



LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL REVIEW

Publication Consultation - Response Form

Details of what we are consulting on, and why, can be found on the Council website at www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanmysay. You can also participate in the consultation online.

Please complete both Part A and Part B. For questions where there are multiple choice answers, please indicate your choice by placing a 'X' in the appropriate box(es).

PART A – Personal Details

If you are responding on behalf of yourself, or your own organisation, please fill in all the 'Personal Details' fields. If an agent is appointed to act on your behalf, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes in the Personal Details column, but complete all the 'Agent's Details' fields.

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PART B – Your Representation

1. To which part of the consultation does this representation relate?

Please note – comments should be restricted to the matters listed only

X	Partial Review (Policy S1 and supporting text)
	Sustainability Appraisal
	Habitats Regulations Assessment

2. Do you consider the Local Plan Partial Review is:

Legally compliant

X	Yes		No
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Sound

X	Yes		No
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Complies with the Duty to co-operate

X	Yes		No
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3. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments

We consider the content of Policy S1 and its supporting text to be fundamentally sound, legally compliant and in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate (subject to two minor amendments in wording set out below under Q4).

We welcome the acknowledgement that further employment land needs to be identified and allocated to meet the ongoing needs of North-West Leicestershire and the surrounding area, in order to boost the economic strength of the region. We also support the need for ongoing liaison and collaboration between the Council and other Authorities within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area in order to establish the scale and distribution of any additional provision that may be necessary, and which can be identified and allocated through the substantive Local Plan Review in due course.

Given the changing market conditions within the commercial sector, along with the significant uncertainties created by Brexit, coupled with the ongoing discussions with neighbouring authorities in respect of unmet needs for both housing and employment land, we believe that it is imperative that the maximum amount of flexibility is 'built into' the emerging Planning Policies in respect of employment and housing land provision.

Policy S1 as currently worded does allow for this flexibility and acknowledges the requirement for an ongoing assessment of housing and employment land needs, which is again welcomed.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

4. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 3 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination).

You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Bullet point 2 of Policy S1 should be amended as follows:

- provision will be made for **at least** 66 hectares of land for employment purposes (B1, B2 and B8 of less than 9,000sq metres)

As stated above and within the wording of the Policy itself, significant uncertainties remain regarding the housing and employment land requirements for North West Leicestershire District and the wider area. It is clear however, that there is a strong likelihood that a level of unmet need from neighbouring authorities will need to be addressed within North West Leicestershire, both in respect of housing and employment land. For this reason, we consider that maximum flexibility should be incorporated within the wording of Policy S1, and furthermore, that the existing requirements should be treated as 'de minimus', rather than viewed as a ceiling to development. We would therefore propose that the second bullet point, as identified above, should be amended to include the words, 'at least', such that the figure of 66 hectares of employment land is not utilised to limit economic development.

The supporting text to Policy S1 should be amended as follows:

The Council is committed to working with the other HMA authorities to agree how and where this unmet need will be accommodated, **in accordance with the strategy contained within the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan to 2050 (December 2018).**

Whilst it is recognised that the Strategic Growth Plan is not a statutory plan, it is clear that this document sets out an agreed, overarching strategy for Leicestershire, in respect of the key areas for growth and the long term requirements for the area. With this in mind, we believe that this document should be referenced within the supporting text to Policy S1, in order to ensure that the future needs of North West Leicestershire and wider Leicestershire area are delivered in accordance with the agreed strategy contained within the Strategic Growth Plan.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

Please note: In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested

modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

5. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to speak at the examination?	
No I do not wish to speak at the Examination	
Yes I would like to speak at the Examination	X

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

6. If you wish to speak at the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary To engage in any debate on employment land provision in the area.
(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

7. Do you wish to be notified of subsequent stages of the Local Plan?			
Submission	X	Yes	No
Publication of Inspector’s Report	X	Yes	No
Adoption of the Local Plan Partial Review	X	Yes	No

Declaration

I understand that all representations submitted will be considered in line with this consultation, and that my comments will be made publically available and may be identifiable to my name / organisation.

I understand that an unredacted copy of all representations will be made available to the Planning Inspectorate and to the person appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the examination.

I acknowledge that I have read and accept the information and terms specified under the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Statement.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Date: 6th Jan 2020

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A non-redacted copy of all representations will be made available to the Planning Inspectorate and to the person appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the examination.

You should not include any personal information in your comments that you would not wish to be made publically available.

Your details will remain on our database and may be used to inform you of future planning policy matters and procedures. If at any point in time you wish to be removed from the database, or to have your details changed, please contact the Planning Policy team on 01530 454 676 or planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk.

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The deadline for responses is the end of Wednesday 8 January 2020