

# Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Cooperate

## Introduction

The duty to cooperate was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and is set out in section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It places a legal duty on local planning authorities, county councils in England, and prescribed public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of local plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters.

The duty to cooperate is not a duty to agree, however local planning authorities are expected to make every effort to secure the necessary cooperation on strategic cross boundary matters before they submit their Local Plans for examination. Demonstrating that the duty has been complied with is a fundamental first stage of the examination process, and if a local planning authority cannot demonstrate this then the Local Plan will not be able to progress through examination.

In summary, the duty to cooperate:

- relates to the sustainable development or use of land that would have a significant impact on at least two local planning areas (especially in connection with strategic infrastructure);
- requires councils to consider joint approaches to plan preparation so to produce positively prepared and justified strategies; and
- requires councils and prescribed bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to identify and address strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries.

Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 sets out that the duty applies to local planning authorities, county councils and other prescribed bodies. The other prescribed bodies is set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and amended by subsequent legislation and are listed below:

- The Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England
- The Mayor of London (where applicable)
- The Civil Aviation Authority
- Homes England
- Clinical commissioning groups established under section 14D of the National Health Service Act 2006
- National Health Service (NHS) England
- Office of Rail and Road
- Transport for London (where applicable)

- Integrated Transport Authorities
- Highway authorities within the meaning of section 1 of the Highways Act 1980 including the Secretary of State, i.e. Highways England (now National Highways), where it is the highways authority.
- The Marine Management Organisation.

The Mayor of London, Office of Rail and Road Transport for London, Integrated Transport Authority and Marine Management Organisation are not applicable in Charnwood. The other organisations identified comprise public bodies which have statutory responsibility for the main strategic issues which the local plan needs to have regard to in setting out a development strategy for the borough to 2037.

Local Enterprise Partnerships and Local Nature Partnerships are not subject to the requirements of the duty, but local planning authorities and county councils and prescribed public bodies must cooperate with them. Local planning authorities must have regard to their activities when they are preparing their local plans, so long as those activities are relevant to plan-making.

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out that authorities should prepare Statements of Common Ground, throughout the plan-making process to evidence effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters. National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) defines a Statement of Common Ground as a written record of the progress made by strategic policy-making authorities during the process of planning for strategic cross-boundary matters. It documents where effective cooperation is, and is not, happening throughout the plan-making process. It also provides evidence to demonstrate that the duty to cooperate has been complied with.

### **Charnwood Local Plan Preparation**

Relevant bodies have been consulted, both formally and informally, throughout preparation of the Charnwood Local Plan. Where strategic issues have been identified discussions and meetings have been held with all the relevant parties to discuss these issues and identify a way forward and this cooperation has informed plan making.

The table below provides a summary of all the relevant duty to cooperate bodies engaged with, including neighbouring authorities, relevant prescribed bodies and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership. The table also shows where a Statement of Common Ground has been identified as beneficial to document cooperation and the progress that has been made on strategic cross boundary issues. In some cases more than one Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to cover different topics.

<b>Duty to Cooperate Body</b>	<b>Statement of Common Ground Prepared</b>
Leicestershire County Council	Yes
Leicester City Council	Yes

Blaby District Council	Yes
Harborough District Council	Yes
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	Yes
Melton Borough Council	Yes
North West Leicestershire District Council	Yes
Oadby & Wigston Borough Council	Yes
Nottinghamshire County Council	No
Rushcliffe Borough Council	No
Environment Agency	Yes
Historic England	Yes
Natural England	Yes
Civil Aviation Authority (East Midlands Airport)	No
Homes England	No
Clinical Commissioning Groups	Yes
National Health Service	No
Highways Authorities	Yes
Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership	No

In addition to the above the Council has also engaged with a wide range of other authorities and bodies through joint working. There is no Leicestershire Local Nature Partnership, but there has been consultations on the natural environment and biodiversity with specialist local authority networks including Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council on and with relevant public bodies, Natural England and Environment Agency.

