

**CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**  
**MATTER 2 - VISION, OBJECTIVES, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT &**  
**THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

**Inspector's issues and questions in bold type.**

This Hearing Statement is made for and on behalf of the HBF, which should be read in conjunction with our representations to the pre submission Local Plan consultation dated 23 August 2021. This representation answers specific questions as set out in the Inspector's Matters, Issues & Questions document issued on 25 April 2022.

**Issue 3 – The Development Strategy**

**Q2.13 Should the figures in the table in Policy DS1 be expressed as minimum numbers?**

The housing figures set out in Policy DS1 should be expressed as minimum numbers. The proposed housing requirement of 17,776 dwellings is a minimum not a maximum figure, which should not be used as a cap to prevent sustainable development from coming forward.

**Q2.25 Overall, will the Plan's vision and objectives contribute to the achievement of sustainable development and is the development strategy justified by the evidence and positively prepared? Are any main modifications necessary for soundness?**

A Main Modification expressing the housing figures set out in Policy DS1 as minimum numbers is necessary for soundness.