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Dear Ian

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in relation to North West Leicestershire Local Plan - Publication Version. Please find attached below Hinckley and Bosworth borough council's comments in relation to this consultation.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council do not have any detailed comments to make about the overall policies or development figures contained in the consultation document. However, as has been previously stated, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council still have concerns about North West Leicestershire's decision to depart from the findings of the jointly commissioned 2014 Strategic Housing Market Assessment and the agreed Memorandum of Understanding. The council feels that such a departure needs to be discussed and agreed through the appropriate joint working channels. This would also more closely accord with Duty to Cooperate requirements.

Hinckley and Bosworth appreciate and are sympathetic to the position North West Leicestershire finds itself in, particularly in light of recent appeal decisions in their area and the time constraints in terms of progressing their Local Plan. However, it is felt that in order to maintain the strong history of joint and effective working across Leicestershire (particularly with reference to housing figures and distribution) any deviation from the agreed MOU should be determined and agreed through the Strategic Planning framework in place in Leicestershire and not through individual local plans. Hinckley and Bosworth would be happy to revise its position if North West Leicestershire would commit to align with a new MOU that is programmed to be agreed following completion of the HEDNA.

Kind regards

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