

**Land Adjacent to
Market Harborough
and Great Bowden**

**On Behalf of the Trustees
of the Bowden
Settlement**

**Response to Issues and
Matters Questions**

**2 The Housing
Requirement and its
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This representation has been submitted by Bruton Knowles on behalf of the Trustees of the Bowden Settlement to address the Matters and Issues raised by the Inspector, in his letter dated 15th August 2018. Our responses are printed in italic text following the specific Issue and Matter below.

2. ISSUES AND MATTER 2 THE HOUSING REQUIREMENT AND ITS DELIVERY

2.1 Issue and Matter 2.5

2.2 Given that the housing requirement would be the basis for the calculation of the 5 year housing land supply, should it be increased beyond 11,140 dwellings or 557 dpa now in order to allow for a proportion of unmet need for Leicester, or should there be a trigger in the plan which increases the requirement once the amount of unmet need has been quantified.

2.3 *It would be prudent to increase the housing numbers now beyond 11,140 to provide a greater degree of flexibility that any unmet need arising from Leicester can be accommodated.*

2.4 *Failing an immediate increase in numbers, the Housing Delivery Test will be implemented in November 2018 using the most up to date ONS figures. From this, Leicester City Council will be able to have a clearer idea of its unmet housing need going forward. The publication of Leicester's assessment of need following the November figures, should be used as a trigger to review housing numbers in Harborough, and in turn housing allocations. This is why we have suggested that my clients' site at The Ridgeway, Market Harborough, should be allocated for residential use.*