

Hinckley & Bosworth Local Plan: Response from North West Leicestershire District Council

Policy/Paragraph/ Section	Comments, Modification Suggestion(s) and/or things for the Council to consider
Policy SP02 (Housing requirement)	<p>North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) welcomes HBBC's intention to plan on the basis of the current SoCG housing requirement in full.</p> <p>It is also recognised that discussions are on-going with respect to the implications of the proposed revised standard method announced by the Government, that requirements are liable to change and that revisions to the SoCG are expected to be necessary.</p>
Policy SP02 (Strategic site allocations)	<p>NWL notes and welcomes the absence of a new settlement proposal in the vicinity of Twycross. If this position changes, NWL would welcome detailed discussions to ensure any impacts on the district, including cumulative impacts, are fully considered and addressed.</p> <p>Also of note is that 170 dwellings are planned on land south of Markfield (site ref LPR94A) and 128 dwellings are planned to the west of Barlestone (ref AS455). Highways modelling and other infrastructure capacity work undertaken by HBBC should a) take into account the emerging proposals in the emerging North West Leicestershire Local Plan to enable a proper, effective assessment of cumulative impacts; and b) assess and address any resulting impacts within North West Leicestershire.</p>
Policy SP02 (Strategic warehousing)	<p>The current uncertainty with respect to strategic warehousing requirements is recognised and HBBC is requested to address this issue in full at the next stage.</p> <p>For clarity, it would also be helpful for strategic warehousing requirements and sites to be set out in a separate section of Policy SP02 (even if some sites could contribute towards both requirements)</p>
Policy SP02 (Employment sites) & Appendix 3	<p>The proposed employment sites include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiggs Farm, Wood Lane/Station Road, Bagworth (11Ha). This site adjoins the district boundary at Wood Road (B585), to the south of Ellistown. The site is proposed for general needs employment but the plan identifies that it also has the potential to contribute to strategic warehousing requirements.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land at Cliff Hall Farm, immediately to the north east of J22M1 (28.3Ha) This land is proposed for general needs employment but the plan identifies that it also has the potential to contribute to strategic warehousing requirements. <p>The Wiggs Farm site immediately abuts the borough-district boundary and it is important that impacts on North West Leicestershire be fully explored, in particular in respect of transport movements.</p> <p>In addition, land on the North West Leicestershire side of the boundary is also being promoted for employment development, namely SHELAA site EMP91 – Land north of Wood Road (10.3Ha) and SHELAA site EMP96 – Land west of Ellistown Road (6 Ha). The latter site was promoted in a representation to our Regulation 18 plan (representation 186). Most recently, agents acting on behalf of the landowners have suggested the sites could be combined into a single site (EMP98).</p> <p>NWL will need to find additional general needs employment land following a recent update to its evidence base (see paragraphs 4.42-4.48 of the 14 August 2024 NWL Local Plan Committee report NEW LOCAL PLAN – STRATEGY POLICIES: CONSULTATION RESPONSES). Without prejudice to this Council’s further consideration of sites, if land is proposed on both sides of the boundary, the respective local plans should aim to take a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach to development in this area.</p> <p>With respect to the site at J22M1, it is important that potential highways impacts within North West Leicestershire and impacts on the capacity of J22 are assessed and addressed. The site is within the Charnwood Forest so possible landscape issues could arise.</p>
Policy SP13 – Gypsies, Travellers & Traveling Showpeople	<p>With respect to Gypsies and Travellers, the draft plan reports that there is a sufficient supply of pitches for the period 2024 – 29 and that any additional needs arising from the updated GTAA will be met on windfall sites by applying the draft criteria-based Policy SP13. A call for sites will be carried out as part of the monitoring of the land supply if required.</p> <p>This approach is noted and HBBC is encouraged to allocate specific sites for Gypsies and Travellers where possible.</p>