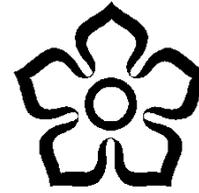


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RE: North West Leicestershire Local Plan – Proposed Modifications Consultation

Thank you for consulting Leicester City Council on the North West Leicestershire Local Plan proposed modifications consultation.

MM8

The City Council welcomes the recognition that there is a need to undertake an early review of the plan and also that 'not all of the other HMA [Authorities] will be able to accommodate their housing needs within their boundaries.' However Leicester City Council have formally declared an unmet need arising in the city and this should be specifically acknowledged within the Local Plan. The text of para 5.8 should be amended by adding the underlined text as follows:

In addition, it is apparent that not all of the other HMA will be able to accommodate their housing needs within their boundaries. Leicester City Council have formally declared an unmet need arising within their administrative area. The Council is committed to working with the other HMA authorities to agree how and where this unmet need will be accommodated. It may, therefore, be necessary for additional provision to be made for housing (and/or employment) when this work is completed.

MM9

We generally support the local plan review mechanism set out in the modification. The commitment to an early review will allow for ongoing work on the Strategic Growth Plan and strategic distribution of housing and economic growth across the HMA to be fully incorporated into a revised plan. However this plan needs to acknowledge that Leicester City Council have formally declared an unmet need. The text of policy S1 should be amended as follows:

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The Council will continue to work collaboratively with the Leicester & Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA) authorities to establish the scale and distribution of any additional provision that may be necessary in North West Leicestershire and elsewhere in the HMA as a result of Leicester City Council being unable to fully accommodate their own housing needs ~~the inability of one or more authority to accommodate its own needs~~ as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment.

MM29

It is noted that there is over provision in the plan for around 1,000 dwellings. In advance of further work on establishing the scale and distribution of any additional provision that may be necessary across the HMA, any over provision of housing in the plan should specifically be set aside to help meet unmet need arising in Leicester City. This can then be counted against any future additional requirement for meeting HMA wide unmet need falling on North West Leicestershire. The text of para 7.24 should be amended as follows:

~~...by about 1,000 dwellings. This additional provision in supply will provide a degree of flexibility in the unforeseen event that some of the identified sites do not come forward as predicted. In addition, as already noted there may be a need to accommodate additional housing development from elsewhere in the Housing Market Area. Therefore, this level of supply will help to make an immediate contribution to the unmet need arising in the administrative area of Leicester City Council any additional provision required and so will ensure that supply continues to be made towards this unmet need whilst the review of the Plan which is committed to in Policy S1 takes place.~~

MM41

It is noted that (including potential loss of employment land, of 10ha), the revised plan still results in a shortfall compared to the HEDNA of about 23 hectares. Since provision has been made for an early review, the City Council is happy to leave it to the Inspector to comment further on this issue.

Yours sincerely,



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