



Charnwood Borough Council
Local Plan Examination

**Matter 1 – Duty to Cooperate and Other Legal
Requirements**

Supplementary Hearing Statement

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MATTER 1: DUTY TO COOPERATE AND OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS).

Introduction

- 1.1.1 This hearing statement is submitted by Gladman Developments Ltd (Gladman) in response to the supplementary Matters, Issues and Questions stemming from the Inspectors' consideration of Leicester and Leicestershire's Housing and Employment Unmet Needs.
- 1.1.2 This updated statement in respect of Matter 1 should be read alongside our original Matter 1 statement.

Issue 3 - Whether the Plan has been prepared in compliance with other legal requirements

Supplementary Question 1: Are any adjustments to the Plan period (2021 – 2037) necessary to accord with NPPF paragraph 22 which states that strategic policies should look ahead for a minimum 15-year period from adoption, having regard to the delays in the Examination process?

- 1.1.3 Given the pause in the examination, Gladman now expect that the Plan will not be adopted till 2024 at the earliest. Resultingly, the Plan would cover a period of just 13 years post adoption in nonconformity with the requirements of paragraph 22 of the NPPF.
- 1.1.4 Rather than extending the plan period for a minimum of 24 months to meet the requirements of national policy it may be, however, that an extension to the plan period could be incorporated as part of an early review of the Plan.
- 1.1.5 We have previously detailed in our Matter 10 statement¹ that a review mechanism is still required in the Plan, even with the current anticipated level of unmet need provided for, as the scale of unmet need has the potential to be higher and Charnwood Borough's share could increase through a revised Statement of Common

¹ Gladman Matter 10 Hearing Statement – Response to question 10.9

Ground. Incorporating an extension to the plan period within such a review mechanism would, in our view, represent a pragmatic way forward at this stage.

- 1.1.6 Further consideration in respect of other issues that could trigger the need for a Plan review and the effectiveness of Policy DS2 in its submitted form are set out in our updated Matter 9 statement.