### **Cooperation on Strategic Planning Matters across Leicester and Leicestershire**

Effective cooperation with other local authorities across Leicester and Leicestershire has been well established over many years and was strengthened by the joint work to prepare and agree the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan (SGP). This is a non-statutory plan to shape the future of the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA) and Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) in the period to 2050. It provides a long-term vision and a jointly agreed framework on cross boundary matters that partners can use to inform their individual statutory local plans. It was approved in 2018 by all the Leicester and Leicestershire local authorities and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership.

The Strategic Growth Plan focuses on delivering new housing, supporting the economy, identifying essential infrastructure, and protecting the environment and built heritage. Leicestershire local authorities and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) work collaboratively to address these strategic issues and implement the vision.

Joint strategic planning work is overseen by the Members' Advisory Group (MAG). The MAG comprises a councillor from each of the authorities, plus an observer from the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) and it meets on a regular basis, currently every two months. Any proposals or recommendations of the

MAG pertaining to key strategic planning issues are subject to ratification by individual local authorities.

MAG is supported by a Strategic Planning Group (SPG) made up of senior officer representatives responsible for overseeing strategic planning in each of the constituent authorities. SPG meets on a regular basis, currently monthly. The SPG is itself supported by further officer groups; including the Planning Officers' Forum (POF), which is a formal meeting of Chief Officers responsible for planning and transport services across Leicester and Leicestershire. The Forum provides professional advice to the SPG and is supported by joint officer level meetings, which includes managers responsible for planning and transportation policy within Leicester and Leicestershire.

The key strategic matter for Leicester and Leicestershire is housing and employment needs and there are a number of work streams related to addressing the issue of unmet need in Leicester for housing and employment land. This has involved collaborative working through the following studies:

- **Housing and Economic Needs Assessment** - a study to better understand the need for housing and employment land including the type and mix needed within Leicester and Leicestershire.
- **Strategic Transport Assessment** - to develop a series of growth scenarios to understand the impacts of growth on the transport network.
- **Strategic Growth Options and Constraints Mapping** – to assess the potential of strategic sites in Leicestershire and understand the opportunities and constraints at a strategic scale.
- **Warehousing and Logistics in Leicester and Leicestershire: Managing growth and change** – assesses the need for Large Warehousing and Logistics 2020 – 2041, finalised in April 2021

Following the assembly of the evidence base Leicestershire local authorities will agree options for accommodating the unmet need, and this will be subject to a sustainability appraisal. The outputs of this collaborative working will result in a Statement of Common Ground on the apportionment of Leicester's unmet need.

While this work is being completed and the apportionment considered and sustainability appraised, a Statement of Common Ground was agreed between all the Leicester and Leicestershire authorities that supports the progression of the Charnwood Local Plan with a review trigger policy (SCG/1). A topic paper has been prepared setting out the justification for proceeding with the local plan ahead of unmet need being apportioned (TP/4).

### **Summary of the Strategic Matters for Duty to Cooperate Each Body**

The table provides a summary of the strategic matters which have driven our work with partner bodies and how they have been resolved. More detailed information is

provided in Statements of Common Ground for those bodies where it was helpful to document cooperation and progress made with strategic issues.

The table identifies the key bodies co-operated with during the preparation of the local plan, on which strategic matters, the nature of the co-operation, and the outcomes of the co-operation, including where relevant how it has influenced the plan.

There will continue to be engagement with all partners, as necessary, to finalise and implement the Local Plan. This will include engagement through the established structure for strategic planning in Leicester and Leicestershire to address issues arising from the objectively assessed needs that cannot be met wholly within Leicester.

