

# LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN 2020-2036 EXAMINATION

MAIN MATTER 3 – HOUSING

REPRESENTOR ID: 334

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LAND SOUTH OF EVINGTON LANE

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This hearing statement has been prepared by rg+p in support of representations made on behalf of Greyrock Investments Ltd ('our client'). These relate to the ongoing promotion of land known as 'Land South of Evington Lane' ('the site').
- 1.2 The site is owned by our clients and lies adjacent to The Leicestershire Golf Club, and it is their intention to redevelop the parcel of land to provide circa. 30 residential dwellings in a highly sustainable location, at a time of pressing housing need in the City. This land extends to approximately 0.42 hectares and is currently partially designated as being within the Evington Green Wedge.
- 1.3 The site has been presented to the Council on several occasions including two individual pre-application enquiries. Following these pre-application enquiries, our clients submitted a 'Call for Sites' submission and representations to the Regulation 19 (Pre-Submission Plan Consultation) stage of the merging Local Plan.
- 1.4 Therefore, this statement follows from this previous representation to the plan (Representor ID: 334) and should be read in conjunction with these submissions.
- 1.5 rg+p welcomes the opportunity to appear at the hearing session to expand on the comments included in this statement and we have responded where appropriate to the questions highlighted within examination document EXAM 12. It is our intention to play an active role in the examination hearing sessions and assist the Inspector(s) and Council in forming a sound Local Plan.

## 2 ISSUE 3: HAS THE PLAN BEEN POSITIVELY PREPARED AND IS IT JUSTIFIED, EFFECTIVE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL POLICY IN MEETING THE HOUSING NEED OF ALL GROUPS IN LEICESTER OVER THE PLAN PERIOD?

### Question 79

- 2.1 The methodology used to assess and select proposed site allocations, as set out in the Housing Sites Methodology report (EB/HO/5) is questioned by our client in terms of its robustness.
- 2.2 The main reason for this is whether the Council have provided sufficient opportunity through the 'call for sites' stages for available, deliverable sites to be submitted for consideration. As provided at **Appendix 1** to this statement, it would appear that the most recent 'Call for Sites' exercise to support a plan submitted for examination in September 2023 expired in December 2018. This deadline is still at the time of writing displayed on the Council's website.
- 2.3 Our clients also raise concerns around the consistency of assessment and selection of sites proposed for release from the Green Wedge through this emerging plan (Sites 559 and 715). We will further explore this through participation at the hearing sessions.

## Appendix 1



## Emerging planning policy

**We're working on a new local plan to set out a vision and objectives for Leicester's growth over the next 15 years.**

### Local Plan examination

We have developed a new local plan which sets out a vision and objectives for Leicester's growth until 2036.

The Local Plan is an important planning document that once adopted will set out the vision and aims for growth of the city up to 2036. The plan will be used to allocate sites for development, deliver infrastructure, influence economic investment and make decisions on planning applications.

Following previous consultations, the local plan has now been submitted to government. An independent examination is expected shortly which will review the plan. Following approval by government, it will be adopted as planning policy to guide planning decisions in Leicester.

- [Go to the Local Plan examination page](#)

### Call for sites

We're asking interested parties to suggest sites which could help meet the city's need for new homes and jobs as well as other land uses.

The details submitted under this 'Call for Sites' will be assessed by us for inclusion in the Leicester's Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. Ultimately, sites may be considered for inclusion in the Brownfield Land register and/or the next consultation draft of Leicester's Local Plan.

If you would like to submit details of a site, you can do so using the link below:

- Submit details of a site.

Please note that a site plan of sufficient quality to adequately identify the site will be required. Guidance notes are available on the consultation website.

The closing date for submissions was the 16 December 2018.

Please use the form attached at the bottom of this page to provide information on sites to be assessed for inclusion in Leicester's Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment.