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Our Ref: ESFA/Local Plan/North West Leicestershire 2017

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: North West Leicestershire Local Plan Publication Version with Main and Additional Modifications

Main Modifications Consultation July 2017

Submission of the Education and Skills Funding Agency

1. Thank you for seeking the Education and Skills Funding Agency's (ESFA) views on the above document; we welcome the opportunity to contribute to the development of planning policy at the local level.
2. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), launched on 1st April 2017, brings together the existing responsibilities of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and the Skills Funding Agency (SFA), to create a single funding agency accountable for funding education and training for children, young people and adults. The ESFA are accountable for £61 billion of funding a year for the education and training sector, including support for all state-provided education for 8 million children aged 3 to 16, and 1.6 million young people aged 16 to 19.
3. The ESFA aims to work closely with local authority education departments and planning authorities to meet the demand for new school places and new schools. As such, we would like to offer the following comments in response to the proposals outlined in the above consultation document.

General Comments on the Local Plan Publication Version with Main and Additional Modifications

4. The Local Plan Publication Version (June 2016) states at para 7.23 that 10,769 dwellings will be developed over the plan period, which will place some additional pressure on educational services. The ESFA notes that the proposed change to Policy H3 Housing Provision: New Allocations refers to a number of land use types that should be included within the Masterplan, including community uses. It would be helpful if the proposed modification to this policy include a specific reference to the need to provide sites for the provision of new schools.

Conclusion

5. I hope the above comments are helpful in finalising North West Leicestershire's Local Plan, with particular regard to the provision of land for new schools. Please advise the ESFA of any further changes to the emerging Local Plan policies, supporting text, site allocations and/or evidence base arising from these comments.
6. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this response. The ESFA looks forward to continuing to work with North West Leicestershire to aid in the delivery of new schools.

Yours faithfully,

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