



Charnwood Local Plan Examination Hearing Sessions February 2023.

Matters, Issues and Questions.

Statement on behalf of Davidsons Developments Limited in
relation to Land at Field Head, Markfield (PSLP 619 and 622).

Matter 6: Urban Area Policies, Site Selection, Sustainable Urban
Extensions and Housing Site Allocations.

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- 1.1. As part of our original submission on Matter 6 we raised concerns over the robustness of the site selection process in considering suitable and sustainable development opportunities within Charnwood on the edge of the Service Centre of Markfield falling within Hinckley and Bosworth Borough.
- 1.2. The submission included the Design and Access Statement accompanying an outline planning application for the site. The application process has confirmed that there are no overriding technical constraints that would preclude the development of the site.
- 1.3. In approving the development of a site off Ashby Road, again within Charnwood but adjoining Markfield (ref P/21/1260/2) the Council's Planning Committee accepted that the site offered a sustainable development solution as it was not isolated but was adjacent to a settlement in Hinckley and Bosworth Borough that is similar in its characteristics and role to a Charnwood Service Centre.
- 1.4. This decision demonstrates that development adjoining Markfield can offer a sustainable development solution to contribute to Charnwood's housing requirements and, in that case, help to address five-year land supply issues. Opportunities for development adjoining Markfield, such as the site at Field Head should be considered as sustainable options by the Council in identifying additional sites to meet any identified shortfalls in supply.

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