

Harborough Local Plan 2020 – 2041 Examination
Stage 2 Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)
Hearing Sessions November 2026
Leicestershire County Council (ID: 7111)

Matter 6: Strategic Infrastructure

Issue 1: Supporting Strategic Infrastructure

Policy DS05 Development Strategy: Supporting Strategic Infrastructure

- 12. *In relation to education provision, how has the Flinders Chase Local Plan Education Strategy [HDC18] taken into account the sustainability implications of school places, in terms of accessibility, including ability of children to walk to school etc, as well as potential changes in demographics and the availability of school places within existing facilities?***

The Local Plan Education Strategy produced by Flinders Chase has used relevant guidance regarding sustainability, statutory walking distances etc where feasible. With respect to Secondary, Post 16 and SEND education, the rural nature of much of the district means that some areas may sit beyond these statutory distances. Where this occurs, development sites have been ‘allocated’ to the nearest appropriate school. The methodology used by Flinders Chase takes account of Leicestershire County Council’s current pupil yield ratios, recent forecasts and capacities of current school facilities.

- 14. *The NPPF paragraph 114 is clear that when assessing sites, the cost-effective mitigation of significant impacts on the transport network in terms of capacity and congestion, or on highway safety, should be ensured whether at the plan making or planning application stage. Is the Plan supported by an adequate, easily accessible costed evidence base which demonstrates that this is the case and which sets out clearly how the Council has approached the issue of costings and need, with particular reference to its objective of reducing reliance on the private car. Is this presented in a manner which would avoid a ‘paper chase’ exercise and has it been agreed with the relevant highway authorities?***

Leicestershire County Council has engaged constructively with Harborough District Council to seek to resolve the transport concerns that is expressed in its Regulation 19 consultation response. Whilst the work undertaken by the district council has been welcomed by Leicestershire County Council, it has not been sufficient at this time to resolve Leicestershire County Council’s transport concerns.

At the time of preparing this response, technical matters and agreed costings remain to be resolved in respect of junction modelling in the updated version of Harborough

District Council's Preliminary Scheme Design (Local Highways) evidence [HDC 13]; for the avoidance of doubt this element of the Plan's evidence has not yet been fully agreed with Leicestershire County Council as the Local Transport Authority.