

Matter Specific MIQ's.

Matter 1: Issue1 – 1.11

What is the role and status of the Strategic Growth Plan?

This was agreed by all Councils in Leicestershire as the document to deliver the strategy through Local Plans. This Charnwood Draft Local, in my view, does not conform to the Strategic Growth Plan. Page 18, Shifting the Focus of Development. The Draft Local Plan does not compensate for the development that has taken place in towns, villages, and rural areas (Service Centres and Other Settlements) during the current Local Plan. I have already demonstrated with the number of dwellings built in service centres and other settlements (previous submission).

The Draft Local Plan follows the current Local Plan which after six years has been unable to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply which has had serious consequences especially for Service Centres such as Anstey where residents feel overwhelmed by the speed and scale of development, remembering over 660 dwellings have already been delivered within this village.

Matter 2: Vision, Objectives, Sustainable Development and Development Strategy. 2.1 2.11 2.22.

The Draft Local Plan is centred on using a disproportionate use of greenfield sites (information already supplied). This will have serious consequences for the natural environment, especially it seems no regard for the Charnwood Forest area of the Borough which is being put forward to be a UNESCO Global Geopark.

In my view, the number of dwellings proposed, Anstey will not be able to provide the capacity for employment in the local area, where the motor car is the already the preferred mode of transport. This has been established by the severe levels of traffic in the centre of the village, making this unsustainable development.

The large development PSH255 (HA15) on greenfield and a large amount of Grade 2 land, in my opinion, is not in line with policy (already referred to in my previous submissions). This proposed development encroaches on the village of Woodhouse (small village) and the area of Charnwood Forest. I note this site is not in the Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan. This will have serious consequences

for the hamlet of Woodthorpe which will lose its identity with previous development and this development surrounding the hamlet.

In my view, there is a need to support more development on brownfield sites, especially as development during the current plan has focused on mainly greenfield sites in Service Centres and Other Settlements. The change in the direction of business and industry will free up more brown field sites for development. The evidence used may be out of date with current thinking, a big opportunity missed to provide development on brownfield sites.

Matter 6 Site Selection Allocations. 6.1 6.12 6.16e

The current Local Plan has been unable to deliver the required amount of development to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply. Developers have focused on small to medium greenfield sites. This has placed an extra burden on Service Centres and Other Settlements. I have already demonstrated this has happened in the village of Anstey. In my view, there is no recognition that this has taken place, residents feel overwhelmed by the scale of development already taken place and do not understand how further development proposed for Anstey can be sustainable, taking many more areas of greenfield land on top of already built on green fields during the current plan. These villages are losing their identity and the impact on local services and infrastructure haven't kept pace with this piecemeal development.

I have already alluded to the current planning applications submitted to Charnwood Borough Council totalling 920 dwellings within Anstey Parish on five separate sites. This again shows that developers are focusing on medium greenfield sites which will bring severe challenges, remembering 660 plus dwelling have been completed during the current Local Plan.

To demonstrate how developers are still proposing to build on sites outside of the Draft Local Plan. I have already given information about Pegasus Group putting forward a site in Newtown Linford Parish for 150 dwellings P/22/1031/2. Also proposing this site should be included in the Draft Local Plan.

In my opinion, the Strategic Growth Plan identified the position with the current situation especially the shifting the focus of development away from villages such as Anstey.

Matter 7 Housing Land Supply. 7.7

Analysis shows the current Local Plan was unable to maintain a five-year housing land supply, culminating in many piecemeal developments not in line with the Local Plan. The majority of these in Service Centres and Other Settlements such as Anstey and Woodhouse Eaves.

In my view, this Draft Local Plan needs to demonstrate how this will achieve and keep a five-year housing land supply. From experience there seems to be little incentive for developers to commit to large SUE's as Charnwood Borough is still seeing most recent planning applications not conforming to local need, mainly piecemeal developments on greenfield sites.