<b>Summary of Cooperation</b>				
<b>Body</b>	<b>Strategic Matters</b>	<b>Nature of Cooperation</b>	<b>Outcomes of Cooperation</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
<b>Leicestershire County Council</b> <b>Leicester City Council</b> <b>Blaby DC</b> <b>Harborough DC</b> <b>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth BC</b> <b>Melton BC</b> <b>North West Leicestershire DC</b> <b>Oadby &amp; Wigston BC</b>	Housing and Employment Need	Extensive, on-going and regular meetings within the strategic planning governance framework including weekly meetings with all Leicester and Leicestershire authorities since May 2021 in addition to monthly Planning Officer Forum, regular Strategic Planning Group and Member Advisory Group.	<p>Leicester and Leicestershire local authorities have agreed a process and work programme for testing reasonable alternative options for meeting unmet need with a view to preparing a Statement of Common Ground which would address the scale and distribution across the HMA.</p> <p>On-going joint evidence gathering has also informed an agreed joint understanding of the need for strategic warehousing and logistics.</p> <p>This cooperation has informed the inclusion of a trigger policy DS2 Leicester and Leicestershire Unmet Needs in the Draft Local Plan.</p>	SCG/1 & SCG/10
<b>Leicestershire County Council</b> <b>Leicester City Council</b> <b>National Highways (formerly Highways England)</b>	Highways and Transport	On-going and regular engagement with Leicestershire County Council in its role as Local Highways Authority focused around transport modelling of options and preferred option, with regular constructive meetings also involving Leicester City Council Highways Authority and National Highways.	<p>A common understanding of the existing network constraints and the transport impacts of local plan growth upon the strategic and local highway network.</p> <p>Agreed methodology and findings from the modelling work undertaken to date which are being used to inform further work to enhance our joint understanding of the package of measures and scale of investment required to effectively mitigate the impacts of transport growth upon the highway network with a strong focus upon sustainable transport. It is agreed this work will be used to inform transport strategy development.</p> <p>The cooperation and agreed evidence have informed the development strategy, site selection, infrastructure delivery plan and preparation of the local plan policies</p>	SCG/5

			<p>on supporting infrastructure.</p> <p>This cooperation has informed the Infrastructure Schedule in the Local Plan and Policies INF1 and INF2.</p>	
<b>Leicestershire County Council</b>	Education	<p>Extensive and continuous dialogue with Leicestershire County Council in its role as Local Education Authority with frequent, and on-going, constructive meetings to ensure that the education requirements of growth are met.</p>	<p>A joint understanding the existing and forecast capacity of existing schools to accommodate additional growth.</p> <p>A joint understanding of the scope for on-site expansion of existing schools, scope for expansion on adjacent land and where new schools will be required to provide for new growth.</p> <p>A joint understanding of the costs for new school provision with ongoing engagement between the two authorities to ensure new school places are available at the right time.</p> <p>The cooperation has informed the development strategy for the Borough and site selection, particularly in relation to the pattern of growth proposed in Service Centres which reflects the need to create the critical mass for new schools. It has also informed the infrastructure delivery plan and local plan policies on supporting infrastructure.</p> <p>The Local Plan sets out the agreed requirement for new schools and the sites which will be required to make a proportionate contribution to their delivery.</p>	SCG/6
	Flooding	<p>In its role as Local Flood Authority, Leicestershire County Council was a key partner in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessments and attended the inception meeting for the level 2 SFRA on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Local Flood Authority was also involved in discussion</p>	<p>A joint understanding of the levels of historic, current, and forecast fluvial, surface water and groundwater flooding and risk across Charnwood.</p> <p>A joint understanding flood risk levels and characteristics for all local plan allocations.</p> <p>An agreed methodology for assessing flood risk which was used to inform the development strategy and site selection process as well as the local plan policies on</p>	

		regarding flooding in Loughborough 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021. Assessments commissioned to assess flood risk. Along with the Environment Agency, the Borough Council drew on their expertise to help inform the evidence base.	managing flood risk.	
	Waste	Correspondence with Leicestershire County Council in its role as the Waste Disposal Authority for Charnwood; specifically, in response to comments made by the County Council (at Regulation 18 stage) regarding the Newhurst Quarry energy recovery facility in Shepshed.	Explanation provided on how the Local Plan has been informed by Leicestershire County Council's Mineral and Waste Safeguarding (Charnwood Borough) Document S2/2015 which forms part of the adopted Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.	
<b>Leicestershire County Council</b> <b>Blaby District Council</b> <b>Harborough District Council</b> <b>Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council</b> <b>Melton Borough Council</b> <b>North West Leicestershire</b>	Gypsy and Travellers Transit Site Provision	Long term joint or close working on Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) evidence across Leicester and Leicestershire published May 2017. Meetings held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019, 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 and 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020 to discuss the Leicestershire wide need for transit sites.	<p>In accordance with the recommendations of the GTAA, a site selection process was established to consider potential sites which may be able to provide for the Leicestershire wide need for transit sites. Three preferred sites were agreed located in Blaby and North West Leicestershire. More detailed delivery investigations followed to assess the suitability of bringing these sites forward.</p> <p>This cooperation has informed the preparation of Policy H9 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People in the Draft Local Plan.</p>	

