

**THE NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL REVIEW -
SCHEDULE OF MAIN MODIFICATIONS**

November 2020

This document details the Council's proposed Main Modifications to the North West Leicestershire Local Plan Partial Review publication version

A separate schedule sets out the Minor Modifications which are proposed to be made to the Local Plan.

"Main Modifications" are required to resolve issues that make the Local Plan unsound (see paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework) or where it is not legally compliant. They involve changes or insertions to policies and text that are essential to enable the Plan to be adopted. Main Modifications are therefore significant changes that have an impact on the implementation of a policy.

The Main Modifications have been the subject of Sustainability Appraisal, the results of which can be viewed in a separate Sustainability Appraisal Report published for consultation alongside the Main Modifications.

Changes that the Council are proposing to policies/supporting text are shown as **bold** and underlined, and proposed deleted text is shown as strikethrough.

The page numbers and paragraph numbering below refer to the submission local plan, and do not take account of the deletion or addition of text.

Ref	Page	Policy/ Paragraph	Main Modification	Reason for modification
MM1	7	1.3	<p>The preparation of the Local Plan included a number of consultations and the plan was the subject of an Examination in early 2017. Following receipt of the Inspector's Report in October 2017, the plan was adopted in November 2017. <u>The plan was then subjected to Partial Review in 2020. This amended Policy S1 and non-policy supporting text only. This did not include any review of the need for development in the District or the allocation of land to meet it. Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as Amended by the 2017 amendment) requires that a local plan review must be completed every 5 years, from the date of adoption of the plan. The Partial Review was not a review for this purpose.</u></p> <p><u>The Council is carrying out a separate Substantive Review to meet those requirements which will result in a replacement Local Plan which will supersede this Local Plan. Further information is given in Policy S1 and its supporting text in Chapter 5. The timetable for the Substantive Review is set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme.</u></p>	To provide context and explain the distinction between the partial review and the substantive review.

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			<p>9,000sq metres has identified a need for both additional road and rail connected sites across the HMA but it did does not identify any specific requirements for individual districts/boroughs. Within North West Leicestershire such provision has already been made through a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) near to East Midlands Airport/M1 Junction 24 (referred to as Roxhill), which was approved by the Secretary of State in January 2016.</p>	
MM3	22	5.8	<p>Policy S1 recognises that there is a need to undertake an early review of the Local Plan. This is because whilst the current total provision of employment land is about 291 hectares, there is a mismatch between the type of land identified as being required in the HEDNA and the actual provision. <u>As noted, the HEDNA required the provision of 66ha of employment land. This excluded land to be used for strategic distribution (i.e. those of more than 9,000sq metres). At the time of the adoption of the Local Plan in November 2017, there was a</u> shortfall of about 29 hectares <u>of employment land</u> when compared to the HEDNA requirement for <u>(the former)</u> Class B1 <u>(now part of Class E)</u>, B2 and B8 of less than 9,000sq metres. This reflects the fact</p>	

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			<p>that the HEDNA was completed towards the end of the process of preparing this plan. In addition, it is <u>was</u> apparent that not all of the other HMA authorities would will be able to accommodate their housing needs within their boundaries. <u>Therefore, Policy S1 included provision for the local Plan to be subject to an immediate review. This review was undertaken as the Partial Review in 2020 and resulted in an amendment to Policy S1 and the non-policy supporting text only. A Substantive Review of the Local Plan was also begun.</u></p>	
MM4	22	New paragraph 5.9	<p><u>Since the adoption of this Local Plan in November 2017, the government introduced a new way for the identification of housing requirements. This is referred to as the 'standard method'. The partial review continued to be based on the HEDNA due to the publication by the government of draft proposals to amend the standard method. In addition, the issue of unmet need from Leicester City, for both housing and employment, had not been finally agreed by the HMA/FEMA authorities.</u></p>	

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MM5	22	New paragraph 5.10	<p><u>The Substantive Review which the Council is undertaking, will take account of the requirements arising from the standard method. It will also take account of any unmet need from elsewhere in the HMA/FEMA, particularly Leicester City, which the Council is required to accommodate as a result of</u> The Council is committed to working with the other HMA/FEMA 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. <u>This will be done via a Statement of Common Ground (SOCG). For the avoidance of doubt, agreed will be taken to mean that each authority has signed off the SOCG. This is allowed for in Policy S1 which also requires the replacement Local Plan prepared through the Substantive Review to be submitted for Examination within 18 months of the SOCG being agreed.</u></p>	
MM6	22	New paragraph 5.11	<p><u>The completion of the SOCG is not within the Council's control. However, it is important that the Council continues to progress the Substantive Review to submission. Therefore, Policy S1 also</u></p>	

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			<u>provides for an alternative date for the replacement Local Plan (Substantive Review) to be submitted in the event that a SOCG is not agreed. This alternative date requires submission within 18 months of 21 May 2021 (i.e. by 21 November 2022). This date accords with the requirement for local plans to be reviewed every five years.</u>	
MM7	22	New paragraph 5.12	<u>The Substantive Review will also have regard to the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan which sets out a long-term vision and strategy for growth in Leicestershire. In addition, it will need to have regard to a new strategic warehousing study² commissioned by the HMA/FEMA authorities as well as any other new evidence and studies.</u>	
MM8	23	Policy S1	<p>Policy S1 – Future housing and economic development needs</p> <p>Over the plan period to 2031 provision will be made to meet the housing and employment land needs of the district as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and</p>	To provide clarity in respect of how the issue of unmet need in Leicester City will be addressed and to provide a timeframe for submission of the substantive review.

² Warehousing and Logistics in Leicester and Leicestershire: Managing growth and change

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			<p>Economic Development Needs Assessment (January 2017).</p> <p>This means that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision will be made for the development of a minimum of 9,620 dwellings (481 dwellings per annum) which is the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) and Housing Requirement for the district; • provision will be made for 66 hectares of land for employment purposes (<u>the former B1 (now part of Class E), B2 and B8 of less than 9,000sq metres)</u> <p>Provision will also be made for 7,300sq metres for shopping purposes.</p> <p>The Council will continue to work collaboratively with the Leicester & Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA) <u>and Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA)</u> authorities to establish the scale and distribution of any additional provision that may be necessary in North West Leicestershire and elsewhere in the HMA/<u>FEMA</u> as a result of the inability of one or more authority to accommodate its own needs as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic</p>	

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			<p>Development Needs Assessment. <u>This will be done through a Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) dealing with the redistribution of unmet need arising in Leicester City or elsewhere in the HMA/FEMA.</u></p> <p><u>A replacement Local Plan (the Substantive Review) will be submitted for Examination within 18 months of the date of whichever is the sooner of either:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A SOCG being agreed by the HMA/FEMA authorities; or</u> • <u>21 May 2021.</u> <p>The District Council will commence a review of this Local Plan (defined as being publication of an invitation to make representations in accordance with Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012) by the end of January 2018 or within 3 months of the adoption of this Local Plan (whichever is the later). The Plan Review will be submitted for examination within two years from the commencement of the review. In the event that the reviewed plan is not submitted within two years then this Local Plan will be deemed to be out of date.</p>	

