

## **Leicester Local Plan Examination**

**Action 16: Technical note to explain timescales and mechanisms for an immediate Plan review; how this will be shown in the Plan; and the scope of the review.**

### **Background**

The City Council has confirmed a commitment to an Immediate Plan Review in the light of the anticipated Plan period upon adoption.

### **Timescale and Mechanism for Review**

The trigger for the Review will be the adoption of the Plan and the mechanism will be a written commitment in the text of Chapter 21 of the Plan. This will confirm the council's commitment to commence a Plan review on adoption.

In the light of the current uncertainties around the commencement and transitional arrangements for introduction of the Government's new Planning system, detailed timescales for the review will be set out in the Local Development Scheme to be updated taking into account the position as at the point of Plan adoption.

### **Scope of the Review**

The Council preference would be to progress a whole Plan review. However the council has already confirmed the proposed development of a separate Minerals and Waste Plan, as well as a Development Plan Document in respect of Gypsy and Traveller provision to expedite these elements ahead of a full Local Plan review.

Whilst not wishing to pre-empt Examination of Matters 15 (Minerals and Waste) and the Gypsy and Traveller element of Matter 3 on Hearing Days 12 and 13 in November, the council suggests that consideration could be given to the potential for capacity and delivery efficiencies which could be secured through the inclusion of replacement Minerals and Waste policies and allocations, together with replacement policies and allocations in respect of Gypsy and Traveller provision in the whole Plan review.

The Council however notes that there will need to be consideration of the trade-off between advancing quicker delivery of these elements of Plan making ahead of the wider Plan review. This approach could in reality slow down the ability of the Council to progress a whole Plan Review, especially in the context of Government policy uncertainties,

The Council looks forward to discussing the relative merits of these options with the Inspectors and Participants through the November Hearings sessions.