



CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN 2021-2037

Examination Statement by Charnwood Borough Council

**EXAMINATION HEARING SESSIONS 2023
MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS**

January 2023

MATTER 7: HOUSING LAND SUPPLY

Issue 1 – Whether the Plan will provide for a sufficient housing land supply to deliver the planned housing growth over the Plan period and whether a deliverable five-year supply of housing will be available on adoption

Supply over the Plan Period

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

1. In the light of the Inspectors' findings (Exam 55) that the minimum local housing need for Charnwood is 1,189 dwellings per year and pending changes to the housing requirement in Policy DS1, do any additional sites need to be allocated to ensure that the Plan identifies a sufficient supply of specific, deliverable sites for years 1 – 5 of the Plan period and specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth for years 6 – 10 and where possible for years 11 – 15?

MATTER 7 - ISSUE 1 – ANSWER 1

An updated housing trajectory has been prepared (Exam 58) which replaces the earlier update to 31st March 2022 set out in Exam 11. As well as including the additional supply to meet a housing requirement of 1,189 dwellings per year, Exam 58 provides a further update to the trajectory for all allocations. This shows that sufficient deliverable and developable sites have been identified.

Five Year Housing Land Supply

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

2. In the light of the Inspectors' findings (Exam 55) that the minimum local housing need for Charnwood is 1,189 dwellings per year and pending any changes to the housing requirement in Policy DS1, do the housing trajectory (Exam 11) and the Five-Year Housing Land Supply provided in the Council's Matter 7 Hearing statement (question 7.6) require updating? Are there any other changes in circumstances due to the delay in the Examination process that need to be addressed as part of any update to the trajectory and land supply documents?

MATTER 7 - ISSUE 1 – ANSWER 2

Exam 58 provides an updated housing trajectory to replace Exam 11. The following information updates that provided in the Council's Matter 7 Hearing statement (question 7.6).

	Charnwood Borough Housing Supply as at 1st April 2023	Charnwood Total
	Charnwood Housing Requirement from 1st April 2023 (1,189 dwellings per annum)	
a	Number of dwellings required for 5 years 2023-2028 (5 x 1,189)	5,945
b	Number of dwellings required for 5 years 2023-2028 including 5% to ensure choice and competition in the market for land (NPPF Para 73a)	6,243
c	Expected supply of deliverable sites (dwellings from planning permissions likely to be built 2023 -2028)	7,570
d	Surplus over requirement (c - b)	1,327
e	Number of years supply (c divided by 1249 (b divided by 5))	6.06

The tables set out in Appendix A and Appendix D of Exam 56 provide updated site capacities for the allocations that have been identified for intensification. As such it forms the basis for required amendments to the list of allocations in Policy DS3. These updated capacities have been shared with the promoters of the relevant sites and by exchange of emails these have been confirmed as updates to statements of common ground and site proformas, and these can be added to the examination library if required.