

Charnwood Local Plan Examination

For Hollins Strategic Land LLP | PSLP 366

Matter 2 – Vision, Objectives, Sustainable Development and the Development Strategy



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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Emery Planning is instructed to attend the Examination into the Charnwood Local Plan (2021 – 2037) on behalf of Hollins Strategic Land (hereafter referred to as ‘HSL’). HSL’s specific interest is the land north of Melton Road, Queniborough which is proposed for allocation (Site Ref HA65) under Policy DS3. We have requested to attend Matter 2 However if we are not invited we are content to rely on this written submission.



2. Supplementary Questions

1. Does the development strategy set out in Policy DS1 represent a robust and appropriate approach for the distribution of housing, employment and other development in the longer term, having regard to the Inspectors' initial findings (Exam 55) in relation to Charnwood's apportionment of Leicester's unmet need for housing and employment land?

2. Is any further SA testing of the options for the level and distribution of growth necessary having regard to the Inspectors' initial findings (Exam 55) in relation to Charnwood's apportionment of Leicester's unmet need for housing and employment land?

- 2.1 We do not repeat our position in our June Hearing Statement. As to the supplementary questions, the housing need for Charnwood is 1,189 dwellings as confirmed in EXAM55 which equates to some 15% of the planned housing requirement in the Submission Plan. The spatial strategy has been informed by the Charnwood Settlement Hierarchy Assessment 2020 (EB/DS/3) which we consider to be an appropriate methodology given the range of factors it has assessed. As to meeting that increased housing need, we consider that Policy DS1 does represent a robust and appropriate approach for the distribution given the level of development required to meet the unmet needs which can be easily accommodated given the range of sustainable settlements across Charnwood, including Queniborough which is of particular interest to HSL.
- 2.2 The LPA's position as to which sites will assist in meeting this increased housing need will be published as part of their Topic Papers for the Examination. HSL controls a site proposed for allocation (HA65) which has potential for a greater capacity that can assist in starting to meet that quantified unmet need. We assess that site in greater detail in Matter 6 but in answer to Questions 1 and 2 on the evidence currently available we do not consider an increase in capacity of proposed allocated sites would alter the Development Strategy or require further SA testing.