<b>District Council Leicestershire Police</b>				
<b>Leicester City Council Blaby District Council</b>	Cross Boundary Site	Regular meetings held involving Blaby District and Leicester City Council to discuss proposed site at Anstey Lane, Gynsill Lane, Glenfield (Site HA12) which includes land within all three authority areas. This also included meetings with site promoters. A record of the meetings held is set out in Appendix A.	A site-specific statement of common ground setting out areas of agreement and as a framework for cooperation is being prepared by Charnwood Borough, Leicester City, and Blaby District Councils. This includes consideration of education and other infrastructure and the approach to development in the Green Wedge.  This cooperation has informed the wording of housing allocation policy DS3 (HA12) which requires that development proposals are supported by a Masterplan and Green Infrastructure Strategy to demonstrate how the Green Wedge function of this site will be maintained.	Appendix A & SCG/8
<b>North West Leicestershire District Council Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Borough Council</b>	Charnwood Forest	Charnwood Forest Regional Park Board meetings attended with a range of partners.  Policy wording was discussed with Northwest Leicestershire District Council at meeting 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020, and in a separate meeting, with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council on 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020.  Draft of policy shared with Charnwood Forest Regional Park Board in January 2021.	It was agreed that the aim should be to create a consistent policy approach for Charnwood Forest and this influenced the wording of Policy EV4 Charnwood Forest and the National Forest.	
<b>Leicestershire County Council Leicester City</b>	Green Wedges and Areas of Local	Long term cooperation on developing a joint methodology for identifying and assessing	Agreed strategic approach to Green Wedges identification and assessment which was agreed in July 2011.	EB/ENV/18

<p><b>Council, Blaby DC</b>  <b>Harborough DC</b>  <b>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth BC</b>  <b>Oadby &amp; Wigston BC</b></p>	<p>Separation</p>	<p>Green Wedges.  In March 2016 Leicestershire Authorities were provided with a draft of Green Wedges and Urban Fringe Enhancement Zones and Areas of Local Separation Study and asked for detailed feedback. A meeting was held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to discuss draft report findings.</p>	<p>There has been a joint approach to the preparation of evidence that informed the Charnwood Local Plan  This cooperation has informed the preparation of Policy EV2 on Green Wedges and assessment of sites within Green Wedges as part of the site selection process.</p>	
<p><b>Leicester City Council</b></p>	<p>Housing and Employment Need</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>Detailed matters for further discussion identified in relation to DS1 Development Strategy, DS2 Leicester and Leicestershire Unmet Needs and Policy LUA1: Leicester Urban Area.</p>	<p>SCG/8</p>
	<p>Highways and Transport</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>Detailed matters for further discussion identified in relation to Policy CC5: Sustainable Travel; INF1: Infrastructure and Development Contributions; INF2: Local and Strategic Road Network and Appendix 3: Infrastructure Schedule.</p>	<p>SCG/5 &amp; SCG/8</p>
	<p>Development Sites, Burial Space &amp; Infrastructure</p>	<p>Meetings held 27<sup>th</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 held to identify and discuss any other strategic cross boundary matters and discussed:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- proposed allocations including in Green Wedge areas;</li> <li>- need for additional burial space arising from the City; and</li> </ul> </p>	<p>Both authorities agree that development affecting Green Wedges will need to retain elements of open and undeveloped character and be sensitively interwoven between a network of publicly accessible green infrastructure corridors and recreational open spaces.  Both authorities agree continued close working and information sharing will be important to ensure cross boundary infrastructure requirements are addressed.  Detailed matters for further discussion identified in relation to Policy EV12 Burial Space and Policy INF1 Infrastructure.</p>	<p>SCG/8</p>

