# New Leicester Local Plan – Summary of Responses to Emerging Options Consultation 2017

#### **Background**

Leicester City Council is working on the preparation of a new Local Plan which will set out a vision and objectives for the growth of the city over the next 15 years. It will outline how the council intends to respond to local priorities and how it will meet the social, economic and environmental challenges and opportunities that face the city. It will also identify broad locations, the scale and type of development and supporting infrastructure that will be required in the city.

The Issues and Options consultation stage marked the start of the Local Plan process. It took place between 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and January 2015.

#### **Emerging Options Consultation**

#### Methods

The Emerging Options consultation took place between 26<sup>th</sup> July and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017. It was undertaken in accordance with the City Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (2014). It was made up of four documents, The Emerging Options Document, the Development Management Policies document, the Potential Development Sites and the Sustainability Appraisal. The following methods were applied:

#### **Internet: E-government**

In accordance with government regulations the documents were available to view on the council's website during the full length of the consultation period. An online questionnaire was also available to complete and submit electronically. Alternatively, an email contact address as well as a postal address was provided for comments to be sent directly to the council. Existing consultees (including statutory consultees) on the consultation database, local councillors and members of parliament were directly contacted via an email or letter to comment on the document.

#### **Hard Copies**

Members of the public had the opportunity to inspect the documents at council offices and in libraries across the city. This approach was used to consult those who may have been digitally excluded.

#### Media

The council publicised details of the Emerging Options consultation through the local media. There was a press release, statutory notice and several articles in the Leicester Mercury (See Appendix 1). In addition, consultation was also publicised several times via social media on Twitter and Facebook.

#### **Highcross Exhibition**

An exhibition was staffed at the Highcross shopping centre for a total of eight days. This took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October and 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November. This involved a display stand, leaflets, plans of the city and post it notes to encourage comments.

#### **Presentations**

Presentations and subsequent discussions took place at local ward meetings across Leicester. This provided the public with an opportunity to provide feedback on the documents in an informal environment. These ward meetings were held predominantly at community centres. All of the venues were easily accessible, and the workshops were held in the evening to ensure the greatest cross section of Leicester's population was reached. Separate presentations were also made to groups such as Pro Con, LE-One Group, the Playing Pitch Strategy group and the Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society. Notes of the discussions that followed the presentation are shown below.

#### Workshops

Workshops and presentations were held for stakeholders, organisations and community groups to help develop policies and proposals. These events focused on topics such as sports, open space, health and transport. The agenda of each workshop was clearly set out beforehand with discussions encouraged to ensure meaningful engagement. Notes of the workshops are shown below.

#### **Duty to Cooperate**

There is a duty to cooperate in the Local Plan process and the council has engaged and will continue to engage with its partners in the future. Leicester City Council has embraced the Duty to Co-operate through actively engaging with the neighbouring District and Borough councils within Leicestershire. This has ensured a proactive, focused and continuous approach to strategic planning. This has successfully enabled the Council and its neighbours to recognise cross boundary issues and identify the need or otherwise for joint or individual policy responses.

#### Results

Overall we have had approximately 1,300 comments on the plan. A total of 348 written responses were received from MPs, Councillors, adjoining Councils, government departments, members of the public, organisations, businesses and community groups. Some were submitted in the form of petitions. The number of comments on the various emerging options chapters is shown below. Note that the five most common comments on the Emerging Options Document are shown below and that a written response can contain many comments.

## **Emerging Options Plan Comments**

#### **Highcross**

These are the most frequent plan wide comments received when speaking to members of the public at the Highcross shopping centre consultation stand.

Comment	Number of responses
Improve bus services and public transportation	34
Keep/maintain/reuse historic buildings	29
Leisure facilities (ice rink, bowling alley, swimming pool etc)	28
More social/affordable housing	20
Protect/additional greenspace and parks	18

#### City Council Response

- Most of the above issues are covered in the Housing, Transport, Heritage and Open Space, Sports and Recreation Chapters.
- Leisure facilities are supported in our retail and local centre policies.
- Key aim of plan is to meet needs of homes, and employment which means (due to our tight boundaries) some open space likely to be lost. Opportunity to improve quality to existing open space and provide new space of potential development sites.

#### Housing

These are the most frequent comments received on the Housing topic when speaking to members of the public at the Highcross shopping centre consultation stand.

Comment	Number of responses
More social/affordable housing	20
Less student housing	13
More housing	6
Adopt Space Standards	5
Export housing to county	4 Support

5 against

#### City Council Response

- A separate policy on affordable housing has been introduced in the draft plan.
  The policy is currently based on the current evidence and will be revised
  when new Local Housing Needs Assessment study is complete. The
  proposed in the draft Plan will be based on the most up to date evidence and
  will be in compliance with the new NPPF.
- Student housing need will be informed by the new evidence. The student housing policy proposed in the draft plan is a criteria-based policy which will be used to determine the proposals for student housing development.
- The amount of housing has to be informed by the government's Standard Methodology. The Local Plan housing target (1,712 dwellings per annum) proposed in the draft Plan is based on the standard method calculations.
- Council has proposed a separate policy on space standards in the draft plan.
- The draft local plan proposes the development strategy that relies on the HMA partners to meet the unmet need within the HMA. This is currently being worked through a Statement of Common Ground between the partners.

