

Charnwood Local Plan Examination

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HEARING SESSION AGENDA

20 February 2024 09.30 am

Matter 2

Please Note: All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the representations submitted in response to the Post Hearing Consultation and the Council's responses. These are available on the examination website <https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/examination>

1. Inspectors' openings and introductions
2. Council's update
3. Participant introductions
4. Points of clarification/Follow Up Items
 - Revised National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023)
 - Revised Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (December 2023)
5. **Matter 2: Vision, Objectives, Sustainable Development and the Development Strategy**

Key Documents

- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Addendum (Exam 57)

6. Questions

- Q1 Do options 1, 2 & 3 in the SA Addendum represent the reasonable alternatives for the development strategy to deliver Charnwood's apportionment of Leicester's unmet need? Should any other options have been tested?

- Q2 Is the estimate of supply from Options 1, 2 & 3 set out in Table 4.2 of the SA Addendum justified by the evidence?
- Q3 What is the role of mitigation in the SA Addendum, and is the approach set out in paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4 of the SA Addendum a reasonable one?
- Q4 Is the assessment of Options 1, 2 and 3 against the sustainability objectives reasonable and justified by the evidence?
- Q5 Is the conclusion in the SA Addendum at paragraph 5.15 that Option 1 is the most favourable option in terms of avoiding significant negative effects and securing positive effects, justified and reasonable?
- Q6 Does the SA Addendum ensure that there has been a robust assessment of the reasonable alternatives for retail development as part of the development strategy in Policy DS1? (note - reference to HA28 in paragraph 6.41 of Exam 57 is incorrect and should be HA21)
- Q7 Overall, does the SA of the submitted Plan (SD-5), together with the SA Addendum (Exam 57) ensure that the reasonable alternatives for the development strategy in Policy DS1, including in relation to meeting Charnwood's apportionment of Leicester's unmet need, have been robustly assessed?
7. Review of any further Matter 2 main modifications necessary for the soundness of the Plan
8. Follow up items and close of hearing session