		- other cross-border infrastructure requirements such as school provision and sports facilities.		
<b>Blaby District Council</b>	Development Sites & Transport	Meetings held 20 <sup>th</sup> January and 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 to identify and discuss any other strategic cross boundary matters and discussed proposed allocations close to the boundary including in Green Wedge and implications for transport and other infrastructure.	Both authorities agree that development affecting Green Wedges will need to retain elements of open and undeveloped character and be sensitively interwoven between a network of publicly accessible green infrastructure corridors and recreational open spaces.  Both authorities agree continued close working and information sharing will be important to ensure cross boundary infrastructure requirements are addressed. This includes continued joint working across Leicester and Leicestershire and continued engagement with National Highways on the Strategic Road Network (A46 and M1).	
<b>Harborough District Council</b>	Housing and Employment Need	See above	Detailed matters for further discussion identified in relation to DS2 Leicester and Leicestershire Unmet Needs and approach to strategic warehousing.	
	Development Sites	Meeting held on 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 to discuss proposed allocations close the boundary.	Both authorities agree continued close working and information sharing will be important to ensure a joined-up approach to delivering growth in the north east of the Leicester Urban Area.	

<b>Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council</b>	Development Sites	Meeting held 27th April 2020 to identify and discuss any other strategic cross boundary matters and discussed the cross-boundary implications of potential sites and proposed allocations close the boundary, in particular adjoining Anstey in Charnwood and Markfield in Hinckley and Bosworth.	Both authorities agree continued close working and information sharing will be important to ensure cross boundary issues are addressed.	
<b>Melton Borough Council</b>	Development Sites	Meeting held 2nd April 2020 to identify and discuss any other strategic cross boundary matters and discussed the cross-boundary implications of potential sites.	Both authorities agreed that the proposal for a new settlement proposal at Six Hills, with land being promoted within Charnwood and Melton Borough Council areas should be further assessed through the strategic growth options work with HMA partners.	
<b>North West Leicestershire District Council</b>	Housing and Employment Need	See above	Detailed matters for further discussion identified in relation to Policy DS2 Leicester and Leicestershire Unmet Needs and approach to strategic warehousing.	SCG/7
	Leicestershire International Gateway	Meetings held 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2020, 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 to discuss and document our joint understanding of the Leicestershire International Gateway as identified in the Strategic Growth Plan.	Agreement reached on the role of the Leicestershire International Gateway, which has the potential to be positive driver of change in this area, as set out in the Leicestershire International Gateway Topic Paper (TP/6). This joint understanding of the of the purpose Leicestershire International Gateway was based on an assessment of key data, which has provided a strategic framework for both authorities which has influenced the preparation of the Draft Local Plan policies and strategic planning decisions.	SCG/7
	Development Sites and Shepshed Urban Area	Meetings held 20 <sup>th</sup> February, 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 Meetings held to identify and	Detailed matters for further discussion identified in relation to proposed allocations in Shepshed including the need to address any impacts upon both the local and strategic road network.	SCG/7

		<p>discuss any other strategic cross boundary matters and discussed allocations in close proximity to the North West Leicestershire boundary around Shepshed.</p> <p>Charnwood has also consulted with North West Leicestershire on number of draft policies prior to finalising the publication version of the Plan including those relating to Shepshed Urban Area and the Charnwood Forest.</p>	Both authorities agree continued close working and information sharing will be important to ensure cross boundary infrastructure requirements are addressed.	
<b>Nottinghamshire County Council</b>	Highways and Transport	Correspondence with neighbouring authority Nottinghamshire County Council has focussed on their role as a neighbouring highway authority, discussions have taken place regarding the plan's transport modelling.	Both authorities agree that the transport modelling had not identified any significant cross boundary impacts and there are no other strategic matters requiring cooperation.	
<b>Rushcliffe Borough Council</b>	Development Sites and Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Installations	Correspondence with neighbouring authority Rushcliffe in Nottinghamshire to consider whether there are any strategic issues which may have cross boundary implications.	<p>There are no local plan site allocations in proximity to the boundary which would impact on Rushcliffe.</p> <p>Detailed matters for further discussion identified in relation to Policy CC3, Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Installations.</p>	
<b>Environment Agency</b>	Flooding and Flood Risk	Regular engagement to ensure that the Council's approach to assessing flood risk was robust and fit for purpose.	<p>Joint understanding of the flood risk in the Borough and how that has informed the site selection process.</p> <p>Joint working to implement a flood risk management scheme to address flood risk in Loughborough. This will</p>	SCG/3

