

**Melton Borough Council's Response
Charnwood Local Plan Examination Consultation on
Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Employment Land Needs**

Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)

Matter 10: Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Employment Land Needs

10.1 What is the up to date position with the signing of the SoCG (Exam 43) by the Leicester and Leicestershire authorities (including the County Council)? Are there any implications for Plan preparation by the authorities and if so, what are they?

Melton Borough Council's Cabinet met on 13th July 2022 to consider the Leicester and Leicestershire SoCG relating to housing and employment land needs. The Cabinet Report can be viewed on the Council's [website](#). At that meeting the Cabinet approved the signing of the Statement of Common Ground which was appended to the report at [Appendix A](#).

Within the report the impacts of the SoCG were explored, noting that Melton Borough Council is expected to contribute 69 dwellings per annum towards Leicester City's unmet needs to 2036. At present, this can be accommodated within the existing housing allocations within the adopted Melton Local Plan (2011-2036) as headroom was built into the Plan for housing delivery.

Whilst most of the unmet employment need within the Housing Market Area (HMA) can be met within Charnwood Borough as demonstrated within the HENA Employment Distribution Paper (Exam 46), the HENA (Exam 44a), its Executive Summary (Exam 44b) and Appendices (Exam 44c) identified that Melton needs to provide for an additional c.10ha of employment land to 2036. This is in addition to that already allocated in the adopted Melton Local Plan.

Melton Borough Council is content that through the Local Plan Review process (underway), this additional employment land need can be accommodated within the Borough. Work undertaken over the last couple of years by both the planning and regeneration teams has demonstrated that Melton can accommodate this within the Manufacturing Zones (MAZ) already promoted. Most of the MAZ land is not yet formally allocated within the Local Plan, and a call for sites will be required as part of the Local Plan Review for the Council to fully consider where to allocate employment land. However, it is not considered at this time that Melton Borough Council will need to declare its own unmet needs for employment land.

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