

## COUNCIL – 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

### QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

#### QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR V RICHICHI TO COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN

“It is noted that High 2 scenario with a minimum of 730 dwellings per year housing growth is considered to be appropriate and *‘performs best’* and *‘provides a very significant degree of flexibility to help address the issues of unmet need’* and *‘would have the potential to provide a significant number of smaller sites which could benefit small to medium sized developers’* and given that within the SoCG, NWL are now exposed in assisting with the unmet housing need arising from Leicester in addition to the high probability of some potential unmet housing need arising from HBBC - in the reassessment of the Councils 5 YHLS being measured with the stated apportionment quantum of Leicester’s unmet need in conjunction with the very latest 5 Year Supply Statement (April 2022).

Would it be possible for you to inform me what the true 5 YHLS position for NWL is?”

#### RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN TO COUNCILLOR V RICHICHI

“The National Planning Practice Guidance states:

***“What housing requirement figure should authorities use when calculating their five-year housing land supply?”***

*Housing requirement figures identified in adopted strategic housing policies should be used for calculating the five-year housing land supply figure where:*

- *the plan was adopted in the last five years, or*
- *the strategic housing policies have been reviewed within the last five years and found not to need updating.*

*In other circumstances the five-year housing land supply will be measured against the area’s local housing need calculated using the standard method.”*

The adopted Local Plan was adopted within the last five years and so provides the basis for assessing the five-year housing land supply. The latest assessment (April 2021) shows that there was 13.5 years supply.

If Council agrees the Statement of Common Ground then this will provide the basis for the housing requirement to be addressed as part of the Local Plan review. The Local Plan review will need to ensure that there is a continuous five-year supply of sites throughout the plan period to 2040.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) has not as yet declared an unmet need. Should they do so, then just like Leicester City they would need to demonstrate why they cannot meet all of their need and then the Leicester and Leicestershire authorities will need to agree how this would be met.”