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Dear Sir/ Madam

## **Proposed Submission Draft Harborough Local Plan 2020-2041 Regulation 19 Consultation**

Charnwood Borough Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Submission Draft Harborough Local Plan 2020-2041 Regulation 19 Consultation.

### Duty to Cooperate

Paragraph 3.9 refers to the Duty to Cooperate Statement of Compliance and the strategic cross boundary issues HDC have been working on with partner organisations, the methods deployed to collaborate on an ongoing basis and the outcomes of that collaboration. The Statement demonstrates how HDC have met their responsibilities under the Duty to Cooperate.

### Strategic Growth Plan

We welcome the reference to the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan (SGP) in the 'Our Development Objectives' chapter (paragraphs 3.3 – 3.8) which recognises the importance of the SGP noting that relevant policies and proposals will reflect the SGP together with the evidence base. It acknowledges that the SGP is proof of the extensive record of collaboration between local authorities in Leicester and Leicestershire and the authorities continue to take a collaborative approach to the delivery of the SGPs vision and objectives, incorporating cross-boundary growth and infrastructure matters.

### Unmet need

Paragraph 4.6 notes that the housing requirement for Harborough between 2020-2036 is 657 homes per year which includes 123 homes per year from Leicester City's unmet need as agreed through the Leicester & Leicestershire Authorities - Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (June 2022). We note that the local plan period is to 2041, therefore it would be helpful for this paragraph to acknowledge that for the period between 2036 and 2041, the housing requirement for the district will be reviewed and updated to ensure that it's unmet apportionment from the City is still the



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appropriate figure, as set out in Policy IM01 Monitoring and Review of the Local Plan on page 153.

### Strategic Distribution/ Warehousing

The inclusion of updated evidence on the objectively assessed need for strategic distribution spaces for largescale warehousing in Harborough Borough in paragraph 4.26 (Harborough Strategic B8 Needs Sensitivity Analysis, 2024) is supported, as is the expansion of Magna Park in Policy DS02 (7) to meet this need.

### Transport

Policy SA04 Scraftoft East (d) and policy DM06 Transport and Accessibility take a consistent approach with the emerging Charnwood Local Plan INF2, which require applicants to test cumulative impacts on the highway network. It might be useful to note in the policy that, where necessary, a financial contribution may be required as set out in policy DS05 Development Strategy (4) – Supporting Strategic Infrastructure.

### Thorpebury

Policy SA01 'Site Allocation Schedule' (page 48) refers to Thorpebury in the Limes SDA in Charnwood. This is also referred to in Policy SA04 'Scraftoft East' on page 96. To note this should be the Thorpebury in the Limes Sustainable Urban Extension in Charnwood Borough.

Yours sincerely

