

**Harborough Local Plan 2011-2031
Examination Matter 6 Hearing Statement
(Spatial Strategy and Countryside Protection)
Catesby Estates Plc**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This hearing statement has been prepared on behalf of Catesby Estates Plc (Catesby) in response to Matter 6 of the Harborough Local Plan 2011-2031 examination.
- 1.2 Catesby is promoting seven hectares of land to the south of Kilby Road, Fleckney, which represents a sustainable and deliverable residential opportunity for approximately 150 market and affordable dwellings and public open space. Representations promoting the site were submitted to the Submission Draft Local Plan in November 2017. A site location plan and Vision Framework is enclosed with our Matter 2 hearing statement.
- 1.3 There are no physical or other impediments to the delivery of the site.
- 1.4 This hearing statement provides written responses to Q6.4 only.
- 1.5 Catesby welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Matter 6 hearing session.

2. Response to Inspector's Questions

- 2.1 This section sets out our response on behalf of Catesby to the questions that have been raised by the Inspector in his matters and issues paper issued on 15 August 2018. We provided a written response to Q6.4 only. We have no comment on Q6.1 to Q6.3 and Q6.5.

Q2.4 Is policy GD2 a sound approach to allowing additional development in sustainable locations (having regard to any modifications the Council propose to make to the policy as indicated in IC3 in their response to IC2 Q13)?

- 2.2 We support the principle of emerging policy GD2 and its intention to provide flexibility in the Council's housing supply if necessary through ensuring the plan is able to respond to rapid change, particularly given the District has been unable to demonstrate a five year housing land supply in recent years. It could contribute to promoting sustainable development in rural areas and significantly boosting housing delivery. A policy which supports windfall development in sustainable locations in the District, which are not allocated in the adopted development plan, can contribute to ensuring the plan is effective.
- 2.3 Noting the Council's response to the Inspector's initial questions (in particular Q13), we reserve the right to comment on any modifications to the policy.

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