

Charnwood Local Plan Examination

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HEARING SESSION AGENDA

8 February 2023 09.30 am & 2.00pm

Matter 4 - Assessment of Housing Need, the Housing Requirement and Mix and Choice of Housing

Please Note: All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Hearing Statements previously submitted and any updates for the February 2023 hearing sessions produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this session. These are available on the examination website

<https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/examination>

The Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) and supplementary question (SQ) numbers relating to this session are listed on the left of this agenda and the points listed below are the matters on which the Inspectors require further information or clarification and which will form the basis of the discussion at the hearing sessions. The references to proposed main modifications in Exam 4 have been listed where relevant.

1. Inspectors' introductions
2. Participant introductions
3. Follow Up Items
4. **Matter 4: Assessment of Housing Need, the Housing Requirement and Mix and Choice of Housing
Key Documents**

Houses in Multiple Occupation Assessment and Study (EB/HSG/2 & 3)

Leicester City and Leicestershire Gypsy Traveller and Travelling Showpeople's Accommodation Assessment (EB/HSG/4)

Housing Needs Assessment (EB/HSG/1)

Housing Topic Paper (TP/1)

Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Needs Assessment Final Report (HENA) (Exam 44a)
Inspectors' and Council's Letters Unmet Need (Exam 55 and 55a)
Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications (Exam 4)

Issue 1 - Is the assessment of housing need and the housing requirement positively prepared, justified by the evidence and consistent with national policy?

MIQ

4.1 Whether the Local Housing Need figure in the standard method
SQ1 represents the minimum starting point for the number of homes
SQ2 needed over the Plan period, having regard to:

- Accommodating Charnwood's apportionment of Leicester's unmet housing need
- Latest affordability data (2021)

Is any uplift to the Local Housing Need figure justified to support the delivery of more affordable housing in arriving at a housing requirement figure in Policy DS1?

Is any uplift to the Local Housing Need figure justified to support economic growth in arriving at a housing requirement figure in Policy DS1?

4.3 The % allowance for flexibility that should be added to the assessment of Local Housing Need in arriving at the housing requirement in Policy DS1, and the implications for the requirement over the Plan period

4.4 Small and medium sized sites and the contribution of windfall development

4.2 Wymeswold housing requirement and changes to the Policies Map and diagrams (Exam 4 Main 4.a – c)

Issue 2 - Will the Plan provide for a choice and mix of housing to meet the needs of different groups in the community?

4.5 Whether Policy H1 will be effective in securing an appropriate mix
4.6 and choice of housing

4.8 Whether Policy H2 is justified and effective in relation to the requirements for M4(2) and M4(3) standard homes, including in relation to:

- Is it clear when the requirement for M4(2) and M4(3) homes in affordable housing set out in Policy H2 bullet 2 will triggered?

4.9 Whether Policy H3 is justified by robust evidence and will be effective in relation to the nationally described space standards, including in relation to:

- What evidence justifies restricting the provision for exemptions in the policy to affordable housing only?

4.10– Whether Policy H4 is clear and will be effective in delivering
4.13 affordable housing and the provision for First Homes

4.14 Whether Policy H6 is justified and deliverable in relation to self-build and custom build dwellings

4.15 Whether Policy H7 is justified and deliverable in its approach to
4.16 Houses in Multiple Occupation

Whether the thresholds applicable in Loughborough will be effective given that the first bullet of the policy also includes an alternative way of assessing 'over concentration'

4.18 Whether the Plan including Policy H9 is justified, effective and
4.19 consistent with national policy in relation to the assessment of need
4.20 and the provision made for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople's Accommodation, including in relation to:

SQ3

- Clarification of the numbers of pitches and plots needed over the Plan period and the provision to be made within the Sustainable Urban Extensions
- The implications, if any, for the assessment of need and Policy H9 arising from the Court of Appeal judgement in the case of Smith v Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities & Ors [EWCA Civ 1391]

5. Review of Matter 4 main modifications necessary for the soundness of the Plan

6. Follow up items and close of hearing session