

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL OF HOUSING OPTIONS – SUMMARY

Distribution options assessed

| Option | Description |
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| <p>1 - Local Plan Roll Forward (Spread-Settlement Pattern)</p> | <p>Leicester’s unmet need is distributed to the Near Leicester Area (NLA), Market Towns and Other Identified Settlements on the following basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34% to NLA • 33% to Market Towns • 33% to Other Identified Settlements <p>It reflects a distribution that spreads Leicester’s unmet need across Leicestershire based on the above settlement hierarchy and continues the existing pattern of development from existing Local Plans. The unmet need is shared first between the three settlement categories and then shared equally between LPAs with potential capacity in that settlement category.</p> |
| <p>2 - Spread (Equal Share)</p> | <p>Leicester’s unmet need is distributed ‘equally’ between the LPAs with potential capacity. The split is not based upon area size or population size.</p> <p>It is similar to Option 1. However, this option reflects a distribution that spreads Leicester’s unmet need across Leicestershire on an equal basis to Districts. This option directs more growth to Melton and North West Leicestershire than Option 1.</p> <p>The unmet need is first shared equally between the LPAs with capacity and then distributed to the NLA, Market Towns and Other Identified Settlements taking account of capacity and settlement pattern.</p> |
| <p>3 – Focus on Strategic Sites</p> | <p>Leicester’s unmet need is directed to Strategic Sites. The preference is to locate Leicester’s unmet need to Strategic Sites within or close to the NLA. This includes potential sites meeting the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites of at least 1000 homes. Priority may be given to sites able to create a standalone settlement with its own infrastructure (at least 3,500 dwellings). • Within or adjoining the Near Leicester Area, or within close proximity to the Near Leicester Area (i.e. within 1 or 2km of NLA boundary) • Potential to deliver homes up to 2036. |

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| | <p>Where there is not sufficient capacity for strategic sites in the NLA, meeting the locational criteria, then strategic site options in the Market Towns and Other Settlements will be considered.</p> <p>The unmet need is shared to those new settlements adjoining or in close proximity to the Near Leicester Area. Where there is not sufficient capacity then other locations for strategic sites will be considered.</p> |
| 4 – Near Leicester Area (NLA) | <p>100% of Leicester’s unmet need is distributed in the Near Leicester Area (NLA).</p> <p>It reflects the principle that Leicester’s unmet housing need should be located near to Leicester.</p> <p>The unmet need is shared equally between LPAs with potential housing capacity in the NLA taking account of the scale of that potential capacity.</p> |
| 5 – HENA Distribution | <p>The HENA identified a distribution where Leicester’s unmet need is directed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations where there is expected jobs growth; • Authorities where there is a functional relationship with Leicester; and • Where the growth is deliverable in terms of land supply and market capacity. <p>The HENA Report sets out an overall scale of growth for each District and this is the starting point for the distribution.</p> <p>To facilitate the appraisal and allow for differentiation in effects, an apportionment of indicative housing levels is made for each local authority for different levels of the settlement tiers.</p> |

Scoring indicators used

Each option is tested against of range of sustainability indicators and given a score as follows:

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| Major positive | ✓✓✓ | Minor negative | × | Uncertain effects | ? |
| Moderate positive | ✓✓ | Moderate negative | ×× | Neutral / negligible effects | - |
| Minor positive | ✓ | Major negative | ××× | | |

Table 5.1 Summary of appraisal scores for each option (Scenario A)

| | | Biodiversity | Health & wellbeing | Housing | Economy | Transport | Climate change | Landscape and land | Heritage | Water | Minerals |
|----------------------------|----|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Settlement tiers</i> | A1 | x | xx [?] / ✓✓ [?] | ✓✓✓ [?] | ✓✓✓ [?] | ✓✓/xx | ✓ | xxx [?] | xx [?] | - | x |
| <i>Equal Share</i> | A2 | x | xx [?] / ✓✓ | ✓✓✓ [?] | ✓✓✓ [?] | ✓✓/xx | ✓ | xxx [?] | xx [?] | x [?] | x |
| <i>Strategic Sites</i> | A3 | x / ✓ | x / ✓✓✓ [?] | ✓✓✓ [?] | ✓✓✓ | ✓✓/x | ✓✓ | xxx [?] | xx | x [?] | x |
| <i>Near Leicester Area</i> | A4 | x | x / ✓✓ | ✓✓✓ | ✓✓✓ | ✓✓✓ [?] /x xx [?] | ✓ | xx [?] | x | x [?] | x [?] |
| <i>HENA distribution</i> | A5 | x | xx / ✓✓ | ✓✓✓ | ✓✓✓ | ✓✓/xx | ✓✓ [?] | xx | xx | x [?] | x |