

Statement in Respect of the Harborough District Local Plan Examination Matter 1 – Procedural and Legal Requirements

On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Strategic
Property Services) (ID: 6932)

Lutterworth East Strategic Development Area

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Hearing Statement has been prepared by Marrons on behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Strategic Property Services) (ID 6932) with respect to Matter 1 – Procedural and Legal Requirements. Leicestershire County Council (Strategic Property Services) control the Lutterworth East Strategic Development Area.

2. MATTER 1 – Procedural and Legal Requirements

Issue 4: Superseded Policies

Question 1. Is the Plan's appendix 1 clear in identifying the policies of the existing development plan which would be superseded by the Plan consistent with Regulation 8(5) of the 2012 Regulations?

2.1 Yes, it is clear which policies will be superseded by the Plan, this includes currently adopted Local Plan policy L1.

2.2 However, Leicestershire County Council (Strategic Property Services) contends that given the scale of development, the importance of delivering Lutterworth East, and the new Local Plan's implicit reliance upon the Site to achieve its spatial strategy, the Plan is not considered justified or effective without clearer recognition of the SDA. The Plan should be amended at the least in two specific ways:

- a) Retain Local Plan Policy L1 – East of Lutterworth SDA, from the adopted Local Plan; Appendix 1 of the SDLP currently proposes it is replaced.
- b) Identify the SDA on the Policies Map as a Major Committed Strategic Development Area on the Policies Map. This is the approach for the currently adopted Local Plan to major housing commitments, such as at Market Harborough.

2.3 Without these amendments, the Plan does not adequately recognise the significance of the East of Lutterworth SDA as a committed strategic development that will make a substantial contribution towards the Plan's growth strategy and housing delivery objectives.