

Charnwood Local Plan Core Strategy Examination

Hearing session for Matter 8 Town Centres and shops

9.30am Fri 19th December 2014 (morning only)

AGENDA

- 1) Evidence on the need for additional floorspace**
 - Evidence sources
 - Estimates of needs
- 2) Meeting needs**
 - How will needs be met?
 - Clarity of Policy CS9 in this respect
- 3) Hierarchy of centres**
 - What is hierarchy and evidence it is based on?
 - Is hierarchy appropriate and justified?
- 4) Loughborough Town Centre**
 - Overall approach
 - Directions for growth
 - Appropriate and justified?
- 5) Retail impact assessments**
 - Basis for thresholds – evidence
 - Justified?
- 6) SUEs**
 - Approach to form and scale of retail/main town centre uses
 - Justification
- 7) Thurmaston Retail Park**
 - Background and status in hierarchy
 - Clarity on approach
 - Justified and consistent with national policy?
- 8) Overall approach in Policy CS9**
 - Clarity and effectiveness
 - Justified
 - Consistency with national policy – specifically sequential approach