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Can I also add that while I fully understand its a complicated and lengthy process and that receiving responses in a fixed format will make the review process easier for CBC the whole system, process and tone of the documentation seems to be set to prevent the public having a say on the plan and on our village areas.

I'm not an expert, I'm not a planner and I don't have the technical training, correct business terminology or experience that those who drafted the plan have and the process noted throughout the website and documentation talks down in a way that I guess is to prevent responses from residents where possible. If you truly want feedback and really want to get the local populace on side then please review a more public friendly option for commenting. You may be pleasantly surprised by us mere voters / tax payers as we can be passionate about this fine borough as well and want to see it thrive and have places for our kids to live, families to move to and jobs to support us all.

Kind Regards

Sam Armstead

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Paragraph	Bullet point 6	Policy	Policy DS3(HA49)	Policies Map	LOCAL PLAN PROPOSALS MAP HA49

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The plan for a new 1 class per year school has been made to justify building 700 houses around the village.
It is not a 'sound' plan as it will lead to a two-tier junior school education system in the village that will

- Split investment,
- Split family children likely across two schools as this will not have capacity to deal with all new attendees
- Lead to poorer educational facilities or learning for one or the other school (or both) as Leicestershire remains one of the most underfunded school areas in England.
- I can see no public support for this from the educational teams at Hall Orchard

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Reduce the quantity of housing to a level that fits with the current capacity at Hall Orchard

If this is not possible then fund the building of a new primary school large enough to deal with the suggested new population at one school on a new site within the development zone. School to be built and available for use before the houses are built on the new areas.

The old school site can become an additional space for house building to offset any lost in the zones allocated.

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Item BA5: High Street-South Street-Bridge Street
Junction Improvement lists a £50,000 spend to improve pinch points at the High Street/South Street/Bridge Street junction. A totally insufficient amount that will not offer sustainability to a village with an additional 1400 vehicles (700 houses x 2) and the multiple journeys they make.
It offers no improvement to the Grove Lane / South Street exit despite the additional builds planned for HA45 / HA46 & HA47 that will impact this junction nor does it offer any improvements to Cotes Road / High Street junction that is already a major problem around school and work times as exiting Cotes Road to High Street is notoriously difficult especially for buses (School) delivery vehicles and cars when busy. It will get worse with the HA49 build.
Paragraph 3.205 on page 124 notes that "70% - 90%" of journeys to work will be by car adding a huge burden on the village pinch points which include those stated not just the £50k item noted.
The same transport item lists a spend of £1,367,625 to improve cycle routes to the station. Will a raised cycle track over the houses be built?
I'm trying to understand how £1.3 million can be spent on cycle routes and £50k on overburdened car routes. If £1.3 million is required for cyclists then £50k clearly isn't a sustainable option to mitigate the additional cars and car journeys that will be added.

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The spend on cycle lanes has to be an error and needs rechecking.

The road and cycle improvements need to be linked and part of the same build so cyclists and motorists have clear space for bot uses which are necessary and will continue to grow. A blinkered approach to moving more car journeys to cycles will not work for the majority of school runs / work journeys and shop / recreational visits.

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Additional treatment capacity will be required at Barrow upon Soar by 2030 -

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- **Email: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk**
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This form has two parts –
Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.
Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details*		2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	Mr	
First Name	Sam	
Last Name	Armstead	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1	[redacted]	
Line 2	[redacted]	
Line 3		
Line 4		
Post Code	[redacted]	
Telephone Number	[redacted]	
E-mail Address (where relevant)	[redacted]	

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable) boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation:

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph		Policy	Map 1	Policies Map	LOCAL PLAN PROPOSALS MAP

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is (please tick as appropriate):

4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes		No	
4.(2) Sound	Yes		No	✓
4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes		No	✓

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.
If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

There are no Green Wedge or separation units noted for Barrow Upon Soar.

The plan leaves no block to build at any location around the village, it offers no support to the village and residents to show that the council will work to protect green space from future development to limit the affect of development on future generations in the village.

