

**Harborough District  
Council  
Local Plan  
Examination**

**Hearing Statement  
Matter 7**

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

**Sworders  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Hearing Statement considers **Matter 7: Locating Development in the Right Place**.
- 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 2: Key Development Sites** 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 2: POLICIES SA01, SA02, SA03, SA04, DS01 AND DS02

- 2.1 *Are the following proposed residential development/mixed use and employment allocations justified, based on up-to-date evidence, effective, and consistent with national policy?*
- 2.2 This response is specifically in relation to Site BA1: Land off Frolesworth Road, Broughton Astley.
- 2.3 This site is insufficiently deliverable to be relied upon to be the sole site to deliver Broughton Astley's needs.
- 2.4 It is subject to a live planning application and has been under consideration for over six months and is currently subject to a holding objections from both National Highways and Leicestershire County Council as the Highway Authority. Both have requested a significant amount of additional information in order to be able to assess the impact of the development on the local and Strategic Road network.
- 2.5 These concerns were raised at an early stage of the plan making process, via the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Update 2024 (SHELAA 2024).



- 2.6 The SHELAA Site Companion Guide states that *“the Highway Authority has concerns about the rural nature of Frolesworth Road and its suitability for access particularly in terms of highway capacity and safety and the ability to mitigate potential impacts, particularly on B581, B4114 and A426. Any cumulative impacts would need to be considered.”*
- 2.7 The assessment concludes that *“Provision of an appropriate access and mitigation in relation to access via Frolesworth Road and potential impacts on the wider highway network would require further investigation and could impact on viability of the site. The site is considered potentially achievable.”*
- 2.8 The policy requirements for Policy BA1 indicate that the achievability of this access will be dependent upon improvements at the Main Street/Station Road/Cosby Road junction, potentially involving traffic signals to avoid impact on the B581, B4114, and A426, as well as footway improvements and connections plus extending bus service provision.
- 2.9 These are to be demonstrated via a Transport Assessment accompanying the application, which has been submitted, but is subject to a considerable number of outstanding questions from National Highways and Leicestershire County Council.
- 2.10 The indication is that the significant highway mitigations necessary to deliver this site will delay completions such that the site will make no contribution to the first five years of the Plan period.

### **3.0 SUMMARY**

- 3.1 This hearing statement is submitted on behalf of Mr Ivan Crane and identifies concern regarding the deliverability of site BA1. Specifically:
- The significant highway mitigation required will delay completions beyond the first five years of the plan period.