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## NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

### Proposed Modifications Consultation - Representation Form

Following the Examination hearing sessions held in January and March 2017, Mr Brian Sims BSc CEng MICE MRTPI, the Independent Planning Inspector appointed on behalf of the Secretary of State, has requested that the Council now undertake consultation on a number of **Main Modifications** (MM) required to make the Plan sound in the light of new documentary evidence provided since the Plan was submitted for examination. This is without prejudice to the Inspector's ultimate conclusions and recommendations on the Plan and whether there will be any further hearings after the public consultation.

Details of what we are consulting on, and why, can be found on the Proposed Modifications Consultation page of the Council website at [www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanmysay](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanmysay).

You can participate in the consultation online via our [consultation website](#).

Alternatively, you can complete the following form. Please complete both Part A and Part B.

**If your comments relate to more than one MM you will need to complete a separate Part B of this form for each representation.**

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, 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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Did you comment at publication stage of the Local Plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If yes, what was your representor ID number? (You can find your Representor ID on our <a href="#">Examination webpages</a> )	Rep 23			

Do you wish to be notified of subsequent stages of the Local Plan?				
Publication of Inspector's Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Adoption of the Local Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

## PART B – Your Representation

Please use a separate sheet for each representation

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

Please note – comments should be restricted to the matters listed only and should not relate to any other aspect, site or policy of the Publication Local Plan

✓	Main Modification
	Additional Modification
	Policies Maps
	Sustainability Appraisal Reports
	HEDNA
	Other new documents and evidence

If you have chosen 'Sustainability Appraisal Reports,' 'HEDNA' or 'Other new documents and evidence' please identify the specific document:

2. Main or Additional Modification number to which your representation relates (or paragraph number if you are commenting on another document).

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3. Please provide comments below, being as precise as possible. Comments can support, as well as object to the MM concerned with reference to the new documentary evidence listed on our website – [www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanmysay](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanmysay). (Expand the box if needed)

Objection is raised to MM9: Policy S1 – Future Housing and Economic Development Needs as it is considered that the modification is not sound and as a consequence the Local Plan will not be effective. The modification proposed introduces into the Local Plan a requirement that a review of the Local Plan commences immediately after the adoption of the Local Plan, that is within three months. Local Plans set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area. They provide certainty as to the future development and aspirations for an area. Local Plans form the basis for development control decisions; development has to be determined in accordance with that Local Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Local plans should be drawn up over an appropriate timescale, "preferably a 15 year time horizon" (Paragraph 157 of the Framework).

Whilst it is acknowledged that a Local Plan may be found sound, conditional upon a review in whole or in part within five years of the date of adoption, a requirement that the review of a Local Plan should commence immediately, that is within three months, brings the whole plan making process into disrepute. It becomes difficult to rely upon the Local Plan as a document to positively guide development decisions for a period up to 15 years if it is already immediately subject to review. The need to review the plan within three months of it being adopted merely

introduces further uncertainty into the development process that could be avoided by producing a sound plan in the first place.

The North West Leicestershire Local Plan is self-evidently ineffective, not sound.

4. Please set out suggested revised wording if you consider further changes are necessary to make the Plan sound. (Expand the box if needed)

On the basis that the need for an immediate review of the Local Plan makes the Local Plan ineffective, the Local Plan should be found unsound. Rather than relying upon an immediate review of the Local Plan, it is respectfully submitted that the Plan should identify sufficient development sites to meet its objectively assessed need. If this delays the adoption of the Local Plan, then this is preferable to a situation where the public would be totally confused by how an up to date Plan can require immediate review, adding to uncertainty and confusion which the development plan system seeks to avoid.

#### Declaration

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

Signed:

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of the respondent.

Date: 17 July 2017

**DATA PROTECTION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT**

The personal information you provide on this form will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. It will be used only for the preparation of local development documents as required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, save for requests of such information required by way of enactment. Your name, organisation and representations will be made publicly available when displaying and reporting the outcome of this statutory consultation stage, and cannot be treated as confidential. Other details, including your address and signature, will be treated as confidential.

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

Your details will remain on our database and will 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](mailto:planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk).

Please send completed forms to [planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk) or Planning Policy Team, NWLDC, Council Offices, Whitwick Road, Coalville LE67 3FJ (Please note that responses should be returned to the Planning Policy Team and not the Programme Officer).

The deadline for responses is Monday 24 July 2017