

CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN – PROPOSED TRIGGER POLICY (POLICY DS2)

COMMENTS OF NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

North West Leicestershire District Council previously made representations in respect of policy DS2 of the Pre-submission Draft Charnwood Local Plan 2021-2037 published in July 2021 (Representation 539). The District Council was concerned that policy DS2 did not include a specific reference to the potential of having to address unmet needs for strategic B8 (warehousing) uses. The District Council notes and welcomes the proposed Main Modification 1.a (EXAM 4) published by Charnwood Borough Council which now includes specific reference to strategic B8. This is also reflected in EXAM 68.

As published in both the pre-submission plan and Main Modifications, policy DS2 also made reference to addressing unmet needs for housing and other employment uses. However, it is noted that the proposed wording in EXAM 68 does not include such a commitment. The District Council is of the view that policy DS2 should continue to retain such references. This is to ensure that there is a suitable mechanism in place to address either an increased unmet need from Leicester City, which is currently at Regulation 19 stage, or in the event that another authority within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area declares an unmet need.