

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

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

**Response to Issues and  
Matters Questions**

**3 .Five Year Housing Land  
Supply**

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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 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Our responses are printed in italic text following the specific Issue and Matter below.

## **2. ISSUES AND MATTER 3 FIVE YEAR HOUSING LAND SUPPLY**

### **2.1 Issue and Matter 3.3**

2.2 Is the plan resilient and flexible enough to maintain 5 or more years' supply of deliverable housing land going forward?

2.3 *There must be some considerable doubt that the 5 year supply of housing can be maintained both under the previous National Planning Policy Framework, and the new revised Framework, given our comments below regarding Burnmill Farm, and the constraints which we believe affect other sites within the District.*

2.4 *If the Inspector decides an allocation at Burnmill Farm is inappropriate and is not sound, this will reduce the annual provision by 18 per annum over a 5 year period.*

2.5 *It would be prudent to either allocate further sites during the examination which are considered sound, or allocate reserve sites which could accommodate any shortfall, should allocated sites become undeliverable.*

2.6 *Our clients' site at The Ridgeway is one such site which could take up a shortfall, given it is proposed to be removed from the Area of Separation between Market Harborough and Great Bowden, and is immediately adjacent to Market Harborough, the District's Principal settlement*

2.7 *We provide specific commentary regarding the appropriateness of Proposed Allocation -MH3: Burnmill Farm- below, given my clients' site is almost adjacent and could provide a ready replacement should the Inspector consider necessary.*