I note that Quorn manages to get areas of local separation status alongside HA50 between the A6 and Farley way despite this being a natural build extension for property in the village and also North (?) of Woodhouse Road along another large strip of land that would link directly to the village.
Why can Barrow not be afforded the same as the focus in our village for housing looks unsustainable and not justified when land just as suitable (more so?) for development is being removed from the plan.

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Add green wedges to locations around the village to show the council are aware that developments must have limits. Incorporate the land in Quorn into the plan to share the development plan in a justified and sustainable way across all areas in the Soar Valley, not just for Barrow and Sileby.

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After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

No	**No**, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)		**Yes**, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

To understand the process, to confirm points have been reviewed and addressed and to be involved in a process that will affect me, my family and locals for years to come

Please note *the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.*

9. Signature: [redacted] Date: 22 Aug 2021

Guidance Note for Representation Form

1. Introduction

1.1. The plan has been published by the Local Planning Authority [LPA], Charnwood Borough Council, in order for representations to be made on it before it is submitted for examination by a Planning Inspector. The *Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004*, as amended, [PCPA] states that the purpose of the examination is to consider whether the plan complies with the relevant legal requirements, including the duty to co-operate, and is sound. The Inspector will consider all representations on the plan that are made within the period set by the LPA.

1.2. To ensure an effective and fair examination, it is important that the Inspector and all other participants in the examination process are able to know who has made representations on the plan. The LPA will therefore ensure that the names of those making representations can be made available (including publication on the LPA's website) and taken into account by the Inspector.

2. Legal Compliance and Duty to Co-operate

2.1. You should consider the following before making a representation on legal compliance:

- The plan should be included in the LPA's current Local Development Scheme [LDS] and the key stages set out in the LDS should have been followed. The LDS is effectively a programme of work prepared by the LPA, setting out the plans it proposes to produce. It will set out the key stages in the production of any plans which the LPA proposes to bring forward for examination. If the plan is not in the current LDS it should not have been published for representations. The LDS should be on the LPA's website and available at its main offices.

- The process of community involvement for the plan in question should be in general accordance with the LPA's Statement of Community Involvement [SCI] (where one exists). The SCI sets out the LPA's strategy for involving the community in the preparation and revision of plans and the consideration of planning applications.

- The LPA is required to provide a Sustainability Appraisal [SA] report when it publishes a plan. This should identify the process by which SA has been carried out, and the baseline information used to inform the process and the outcomes of that process. SA is a tool for assessing the extent to which the plan, when judged against reasonable alternatives, will help to achieve relevant environmental, economic and social objectives.

- In London, the plan should be in general conformity with the London Plan (formally known as the Spatial Development Strategy).

- The plan should comply with all other relevant requirements of the PCPA and the *Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012*, as amended [the Regulations].

2.3. You should consider the following before making a representation on compliance with the duty to co-operate:

- Section 33A of the PCPA requires the LPA to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with neighbouring authorities and certain other bodies over strategic matters during the preparation of the plan. The LPA will be expected to provide evidence of how they have complied with the duty.

- Non-compliance with the duty to co-operate cannot be rectified after the submission of the plan. Therefore, the Inspector has no power to recommend modifications in this regard. Where the duty has not been complied with, the Inspector cannot recommend adoption of the plan.

3. Soundness

3.1. The tests of soundness are set out in paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Plans are sound if they are:

- **Positively prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs, and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring authorities is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;

- **Justified** – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;

- **Effective** - deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and

- **Consistent with national policy** – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the NPPF.

3.2. If you think the content of the plan is not sound because it does not include a policy on a particular issue, you should go through the following steps before making representations:

- Is the issue with which you are concerned already covered specifically by national planning policy (or, in London, the London Plan)?

- Is the issue with which you are concerned already covered by another policy in this plan?

- If the policy is not covered elsewhere, in what way is the plan unsound without the policy?

- If the plan is unsound without the policy, what should the policy say?

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