed each of these options to see how they measure against environmental, social and economic objectives in a 'sustainability appraisal'. This told us how the options compared against each other on a level playing field.

The Core Strategy consultation document explains in more detail the advantages and disadvantages of each option, taking account of the evidence that has been gathered so far and the findings of the sustainability appraisal.



What else does the plan say?

The plan says that some houses and jobs should be provided in those towns and villages that provide services and facilities for a wider area. We think these 'Service Centres' are Anstey, Barrow upon Soar, Mountsorrel, Quorn, Rothley, Sileby and Syston. Meanwhile, it is proposed that other places in the Borough will be protected from development unless it meets local needs for affordable housing or provides local jobs or community facilities. We also think that development in the smallest villages should not be allowed unless it is for affordable housing or some other use that is appropriate in the countryside.

The plan says how we intend to help and regenerate the most disadvantaged parts of the Borough to address their particular problems and increase prosperity and quality of life.

It protects sensitive landscapes and areas including Charnwood Forest, Bradgate Park, Garendon historic park and gardens and the River Soar and Wreake and their floodplains. It also says how wildlife and our built heritage are to be protected

It explains how creating linkages between open space, recreation grounds, cemeteries, allotments, parks and other green areas can improve our living environment and provide for more public access and wildlife.

It also calls for a big improvement in the design quality of new buildings and their energy efficiency. It suggests that new buildings should generate part of their energy needs from renewable resources.