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## **Melton Local Plan Update Issues and Options (Regulation 18) Consultation**

Thank you for inviting Charnwood Borough Council to comment on the Melton Local Plan Issues and Options Report.

We welcome the publication of the report as the first stage in the preparation of a new local plan. We are supportive of the approach set out in the Issues and Options Report, and our only significant concern at this stage relates to the way in which housing provision figures are set out and how they relate to the agreed position across the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area.

We understand that the plan period for the adopted Melton Local Plan is 2011 to 2036 and this includes an annual housing requirement of 245 homes per year representing a total housing requirement over the period 6,125 homes. The Plan includes a stepped trajectory over the plan period where the annual requirement is 170 to 2021 rising to 245 to 2026 and then 320 homes per year in the period up to 2036.

Melton Borough Council has signed the Statement of Common Ground to apportion unmet need from Leicester City and this is 300 homes per year for the period to 2020 to 2036 (231 plus a figure of 69 dwellings to accommodate unmet need from Leicester).

The Issues and Options Report states that there is sufficient supply to meet these needs under the Statement of Common Ground, however the evidence in the consultation document does not set this out clearly and it would benefit from a clearer explanation

It would therefore be helpful if greater clarity could be provided in the emerging local plan so that there is no ambiguity in the housing provision which the local plan will plan for. This would assist the implementation and monitoring of the Melton Local Plan itself, and also demonstrate effective cooperation across the Leicester and Leicestershire on a Housing Market Area.



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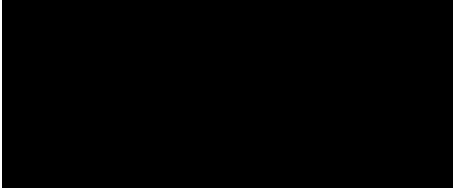
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Charnwood Borough Council agrees that the issue of unmet needs from Leicester City will continue to require consideration beyond 2036, the limit of the current agreement between the Leicestershire authorities, to which Melton Borough Council is a signatory.

We look forward to working with the officers of your authority in developing the plan.

Yours faithfully



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