

Examination of the Harborough Local Plan (March 2025)

STAGE 2 MATTERS, ISSUES, AND QUESTIONS (MIQS)

Statement submitted by Leicester City Council

This statement has been submitted by Leicester City Council in relation to the Inspectors' Matters, Issues, and Questions for the Stage 2 hearings.

MATTER 1: PROCEDURAL AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Whether the Plan has met all relevant legal requirements, including in the 2004 Act (as amended) and the 2012 Regulations?

Issue 3: Strategic Cross-Boundary Engagement

Q2. What is the up-to-date position in respect of transport matters?

Leicester City Council has engaged with Harborough District Council during the preparation of the Plan, including through the Duty to Cooperate process, and its responses to the Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 consultations.

The councils have agreed that the city, as the adjoining highway and transport authority, is a stakeholder in the delivery of allocation SA04 (Scraptoft East) and a key stakeholder in SA02 (Land South of Gartree Road) and have agreed modifications to Policies DS05 and DM06 to strengthen joint working and the treatment of cross-boundary and cumulative impacts.

The Joint Transport Evidence identifies the city as an area of cross-boundary impact. However, the detailed assessment of impacts on the city network and the mitigation required for the site allocations remain subject to continuing engagement. In particular, three city junctions were excluded from the Preliminary Scheme Design Assessment and are listed in the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule without agreed contributing sites, and the city is reviewing that evidence.