		<p>The Environment Agency was a valued stakeholder throughout in the preparation of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and provided helpful guidance in meetings at key stages of the Assessment. The Environment Agency attended the inception meeting for the level 2 SFRA on 14th February 2020, was also involved in discussion regarding emerging local plan issues including Loughborough flood risk issues on 14th July 2021 and regarding flooding on Loughborough 11th October 2021. Assessments commissioned to assess flood risk. Along with the Environment Agency, the Borough Council drew on their expertise to help inform the evidence base.</p>	<p>improve the lives and wellbeing of local people residing in Loughborough by providing climate resilience through enhanced flood protection and the creation of multi-purpose green space.</p> <p>Establishment of an effective on going partnership to work together through the development management system to address and mitigate flood risk.</p>	
	Climate Change and Biodiversity	<p>Regular engagement to draw on the expertise of the Agency in helping to ensure that the local plan addresses climate change safeguards biodiversity.</p>	<p>It is agreed that the plan takes a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>It was agreed that the plan's approach to safeguarding biodiversity in Policy EV6 sets out a positive basis for more detailed work to address the impact upon habitats and species.</p>	SCG/3
<b>Historic England</b>	Historic Environment	<p>Engagement through correspondence and a meeting</p>	<p>It is agreed that the plan takes a positive approach to the historic environment and the evidence base for the</p>	SCG/2

	and Conservation	<p>to ensure that the plan sets out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, and that any harm to heritage assets is appropriately assessed.</p> <p>This has included discussions to inform revisions to the policy wording relating to the historic environment.</p>	assessment of sites is appropriate and sufficient to justify the selection of sites.	
<b>Natural England</b>	Natural Environment and Biodiversity	<p>Meetings held to ensure that the plan's policies enhance the natural environment by protecting valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity and geological value and soils, recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside and providing net gains for biodiversity.</p> <p>This has included requesting feedback to inform revisions to the policy wording relating to design, sustainable construction, land quality, biodiversity, and green infrastructure.</p>	<p>It is agreed that no national or locally designated sites of importance for biodiversity were found to be at risk of harm.</p> <p>The two parties agreed to support the preparation of a Biodiversity Strategy or Guidance and to maintain a dialogue on matters arising which are likely to have significant impacts and implications for the delivery of local plan policy on biodiversity, habitat protection and green infrastructure.</p>	SCG/9
<b>East Midlands Airport (for Civil Aviation Authority)</b>	Aviation	Meeting held in July 2020 with East Midlands Airport in respect of operations at EMA and the Local Plan. In respect of the safeguarding of the Airport and	In September 2021 EMA expressed their contentment that the policy relating to the protection of safe operations at the Airport and Policy CC3 Renewable, and Low Carbon Energy Installations reflected these earlier discussions and meets their needs. As a result,	Appendix B

