



## **CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN 2021-2037**

Statement of Common Ground between:

- Charnwood Borough Council
- West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
- East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group

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#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. This statement identifies the areas of common ground between the two Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) whose coverage extends across the Borough of Charnwood, namely the West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and the East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group and Charnwood Borough Council, in respect of those policies contained in the Pre-Submission Draft Charnwood Local Plan.
- 1.2. The statement should be read alongside the representations and the Council's responses to those representations. It is made without prejudice to the participation in the formal examination of any participant and the views that may then be expressed. Nevertheless, this Statement of Common Ground reflects the agreed position between Charnwood Borough Council and the two CCGs for submission to the Inspector for the Local Plan Examination of the Draft Local Plan based on cooperation and joint working.

#### **2 PURPOSE**

- 2.1 The Statement of Common Ground addresses strategic matters and shared issues between the parties. It provides a framework for the delivery of the Duty to Co-operate duties and obligations arising from Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 24 to 27 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2019). The NPPF places a duty on local planning authorities and other bodies to cooperate with each other to address strategic issues relevant to their areas. The duty requires ongoing constructive engagement on the preparation of the local plan and other activities related to the sustainable development of land.
- 2.2 A Statement of Common Ground is an agreed written record which demonstrates how the duty to cooperate has been fulfilled. It sets out that matters where there is agreement, and if appropriate, those matters where work is ongoing to resolve differences.
- 2.3 Charnwood Borough Council is a public body which is the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for its administrative area. The two separate Clinical Commissioning Groups are public bodies and specific consultees under the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 2.4 Clinical Commissioning Groups were established in 2011 in line with the Health and Social Care Bill (now the Health and Social Care Act 2012) to replace Primary Care Trusts (PCTs). West Leicestershire CCG plans and purchases NHS services covering most of Charnwood while the East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG serves a small part of Charnwood around Syston.
- 2.5 The CCGs covering Leicestershire now collaborate on a County wide basis and joint meetings have been held with representatives of both bodies to progress local plan preparation, and from April 2022 further changes will be introduced with the establishment of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care System.

### **3 JOINT WORKING**

- 3.1 The Borough Council has worked closely with West Leicestershire CCG and East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG. These engagements have enabled the Borough Council to gain an understanding of the current and future challenges faced by GP practices in different parts of Charnwood, and how impacts arising from local plan growth can be addressed, while the CCG's own strategy development, and premises planning has benefited by understanding the scale and distribution of growth across the Borough.
- 3.2 The result of joint working has enabled the Borough Council to gain an understanding of current capacity of GP practices; what impacts local plan growth is likely to have, and where enhancements to existing provision is likely to be required.
- 3.3 We will continue to work together to find sustainable solutions where enhancements to existing provision are required, having regard to the location, the scale of growth and the characteristics of existing provision. This will include the negotiation of developer contributions through the development management process in accordance with Policy INF1 in the Pre-Submission Draft Charnwood Local Plan.

### **4 KEY MATTERS OF AGREEMENT**

- 4.1 There has been ongoing constructive engagement between Charnwood Borough Council and the Clinical Commissioning Groups on the preparation of the local plan and the Duty to Cooperate has been complied with, as evidenced by the record of engagement set out in Appendix A
- 4.2 The CCGs have not identified any matters of soundness concerning the Draft Local Plan's approach to planning for healthcare provision.
- 4.3 The plan's vision, objectives and policies can form the basis of effective joint working and delivery between the Borough Council and the Clinical Commissioning Groups to promote positive health outcomes for the communities of Charnwood.
- 4.4 The plan's environmental, climate change and sustainable transport policies, including green space, recreation and the promotion of walking and cycling will enhance active and healthy lifestyles with positive benefits to physical and mental health.
- 4.5 By working together through the development management process and the negotiation of Section 106 contributions the two bodies can ensure that health needs of our communities will be addressed.

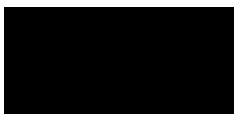
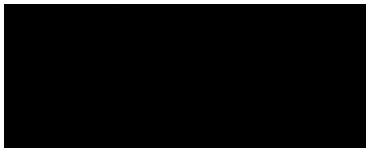
### **5 GOVERNANCE**

- 5.1 In terms of governance arrangements, the parties agree to:
- keep a dialogue open on matters arising which are likely to have significant impacts and implications for the delivery of health care;
  - work together to achieve identified outcomes in relation to strategic matters including the implementation of the CCGs own strategic plans;

- review and update this Statement in light of any material change in circumstance such as major changes to legislation or guidance; material changes to policy and strategy in the emerging plans;
- adopt positive principles of cooperation.

5.2 The establishment of the Integrated Care System in 2022 will bring forth organisational changes which are likely to impact on the collaborative arrangements that have been set in place. The Borough Council will address any such changes to ensure that a strong working relationship is forged with the successor body.

## 6. SIGNATORIES TO THE STATEMENT

Signed on behalf of West Leicestershire and East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Groups	Signed on behalf of Charnwood Borough Council
	
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## APPENDIX A - JOINT WORKING

The following list is a summary of some of the significant meetings and exchanges of information between Charnwood Borough Council and the Clinical Commissioning Groups to discuss health service planning. These meetings continue to take place on a regular basis as we seek to promote health service delivery through the Local Plan.

Event	Date	Outcomes
To review the health impacts of housing growth across the Borough.	15/11/2019	CBC gained an understanding of health impacts at key locations which are identified for growth.
To review the comments made by the CCG during the Local Plan consultation in November / December 2020 and discuss ways forward to the provision of health care.	23/3/2020	Closer agreement between the two parties of the need for housing growth in a planned way with the challenge of providing for health needs, particularly in Shepshed.
To provide an update on the local plan and gain a greater understanding of GP funding priorities and the Estates Strategy.	13/7/2020	West Leicestershire CCG circulated information to GP Practices and GP Federations to make them aware of the areas of housing growth seeking their views and obtaining constructive ideas on how growth can be accommodated including the nature and type of improvements at GP practices across Charnwood.
To review the impacts upon GP Surgeries of Local Plan growth proposals.	27/8/2020	West Leicestershire CCG commented on the list of sites identifying capacity constraints and any 'showstoppers'.
To provide an update on the local plan and discuss need for improvements to accommodate growth.	25/11/2020	West Leicestershire CCG made available information on GP practices to inform policy making.
To discuss options for enhancements to care provision in Shepshed	7/4/2021	West Leicestershire CCG consulted the Primary Care Estates Strategy to inform ongoing discussions on options for enhanced provision.
Follow up meeting to consider delivery issues in Shepshed.	28/4/2021	Clarification on Section 106 funding for health in Shepshed and the scope to use existing monies and funding in the pipeline for premises improvements.  Agreement on way forward for discussions with GP Practices in Shepshed.
Liaison meeting to discuss delivery issues.	2/6/2021	Sharing of information on GP Practices and Section 106 Expenditure.
Local Plan consultation meeting	18/8/2021	Discussion of issues relevant to CCG's response to the Draft Local Plan.