

**Harborough District
Council
Local Plan
Examination**

**Hearing Statement
Matter 1**

**Rachel Bryan on behalf of Mr
Ivan Crane [6014]**

**Sworders
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Hearing Statement considers **Matter 1: Procedural and Legal Requirements**.
- 1.2 It is submitted on behalf of Mr Ivan Crane respondent reference 6014.
- 1.3 This Hearing Statement supplements the Regulation 19 representations made by Mr Ivan Crane in April 2025 and considers the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions in relation to **Issue 5: Plan Period question 1** of the Harborough District Council Local Plan Examination.
- 1.4 I confirm I wish to rely on this written hearing statement only and do not wish to participate in the oral hearing session.

2.0 ISSUE 1: PLAN PERIOD

- 2.1 ***NPPF paragraph 22 sets out the requirement for strategic policies (other than those in relation to town centre development) to look ahead over a minimum of 15 years from adoption. The Plan period runs from 2020-2041. If adopted in Q2 2027 it would not meet that requirement. In doing so would this be a sound approach?***
- 2.2 No, this would not be a sound approach. Adoption in Q2 2027 would leave a plan period of only 14 years, which does not accord with the NPPF.
- 2.3 However, it is possible that the examination could take longer than anticipated given the volume of unresolved objections. If the Local Plan is not be adopted until later in 2027 or early 2028, this would further erode the plan period.
- 2.4 To achieve a 15-year time horizon, the end date should be pushed out by at least 2 years to 2043 and the housing requirement adjusted accordingly.

3.0 SUMMARY



3.1 This hearing statement is submitted on behalf of Mr Ivan Crane and identifies concern regarding the plan period. Specifically:

- The plan does not plan for at least 15 years from adoption. Consequently, it fails to allocate sufficient houses to meet the district's needs.