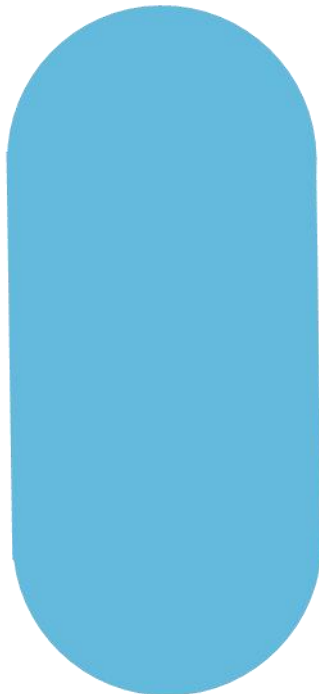


**WRITTEN STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE
CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN 2021-37
EXAMINATION - HEARING SESSIONS 2023**

**MATTER 2 - VISION, OBJECTIVES, SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY**

On Behalf of Richborough Estates, the Bowler Family and William
Davis Ltd



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Written Statement is made on behalf of our client, Richborough Estates, the Bowler Family and William Davis in response to the Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions for the examination hearings for the Charnwood Local Plan 2037.
- 1.2 Richborough Estates, the Bowler Family and William Davis have previously made representations to the Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions in 2022 and Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation in respect of Policy DS3, site reference HA15.
- 1.3 Richborough Estates and the Bowler Family, William Davis Homes and the Council have agreed a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) which has been submitted to the examination (Exam 24g).
- 1.4 This Statement should be read alongside the previously submitted Matter Statements made on behalf of our client. It responds to the Inspector's Supplementary Questions and provides an update to the previous Matter Statements where necessary.

2. MATTER 2 - VISION, OBJECTIVES, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Issue 3 – The Development Strategy

- 2.1 In our view, Policy DS1 represents a robust and appropriate approach for the distribution of housing, employment and other development in the longer term.
- 2.2 The housing distribution set out in Policy DS1 is considered appropriate and, in principle, capable of accommodating the most up to date local housing need position and additional homes arising from the Leicester City unmet need (as set out in the Leicester & Leicestershire Authorities - Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) relating to Housing and

Employment Land Needs (April 2022)) together with a suitable buffer.

2.3 Our client has been discussing the delivery of HA15 with the Council. Clearly the Council must provide an updated position in respect of the housing land provision, supply and buffer (MIQ Matter 4 Supplementary Question 2 and MIQ Matter 7 Supplementary Question 1 and 2) and we reserve our right to comment on these matters and the relevant evidence once published. That being said, we consider that in principle sufficient housing sites are provided within the Plan to meet the housing requirement subject to the re-evaluation of proposed allocation yields within Policy DS3.

2.4 Whether further SA testing is required will depend on the extent to which the distribution of development differs to the scenarios contained in the Sustainability Appraisal. This is a matter to be considered once the Council has published it's up to date housing land supply position and an informed judgement can be taken.