

HARBOROUGH LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION STAGE 2 MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE INSPECTORS**ON BEHALF OF BLOOR HOMES (RESPONDENT 8317) – MATTER 2 LOCAL PLAN VISION, DISTRICT PORTRAIT AND DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES****Background**

This Matter Statement is submitted on behalf of Bloor Homes, who have land interests at Scraftoft. Bloor Homes will be bringing forward the residential development at proposed Site Allocation S2 (Land at Beeby Road, Scraftoft). Bloor Homes also control further land adjacent to this proposed allocation which they are promoting for residential development. Bloor Homes refer to their previous response to the Harborough Local Plan 2020-2041 (Regulation 19 Consultation) in April 2025 with this statement also reflecting updates since then, including additional evidence base documents produced by the Council and the Council's proposed scheduled of modifications (Appendix 1 to document HDC 2).

Bloor Homes welcome the opportunity to continue their involvement in the preparation of the Harborough Local Plan and to participate in the forthcoming Hearings.

Issue 1: Plan Vision

Question 1. Is the Plan's Vision consistent with NPPF paragraph 15, which sets out that succinct and up-to-date plans should provide a positive vision for the future of each area; a framework for meeting housing needs and addressing other economic, social and environmental priorities; and a platform for local people to shape their surroundings? Should it refer to meeting local housing need and a proportion of Leicester's unmet need?

1. Bloor Homes would support further references within the Plan Vision to the meeting local housing need and of a proportion of Leicester's unmet need. This would reflect the existing provisions with the Plan and the additional modifications proposed by the Council at MM1.2 [HDC 2- Appendix 1] which references the influences of other plans including the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan in informing the Plan. It would reflect Bloor Homes' responses at Regulation 19 which noted the importance of considering the ongoing unmet needs of Leicester in respect of overall development needs.

Question 4. Plan paragraph 1.10 confirms that the District includes a number of made Neighbourhood Plans. What are these and what would be their relationship to this Plan?

2. Bloor Homes understands the Council will provide a detailed response to this question. Bloor Homes note that the recent Scaptoft Neighbourhood Plan review passed its referendum on 8th October 2026 and has regard to the Plan in terms of its emerging policies and site allocations (although it does not allocate housing sites).
3. Should any additional provisions for neighbourhood plans within the Plan be considered necessary this should reflect the most up to date national planning policy position in respect of implementation so to avoid confusion and inconsistency in decision-making i.e., the NPPF (2023) paragraph 14 is updated by NPPF (2026) National Development Management Policy S6: Neighbourhood plans and the presumption.