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Via email: [REDACTED]

Cllr Phil Knowles (Leader)
c/o Harborough District Council
The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street
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Leicestershire
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Dear Phil,

Leicester Local Plan Submission – Leicester and Leicestershire Statement of Common Ground Housing and Employment Need.

As you will be aware, the City Council intends to submit its Local Plan in mid-September following many years of preparation, including excellent work with its council partners to establish a robust strategic planning framework for Leicester and Leicestershire.

My officers have been assembling a Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) on unmet Housing and Employment need with each district/borough and good progress has been made with only those relating to Harborough and Hinckley and Bosworth remaining.

It would of course be very helpful indeed if there were a full set of SOCGs on submission of our Local Plan to help inform the appointed inspector/s of our agreed position.

I note and very much welcome your engagement with Neil O'Brien MP regarding the Duty to Co-Operate and the helpful Statement provided to us by your officers on 13th July anticipating your council will be taking a decision on the Statement of Common Ground on the 18th September.

I would be most grateful if you could confirm that this anticipation remains the case to enable my officers to communicate the latest position to the Inspectorate as part of the local plan submission process.

I note that we have a Members Advisory Group meeting on 14th September where I believe my lead officer will be updating on progress in respect of the proposed submission of the Local Plan and progress on SOCGs.

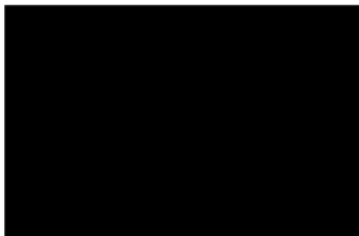
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I welcome your ongoing support in this matter and if you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Soulsby
City Mayor