

LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

16 DECEMBER 2024

UPDATE SHEET

UPDATED NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYTEM

A revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other guidance were published on 12 December 2024. The consultation on these were the subject of a report to this Committee on 26 September 2024 ([Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and Other Changes to the Planning System .pdf](#))

The revised NPPF largely confirms the changes proposed in the consultation.

The changes include “*new immediate mandatory housing targets for councils to ramp up housebuilding and deliver growth across the country putting more money in working people’s pockets*”.

The report to this Committee on 26 September 2024 noted that as a result of proposed changes to the standard method used to calculate housing requirements to be addressed in Local Plans, that the starting point for assessing future needs was proposed to increase from 357 dwellings each year to 621 dwellings each year. As a result of some changes to the standard method, the government has confirmed that the starting figure for North West Leicestershire is 595 dwellings each year. To this must be added any unmet need from elsewhere in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area. The revised standard method still results in unmet need from Leicester City. How this is distributed across Leicestershire will be the subject of further work with all of the Leicestershire authorities. However, it is considered likely to be close to the figure that is currently being planned for (686 dwellings) and so not change is proposed at this time.

The draft NPPF had also increased the emphasis upon addressing the needs for large scale warehousing. This is included in the final version.

ITEMS 5 AND 6 – APPENDICES

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Site IW1 – Isley Woodhouse

Representations attributed to Cllr Ray Sutton (405) in Item 5 Appendix B (representations to Policy IW1) should additionally be attributed to

- Cllr Carol Sewell (NWLDC Daleacre Hill Ward)
- Cllr Andrew Priestley Kegworth Parish Council Chair
- Cllr John McLelland (Hemington and Lockington Parish Council Chair)
- Cllr Leonora Cope (Castle Donington Parish Council Chair)
- Cllr Mark Rogers (Castle Donington Parish Council Planning Chair)
- Cllr Nick Rushton (NWLDC Valley inc Long Whatton, Diseworth, Belton)

- Cllr David Bamford (Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Council Chair)

Site C90 - Land south of The Green/Richmond Road Donington le Heath

Correspondence has been received from the owner of an adjoining property which notes that the proposed allocation includes land in their ownership. Following correspondence with the site promoter it is accepted that there is a drafting error in respect of the boundary of C90 to Richmond Road as shown at Appendix A. This will be corrected.

The correspondence from the owner of the adjoining property also refers to the existence of springs on the site. This matter has been brought to the attention of the site promoter.

Site C91 – land south of Ashburton Road, Hugglescote

The promoter of the site considers that the site assessment for this site is not entirely accurate as the Council's pre-applications response notes that "*The HIA asserts that the level of harm would be less than substantial, "at the lowest end of the scale."* Whilst the Council's Conservation Officer would agree that the level of harm would be towards the low end of the less than substantial scale, they would not agree that it is "at the lowest."

The pre-application advice dated 25 October 2024 concludes that

"In summary, the pre-application submission would fail to accord with Policy D1 of the adopted Local Plan and Policies G3, ENV 2 and ENV 5 of the made Hugglescote and Donington Le Heath Neighbourhood Plan. It is also considered that conflict would arise in relation to demonstrating compliance with Policy He1 of the adopted Local Plan and Sections 66(1) and 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended) with the loss of agricultural land also weighing against the proposed development.

Whilst accepting that the scheme seeks to provide 100% affordable housing, it is my view that any weight to be attributed to this would not outweigh the fundamental conflicts with the above policies".

ITEM 6 - LOCAL PLAN- PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS: CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

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