

Matter 4 Creating jobs and diversifying the economy

Cllr Phil King | Respondent 2511 | 15 October 2026

I submit these comments in my individual capacity as District Councillor for Kibworths Ward and Leicestershire County Councillor for Gartree Division. I am not acting as an official representative of either Harborough District Council or Leicestershire County Council; these are my own representations.

Original representations 13359 and related representation 13356

Questions addressed in ID9

Issue 1 Question 5 parts i, v, vii, viii, ix and xi for K2

1. I maintain my objection to K2. The employment allocation must be assessed together with K1 and wider growth affecting the A6. Separate site assessments should not understate their combined demands on the network.
2. The Council should explain the uses and intensity of development assessed, including servicing and goods vehicle movements where relevant. The policy should provide sufficient certainty that development permitted under it corresponds to the transport assumptions used to justify the allocation.
3. The evidence should identify access requirements, the allocation's share of cumulative mitigation and whether those costs are reflected in viability. The economic benefits of employment development do not dispense with the need to demonstrate acceptable transport effects and deliverable infrastructure. HDC14 paragraphs 6.12–6.19 provide the corridor context. HDC11 section 1.6 and HDC12 Table 1.1 should be reconciled with the allocation-specific costs; neither establishes a technical failure of K2 by itself.
4. The supplementary report considered by Leicestershire County Council's Cabinet on 13 October 2026, paragraphs 36 to 39 and Appendix A, confirms continuing concerns about the coherence of the transport strategy, technical modelling and unagreed costs. Those findings make a clear demonstration of K2's cumulative effects and deliverability particularly necessary. They do not amount to a site-specific technical finding that K2 must fail.
5. Change sought: reconsider K2 unless its cumulative impacts and delivery requirements can be adequately demonstrated. If retained, the policy should secure safe access and proportionate, timely mitigation, linked to K1 and the wider corridor strategy. K2 is considered under Matter 4 in ID9, rather than being treated as a separate housing allocation under Matter 7.

Evidence references

ID9 Stage 2 Matters Issues and Questions, 21 September 2026. Supplementary report on Harborough District Local Plan considered by Leicestershire County Council's Cabinet on 13 October 2026, paragraphs and appendices cited above.

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