		aircraft operations at, and in the vicinity of, East Midlands Airport, it is the Airport as the Aerodrome Safeguarding Authority that has the responsibility for the operation of our safeguarding systems and processes. The CAA acts as the regulator.	no representations were submitted.  It is agreed that there is no other aviation activity or aviation infrastructure within the Borough which has merited further consultation.	
<b>Homes England</b>	Housing Growth	Consultation with Homes England to discuss understand any non-site specific and strategic issues as they have no active land interests within Charnwood. Engagement also takes place through the partnership arrangements across Leicester and Leicestershire through the Strategic Planning Group	Homes England confirmed in October 2021 that the Council has complied with our responsibilities under the duty to cooperate to engage with Homes England during plan preparation.  In their consultation response Homes England welcomed ambitious levels of housebuilding based on identified need and a sustainable approach to development as has been set out in the local plan.  There is an ongoing commitment to continue to work together to fulfil our housing growth ambitions. .	Appendix C
<b>NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups</b>	Health Service Planning	Engagement through regular meetings to discuss the local plan preparation and site selection process and 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 to inform the preparation of the plan. Following regular ad hoc meetings, a more formal quarterly meeting has been set	A joint understanding of the impacts arising from local plan growth.  The CCGs have not identified any matters of soundness concerning the Draft Local Plan's approach to planning for healthcare provision.  It is agreed that 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.  The plan's environmental, climate change and sustainable transport policies, including green space, recreation and the promotion of walking and cycling will	SCG/4

		up with the Council to continue to the dialogue.	<p>enhance active and healthy lifestyles with positive benefits to physical and mental health.</p> <p>it is agreed that continued joint working 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.</p>	
<b>Other National Health Service Partners</b>	Health Services	Consultation also undertaken with other health partners such as the National Health Service Property Service.	<p>In June 2018 the NHS Property Service agreed with the plan's approach to healthcare. It was agreed that in developing the plan, consideration should be given to healthcare facilities as essential infrastructure and that new or improved facilities should be delivered alongside additional housing growth.</p> <p>There is a joint understanding that the NHS organisations are looking to make more effective use of the health estate and support strategies to reconfigure healthcare services, improve the quality of care and ensure that the estate is managed sustainably and effectively.</p>	
<b>Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership</b>	Economic Development	Engagement through correspondence and the Strategic Planning Governance arrangements with the LLEP as a key partner in driving forward the economic growth agenda and supporter of a number of key initiatives such as the Town Centre regeneration, the Loughborough Science and Enterprise Park and the Charnwood Campus, as part of the Enterprise Zone designation.	<p>Although the LLEP does not respond formally to local plan consultations they were happy to provide a LLEP officer view and confirmed that the duty to cooperate had been fulfilled.</p> <p>In October 2021 the LLEP stated that the plan's approach and objectives accord with the LLEP's strategic objectives, the work that has been undertaken in Charnwood to date and their aspirations for the area going forward. The LLEP committed to remain an active partner in ensuring that the future adopted plan is realised.</p>	Appendix D

## APPENDIX A

### Record of Meetings Concerning Gynsill Lane / Anstey Lane, Anstey

DATE	MEETING
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	LPA officers and representatives for Chapman Estates and David Wilson Homes.
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	LPA officers.
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	LPA officers and representatives for Chapman Estates and David Wilson Homes.
28 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	LPA officers, highway officers (city & county) and representatives for Chapman Estates and David Wilson Homes.
18 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	LPA officers, highway officers (city & county), Highways England officers and representatives for Chapman Estates and David Wilson Homes.
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	LPA officers, highway officers (city & county), Highways England officers and representatives for Chapman Estates and David Wilson Homes.
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	LPA officers.
4 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	LPA officers.
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	LPA officers.
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	LPA officers and education officers (city & county).
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	LPA officers and representatives for Chapman Estates and David Wilson Homes and Davidsons.
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021	LPA officers.
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	LPA officers and representatives for Chapman Estates and David Wilson Homes and Davidsons.
16 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	LPA officers and representative for University of Hospitals Leicester NHS Trust.
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	LPA Officers, site promoters and site owners
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	LPA Officers, site promoters and site owners to agree text for Statement of Common Ground

## APPENDIX B

### Correspondence from East Midlands Airport

**From:** Jon Bottomley <Jon.Bottomley@magairports.com>

**Sent:** 24 September 2021 14:48

**To:** Geoff Brown <Geoff.Brown@charnwood.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Charnwood Local Plan

Geoff

Thanks for the update on Charnwood Local Plan following the consultation on the Submission Draft Plan.

