

## Comments on Revised Policy GD2 – Savills for Taylor Wimpey

I write on behalf of my client Taylor Wimpey East Midlands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Council's suggested wording for a revision to Policy GD2 of the Harborough Local Plan as set out in document 'EXAM 7 – Matter 6'.

We welcome the principle of this policy which seeks to allow a degree of flexibility for residential development to come forward within or adjacent to the built up area of settlements.

Part 2 of the this revised policy relates to sites adjoining the built up area of the settlements and this is the focus of our comments. Our main concern is the current reference at criteria a which states: '***it is needed to meet the settlement's housing requirement in policy H1, taking into account existing completions and commitments;***' as previously highlighted not all settlements have an identified housing requirement, for example the Key Centre of Broughton Astley. It is considered that criteria a could be deleted as the provisions of criteria b and d provide guidance regarding the identification of housing need and appropriateness of scale of the development.

We acknowledge that the Council has sought to remove the reference to the arbitrary uplift of 10% at supporting paragraph 4.3.4.

The revised wording at paragraph 4.3.4 states "*Delivering housing to meet identified need across the District is a vital element of the Local Plan and Policy H1 sets out target figures for the most sustainable settlements in line with Policy SS1. These target figures are linked to ensuring that the District's housing requirements are met and most development is directed to the most sustainable locations in the District.*" As stated within the Hearings the Local Plan its current form is silent about housing to be directed to settlements such as Broughton Astley. We are concerned that the reference at criteria 2 a could unnecessary limit development at this third tier, Key Centre settlement.

We welcome the opportunity to make further submissions during the modifications consultation.

Kind regards

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