

Charnwood Local Plan Examination

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HEARING SESSION AGENDA

7 February 2023 09.30 am and 2.00pm

Matters 1, 2 & 3

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' opening and introductions
2. Council's update
3. Participant introductions
4. Points of clarification/Follow Up Items
5. **Matter 1: Duty to Cooperate and Other Legal Requirements**

Key Documents

Local Development Scheme (2021) (SD16)
Inspectors' and Council's Letters Unmet Need (Exam 55 and 55a)

Issue 3 – Whether the Plan has been prepared in compliance with other legal requirements

- SQ1 Whether any adjustments to the Plan period (2021 – 2037) are necessary for consistency with NPPF paragraph 22
- SQ2 Whether any update to the latest Local Development Scheme (Exam 34) is necessary
6. Review of Matter 1 main modifications necessary for the soundness of the Plan
7. **Matter 2: Vision, Objectives, Sustainable Development and the Development Strategy**

Key Documents

Urban Capacity Study (EB/DS/4)
 Sustainability Appraisal (SD/5 & SD6)
 Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications (Exam 4)
 Development Strategy and Site Selection Topic Paper (Exam 7)
 Leicester and Leicestershire Authorities – Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (SoCG) (Exam 43)
 Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Needs Assessment Final Report (HENA) (Exam 44a -c)
 Leicester and Leicestershire Authorities HENA Housing Distribution Paper (Exam 45)
 Inspectors’ and Council’s Letters Unmet Need (Exam 55 and 55a)
 Additional Housing Supply Technical Note (Exam 56)
 Updated Sustainability Appraisal (Exam 57)

Issue 3: The Development Strategy

- 2.11- Whether Policy DS1 sets out a clear approach to the distribution of
 2.17 development that is consistent with the settlement hierarchy in Table 4 (Note - MMs to the settlement hierarchy proposed in Exam 40)

Whether the development strategy in Policy DS1 is justified and will be effective in meeting the need for housing, employment and other development over the Plan period, including in relation to:

- The scale of new housing allocated to the different settlements in the hierarchy in the Policy DS1 table – Leicester Urban Area, Loughborough Urban Centre, Shepshed Urban Area, Service Centres, Other Settlements, Small Villages and Hamlets

- Securing the number of dwellings in the table on page 30 as a minimum (MM Main2.u)
- The criteria against which proposals will be assessed in circumstances where there is no five year supply of deliverable housing sites
- Charnwood's apportionment of the unmet employment needs from Leicester as set out in the SoCG

SQ1 Whether increasing housing supply within or as an expansion of
 SQ2 existing proposed allocations as set out in Exam 56 is justified and will be effective in meeting Charnwood's apportionment of the unmet housing needs from Leicester

Review of main modifications to Policy DS1 necessary for soundness

2.18 Whether Policy SC1 (Service Centres) is clear and effective,
 2.19 including in relation to:

- The 800 metre distance to public transport and 30 minute service frequency (bullet 7)
- How a 'proven local need' for off street parking in the last bullet of the policy would be demonstrated (Exam 4 MM Main2.v)

2.20 Whether Policy OS1(Other Settlements) is clear and effective,
 2.21 including in relation to:
 2.22

- How 'small scale' development (bullet 2) would be defined (Exam 4 MM Main2.ac page 8)
- The provision of new services and facilities being required to meet local needs in a Neighbourhood or other Community Plan (bullet 4) (Exam 4 MM Main2.v)

2.23 Whether Policy C1 (Countryside) is clear and effective, including in
 2.24 relation to:

- How 'small scale new built development' (bullet 2) would be defined (Exam 4 MM Main2.w)
- The provision of new services and facilities being required to meet local needs in a Neighbourhood or other Community Plan (bullet 3) (Exam 4 MM Main2.x)

8. Review of Matter 2 main modifications necessary for the soundness of the Plan
9. **Matter 3: Climate Change and the Natural and Built Environment**
- SQ1 Whether any main modifications to Policies CC1 (Flood Risk Management) and CC2 (Sustainable Drainage Systems) are necessary, including in relation to the updated Planning Practice Guidance on Flood Risk and Coastal Change (Paragraph 004 Reference ID 7-004-20220825)
10. Review of Matter 3 main modifications necessary for the soundness of the Plan
11. Follow up items and close of hearing session