



Harborough Local Plan 2020-2041

Matter 11 –

Hearing Statement

October 2026

MATTER 11 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

Issue 1: Monitoring and Delivery

Q5 The Council is required to commence plan making under the new local plan system 5 years after adoption of this Plan. Policy IM01 criterion 2 refers to a whole plan/partial review or update of the Plan. In practical terms would it be possible for the Council to undertake an early whole Plan/partial review/update of this Plan and submit it for examination in the current/legacy local plan system before 31 December 2026 deadline? If this is not possible, how would Policy IM01 need to be changed to accord with the new local plan system?

- 1.1.1 In practical terms, it would not be realistic for the Council to undertake a whole-plan review, partial review, or update under the legacy local plan system and submit it for examination before the 31st December deadline. As a result, Policy IM01 Criterion 2 is not effective because it relies on a plan-making mechanism that will not be available when the review trigger is reached.
- 1.1.2 Accordingly, Policy IM01 should be amended to refer to the preparation of a new local plan, or successor development plan, in accordance with the plan-making legislation, national policy and transitional arrangements in force at the relevant time, rather than referring specifically to a "whole plan review", "partial review" or "update" of the Plan.
- 1.1.3 This is particularly important in light of the comments made in Matter 3 around the housing requirement being progressed and the element of housing need that is not being planned for through the emerging Local Plan. It is necessary for the plan to be reviewed, under the new plan-making system, in the immediate aftermath of adoption to align with the up-to-date evidence in relation to housing need and ensure future housing needs can be addressed appropriately.

Q6 Section 15C of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (as amended) confirms that only one local plan may have effect in relation to a local planning authority's area at any one time. Therefore, would the requirement for a partial review be effective?

- 1.1.4 Yes, the adoption of any review, whether partial or full, would supersede the adopted Local Plan at that time. The requirement would therefore be effective.

Q7 A primary purpose of policy IMO1 criterion 2, which requires a whole Plan/partial Plan review/update, is to address any quantified unmet housing need from Leicester City to 2041. Would this effectively address any unmet need to 2041?

- 1.1.5 Yes, at present Leicester City's unmet housing needs are only addressed until 2036, however, a review/update of the Local Plan will take place well in advance of 2036. There would therefore be adequate time to address Leicester City's unmet needs post 2036 within a review/update.