



Harborough District Council
Council Offices
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Dear Sir/Madam

Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Draft Harborough Local Plan Consultation

I am writing on behalf of my client, Langton Homes, in respect of the above consultation and welcome the opportunity to make comments, as follows.

We welcome the inclusion of a specific housing requirement for Hallaton, of 15 houses. In our opinion it is entirely appropriate for Small Villages, as well as larger settlements, to have a proportion of the overall housing requirement and is necessary to ensure these villages thrive. Villages have always historically grown organically, and it is considered that allowing measured amounts of development across the villages will enable more small sites to come forward in the smaller villages, such as Hallaton, whilst still enabling a focus on the Leicester Urban Area, Market Towns and Large/Medium Villages.

Langton Homes have an option over land at Cow Close, Hallaton which is a reserve site in the Hallaton Neighbourhood Plan for eleven homes, which can make a substantial contribution to the delivery of these houses. We consider that as the logical site to deliver the majority of the housing requirement allocated to Hallaton, it would be appropriate to allocate the site at this juncture and/or include it within the limits to development.

The Plan includes a policy to ensure an appropriate mix of housing in submitted planning applications, in the form of Policy HN02. Whilst we recognise the need to ensure an appropriate mix across the board, policies should be flexible enough to enable proposals to meet the challenges and specific needs of individual sites, as well as taking into account viability. A standard mix should not be slavishly applied across all sites. It is not only not always appropriate, but also, in some circumstances, can stifle innovative layouts that better reflect a site's characteristics.

My client supports Policy AP01, in particular criteria 3a and b, which supports development within the built up area in villages such as Hallaton, and on land adjoining the existing built up areas of such settlements where it meets the local housing need evidenced through a Neighbourhood Plan, or provides housing necessary to meeting the specific targets for housing in Small Villages. My client has an option over a site in Hallaton, which has been submitted separately as part of the Call for Sites and the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan, which

represents a good site for allocation for residential development either within the Local or respective Neighbourhood Plan (in which it is currently the reserve allocation).

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this site further with yourselves.

Yours Sincerely

