



LEICESTER CITY LOCAL PLAN

MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS FOR THE EXAMINATION (MIQs)

MATTER 1

September 2024

MATTER 1 – DUTY TO CO-OPERATE AND LEGAL

COMPLIANCE Issue 1a: Duty to Co-operate

Has the Council complied with the Duty to Co-operate (DtC) in preparing the Leicester Local Plan (the Plan)?

1. *Does the Plan give rise to any strategic cross-boundary issues for which there is a Duty to Cooperate (DtC)?*

Yes, there are cross-boundary issues which are relevant to Charnwood Borough Council, notably regarding housing and employment need and some of the strategic sites, Policy SL03 – Land to east of Ashton Green, Policy SL04 – Land north of A46 Bypass and Policy SL05 – Land west of Anstey Road.

2. *If so, has the Council engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with all of the relevant authorities and prescribed bodies on the ‘strategic matters’ applicable to the Plan and have they been resolved?*

Yes, Charnwood Borough Council along with the other authorities in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area have been constructively engaged on the relevant strategic matters. Charnwood have also been engaged on more specific issues involving strategic sites with cross-boundary impacts. This is evidenced through a number of Statements of Common Ground (SsoCG), such as the Leicester & Leicestershire Authorities - Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (June 2022) (SCG/1).

3. *Is this adequately evidenced by the Statement of Compliance with the DtC2 and any supporting Statements of Common Ground (SsoCG)? Has the Leicester & Leicestershire SoCG been signed by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council yet?*

Yes, the Statement of Compliance (SD/12) and the relevant Statements of Common Ground provide robust evidence of the cooperation on strategic planning matters across Leicester and Leicestershire.

4. *DtC and the associated SsoCG adequately demonstrate that the City Council has met the DtC in accommodating unmet needs?*

Yes, the Statement of Compliance (SD/12) and associated SsoCG, such as the Leicester & Leicestershire Authorities - Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (June 2022) (SCG/1) demonstrate the DtC has been met in relation to accommodating unmet needs.

The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37 is currently at Examination and the consultation upon Main Modifications has recently closed. The Charnwood Plan, as modified, incorporates the housing and employment needs for Charnwood as set out and agreed in SCG/1, including a proportion of the unmet need from the city of Leicester comprising 78 additional dwellings per annum and 23ha of employment land.

5. *Are there any 'strategic matters' on which the DtC has not been met? If so, what is the evidence to support this?*

No, there are no strategic matters with Charnwood BC on which the DtC has not been met.