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Dear Inspectors

Re: Panel Note 1 Introductory Letter

Thank you for your letter entitled Panel Note 1: Introductory Letter, dated 15 May 2026, which is now published on the Examination website.

The following provides a response to each of the queries raised in your letter.

NPPF Transitional Arrangements

The Local Plan is submitted in accordance with the transitional arrangements set out in para 243(a) of the December 2024 NPPF. The calculation of the updated local housing need of 723 dwellings per annum in accordance with the standard method is set out below.

Table 1: Harborough Local Housing Need Standard Method calculation, 12 December 2024

A:	2024 Dwelling stock (unrounded)	43,856
B:	0.8% of Dwelling stock	350.848
C:	5 Year average affordability ratio	10.59
D:	Adjustment factor $((C-5)/5)*0.95+1$	2.0621
E:	Local Housing Need (BxD)	723

Modifications to the Plan

Thank you for confirming the Panel will recommend modifications to the Plan, should it be necessary to make the Plan sound and compliant with legislative requirements.



Proposed modifications were submitted with the Local Plan to aid the Inspectors' consideration and discussion during the examination. The proposed modifications have not been subject to Sustainability Appraisal or Habitats Regulation Assessment, to date. We would welcome the opportunity to undertake this work on any modifications you recommend.

The evidence base

A number of evidence base documents and Statements of Common Ground are being finalised, largely in order to address issues raised in Regulation 19 representations. These will be made available as soon as possible. The list of such documents and the date by which they are expected to be published on the Examination website is set out below.

Table 2: Further evidence base documents

Type	Title	Expected date
Evidence	Open Spaces Strategy Review 2025	June 2026
Evidence	Transport: Preliminary Scheme Design (Local Highway) – with associated IDP updates if appropriate	July/August 2026
Evidence	Leicester & Leicestershire Updated Housing Mix Evidence	May 2026
Topic Paper	Transport	August 2026
SoCG	SoCG between Harborough District Council and Development Partners: Relating to Changes to Sites: MH2 East of Market Harborough Road & MH3 Land south of Gallow Field Road	July 2026
SoCG	SoCG between Harborough District Council, Oadby and Wigston Borough Council and Development Partners (comprising Homes England and Urban and Civic) relating to the Land South of Gartree Road Strategic Development Area	June 2026
SoCG	SoCG between Harborough District Council and the Local Transport Authority (Leicestershire County Council)	August 2026
SoCG	SoCG between Harborough District Council and Historic England	June 2026
SoCG	SoCG between Harborough District Council and Warwickshire County Council (as the LTA)	August 2026

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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