As you know we had a useful discussion with Richard Brown and Paul Wheatley last July, that gave us the opportunity to talk through areas of interest in respect of operations at EMA and the Local Plan. We are content that the policy relating to the protection of safe operations at the Airport (Policy CC3 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Installations) reflects our discussions and meets our needs. As a result, this did not require us to make a formal representation on the Submission Draft Plan.

You mentioned the CAA as a body with whom you are required to engage. In respect of the safeguarding of the Airport and aircraft operations at and in the vicinity of EMA, it is us, as the Aerodrome Safeguarding Authority that has the responsibility for the operation of our safeguarding systems and processes. It is the CAA who are our regulator. So we do not have a specific contact at the CAA who would be engaged in Local Plan matters relating to EMA. The CAA should be engaged if there is other aviation activity or aviation infrastructure within the Borough. If there is other aviation infrastructure then, consultation with NATS, as the operators of the UK's en-route Air Traffic Control service, is recommended.

Thanks again for the update, and for the engagement and discussion on the Local Plan. We would be happy to take part in another update on EMA matters, our planning and any other Local Plan matters, if it would be helpful. If you want to set something up then just let me know.

Best wishes.

Jon

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## APPENDIX C

### Correspondence with Homes England

**From:** Shelley Hall <Shelley.Hall@homesengland.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 08 October 2021 11:23

**To:** Paul Gilding <Paul.Gilding@charnwood.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Geoff Brown <Geoff.Brown@charnwood.gov.uk>; Richard Brown <Richard.Brown@charnwood.gov.uk>; Christine Seaton <Christine.Seaton@homesengland.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Charnwood Local Plan

Dear Paul

Thank you for your email to Christine which has been forwarded to me to respond to as the Homes England engagement lead for Leicester and Leicestershire.

Thank you also for extending the opportunity for Homes England to raise any queries or comments about Charnwood's Local Plan directly with you and your team.

As part of any consultation response Homes England would address technical or site specific points in relation to active land interests in the borough rather than any strategic, plan-wide matters which are for the local authority to determine based on the appropriate and available evidence. In this instance Homes England has no active land interests within the borough of Charnwood.

Homes England as an agency welcome ambitious levels of housebuilding based on identified need and a sustainable approach to development as you have set out in your plan, and we are keen to continue to work with you to fulfil your housing growth ambitions. We are also engaged with the partnership arrangements across Leicester and Leicestershire through the strategic growth planning group, and will continue to support where possible.

Finally, as requested, I am happy to confirm that you have complied with your responsibilities under the duty to cooperate to engage with Homes England during plan preparation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further clarification and please continue to contact the central midlands inbox [midlands.consultation@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto:midlands.consultation@homesengland.gov.uk) for future consultation purposes.

Kind regards

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## APPENDIX D

### Correspondence with Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership

**From:** Andy Rose <andy.rose@llep.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2021 13:57  
**To:** Geoff Brown <Geoff.Brown@charnwood.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Cheryl Maguire <Cheryl.Maguire@llep.org.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Charnwood Local Plan Update

Hi Geoff,

Apologies for the delay. We do not, as a rule, formally submit representations regarding Draft Local Plans. To do so would mean engaging with our LLEP Board for its views preceded by LEP officer briefings and reports – this would be a major exercise in itself in regard to your draft plan; and which of course we would have to undertake for other Local Plan consultations across the County for consistency. We simply do not have the resources to put that into play.

We can however provide a LLEP officer view which I am happy to do. I have looked at the plan and note its multi-faceted approach summarised in your bullet points below. We welcome that approach and your summary objectives accord with the LLEP's strategic objectives across our area and specifically the work we have undertaken in Charnwood to date and our aspirations for the area going forward. Particularly our continued support alongside partners for LUSEP; the University; the Town Centre and, of course, Charnwood Campus. So, in short, we are, and will remain, an active partner in ensuring that the future adopted plan is realised.

I trust that my response recognizes that you have, in regards to the LLEP, fulfilled your duty to cooperate. I assume if this falls short you will let me know.

Regards

Andy

#### **Andy Rose**

##### **Economic Strategy Manager (Place)**

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