

North West Leicestershire Local Plan Partial Review

Agenda Day 2

Wednesday 16 September 2020 10:00

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opening remarks by the Inspector
3. Main Issue 2

Whether the proposed changes to Policy S1 are justified, effective and consistent with national policy and guidance?

Morning Session

Q1. Policy S1 as proposed refers to the submission of a replacement Local Plan, however the Council have started on the 'Substantive Review' of the Local Plan. Given this position, is the wording in the Policy S1 sufficiently clear and accurate?

- Differences between the Substantive Review and Replacement Local Plan

Q2. Taking account of all the changes in circumstances since the adoption of the Local Plan, including the publication of the 2019 National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework), is the approach to the Partial Review justified?

- Previous Inspector's Report
- Implications of the 2019 Framework

Q3. What are the implications of retaining Policy S1 in its current form (in the adopted Local Plan) for the whole Local Plan, and would this be consistent with national policy including the preparation and review of Local Plans?

- Implications of the whole plan being deemed out of date and the application of the tilted balance
- Preparation of Plans and consistency with calculating housing need - the Framework

Q4. What, if any, are the consequences of Leicester City Council having provided a very initial indication of unmet need for housing and employment?

- Leicester City Council current position on unmet need and potential implications
- Reference to PAS independent assessment of housing

Q5. Is Policy S1 as proposed, consistent with other policies in the Local Plan and are there any other consequential changes to other policies or the supporting text needed?

- Minor modifications suggested by the Council
- Whether the explanatory text is sufficiently clear on the justification for the PR.

Afternoon Session

Statement of Common Ground and Timing of Submission of a replacement Local Plan

Q6. Is the (wider) Statement of Common Ground with the Leicestershire authorities an appropriate trigger for the submission of a replacement Local Plan and will it be effective? What other approaches or triggers for submission of the replacement Local Plan would be appropriate?

- Discussion on September 2020 Statement of Common Ground on Comparison of Triggers and its implications for the Policy S1 (including differences between a Statement of Common Ground and a Memorandum of Understanding)
- The extent to which the content of the wider Statement of Common Ground can be influenced by the Partial Review
- Other measures including implementation of a standard methodology

Q6a. What is meant by 'agreed' in the wording of Policy S1, and is it sufficiently clear what is meant by it within the policy?

- Differences between 'agreed' and 'signed' in light of the Modification suggested by Leicester City Council

Q6b. What would be the implications if the Statement of Common Ground is not agreed, given that the timetable for the Substantive Review has already been fixed?

- Is the relationship between the timetable for the Substantive Review and the wider Statement of Common Ground sufficiently clear?

Q6c. Is the timescale of 18 months for the submission of the replacement Local Plan justified, if not what would be an appropriate timeframe?

- What other timescales might be appropriate?

Q7. Are there any other emerging Local Plans or other plans such as the Strategic Growth Plan, which have the potential to impact on the Statement of Common Ground outcomes or the replacement Local Plan?

- Position on other plans such as the Strategic Growth Plan (and including Charnwood if not raised under Q6a)

- Relationship between the wider Statement of Common Ground and the Strategic Growth Plan.
- Whether Policy S1 should refer to the Strategic Growth Plan?

Any Other Matters