



Charnwood Local Plan Examination. Matters, Issues and Questions.

Statement on Behalf of Davidsons Developments (ref PSLP/575).

Matter 4 – Assessment of Housing Need, The Housing Requirement and Mix and Choice of Housing

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

- 1.1. The Submission Draft Plan is based on a housing requirement reflecting an annual local housing need of 1,111 dwellings. Provision is made for some 19,461 dwellings over and above the 17,776 dwelling requirement for the plan period to provide a degree of buffer to deal with changing circumstances.
- 1.2. As referred to in our response to Matter 1, the HMA authorities have now published a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) which identifies the scale of unmet need from Leicester and agrees a distribution between the authorities, to be endorsed by relevant Executives/Councils over the coming months.
- 1.3. Now that the apportionment of Leicester's housing need has been established and its distribution largely agreed (with the exception of Hinckley and Bosworth), it is important that the Charnwood Local Plan is modified to ensure that the revised housing need, including Charnwood's apportioned element of Leicester's need is provided for. This is not a matter that should be left to a subsequent review of the plan.
- 1.4. In order to provide for the identified 7% unmet need and maintain a degree of flexibility, the plan will need to make further provision for housing.
- 1.5. Before making further allocations as required, the Council should firstly ensure that full use is made of the sites proposed for allocation. For land to the west of Anstey (site HA43), through masterplanning work to inform the submitted applications for that part of the site in the control of Davidsons, there is scope to accommodate some 420 dwellings. This suggests that the overall provision from the site will be in excess of the 600 dwellings referred to in the allocation.



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