

**Harborough Local Plan 2011 -2031:
Matters and Issues for Examination**

Hearing Statement by Leicester City Council. (5/9/2018)

Matter 2. The Housing Requirement and Its Delivery.

2.4 Is it sound to rely on the headroom provided by the currently calculated supply of 12,948 dwellings (IC3) to cater for both unmet need from Leicester and any contingency allowance for slower than anticipated delivery from allocated and committed sites?

Leicester City Council supports the provision in Policy H1 for a contingency of 15% in the supply of housing land, to allow for possible future circumstances affecting housing supply in Harborough. As noted in paragraph 5.1.10, this includes the 'potential need to help meet demonstrable unmet housing need arising from other local planning authorities within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area. (HMA)

The City Council however considers that the Plan should specifically refer to unmet need in Leicester and set out how it will help to address this need now, including setting aside a specific amount of housing land to help meet this need, in advance of full agreement on the HMA wide housing distribution.

2.5 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?

Leicester City Council supports the inclusion of a trigger in the plan which increases the housing requirement once the evidenced unmet need has been quantified.