#### Strategic Regeneration Area (SRA)

These are the most frequent comments received on the SRA topic when speaking to members of the public at the Highcross shopping centre consultation stand.

Comment	Number of responses
Leisure facilities (ice rink, bowling alley, swimming pool etc)	28
More Public Squares and spaces	5 Support
	3 against
Large Event Venue needed	4
Expand pedestrianisation	4
Regenerate canals	4

#### City Council Response

- The need for new leisure facilities will be considered in the new retail and leisure study which will be ready for Reg 19 consultation.
- Plans and policies will support projects such as 'connecting Leicester'.
   Specific policies included with regards to improving pedestrian and cycle links within the city.
- Central Development Areas chapter developed identifies regeneration objectives around canal and river area. Specific waterways policy also included in draft plan.

#### **Green Environment**

These are the most frequent comments received on the Green Environment topic when speaking to members of the public at the Highcross shopping centre consultation stand.

Comment	Number of responses
Protect/additional greenspace and parks	18
Prioritise brownfield sites for development	7
Improve air quality	5
Protect/Increase trees	4
Protect wildlife	3

#### City Council Response

- Key strategy for the plan will be utilise brownfield sites.
- Biodiversity policy (subject to further guidance from Government) and tree policy included in draft plan.

#### **Employment**

These are the most frequent comments received on the Employment topic when speaking to members of the public at the Highcross shopping centre consultation stand.

Comment	Number of responses
More high paid jobs	2
Less offices	1
Consider impacts of automation	1

#### City Council Response

- The Council's Economic Action Plan sets out an investment strategy to 2020 for developing well paid and high skilled jobs.
- However, these do tend to be housed in offices
- The impacts of automation are taken into account in the 2019 Economic Development Needs Assessment, when considering how much new employment land that the city needs.

#### Retail

These are the most frequent comments received on the Retail topic when speaking to members of the public at the Highcross shopping centre consultation stand.

Comment	Number of responses
Limit Hot Food Takeaways	11
Too many vacant shops	7
More Independent Shops	7
More Retail	6
Fosse Park more convenient	3
Too many bars and restaurants in city centre	3

- Food and drink uses in shopping areas are considered in draft policy TCR06. This includes hot food takeaways.
- To help reduce the number of empty shops policies in the draft plan have been written to support shopping centres by directing main town centres uses

to them in the first instance (applying the sequential approach) in line with national planning policy. They have also been written allow flexibility in uses permitted.

- We recognise the value of independent shops in the supporting text of the central shopping core section in chapter 12.
- The aim of Chapter 12 is to support retail development in town centre across the city.
- We cannot do anything about the location of Fosse Park but the aim of the draft plan is to create a city centre that makes the City Centre an attractive destination for shoppers, visitors, businesses and investors and a great place to live.
- Applications for bars and restaurants in the City centre would be considered against draft policies TCR03 and TCR04 in chapter 12.

#### **Transport**

These are the most frequent comments received on the Transport topic when speaking to members of the public at the Highcross shopping centre consultation stand.

Comment	Number of responses
Improve bus services and public transportation	34
Improve cycling infrastructure	17
Reduce Congestion	17
Separate cyclists from pedestrians	12
No shared roads	7

- Draft policies in Transport Chapter address the above comments.
- Shared Access Government legalisation covers this issue.

#### **Waste and Minerals**

These are the most frequent comments received on the Waste and Minerals topic when speaking to members of the public at the Highcross shopping centre consultation stand.

Comment	Number of responses
More Waste and Recycling facilities	1

#### City Council Response

 A separate Waste and Minerals Local Plan will be produced which will look at waste needs for the city. However, policy included in draft plan for new and existing waste facilities.

#### **Development and Infrastructure**

These are the most frequent comments received on the Development and Infrastructure topic when speaking to members of the public at the Highcross shopping centre consultation stand.

Comment	Number of responses
Sufficient school places for new developments	4
More childcare facilities	3
More doctors surgeries	3
Sufficient infrastructure for new housing	2
Invest in outer areas	2

#### City Council Response

• The Infrastructure Assessment will assess the provision of infrastructure across the city

#### **Emerging Options Document**

These are general comments received in writing that related to the plan in general.

Comment	Number of responses
More provision of community facilities	4
Question consultation approach to engaging the public	4
Use of "Greater Leicester" terminology in plan	1 Support
	2 Opposed
Seize undeveloped land	2
Various areas not received any investment	2

#### City Council Response

- The Infrastructure Assessment will assess the provision of infrastructure across the City
- Greater Leicester Also need to consider cross boundary implications of development

These are the most frequent comments received in writing on the Housing Chapter of the Emerging Options Document.

Comment	Number of responses
Adopt space standards	19
More affordable housing	12
More accessible housing	12
Expand Article 4 Areas	11
Prioritise Brownfield Sites	10

- Council has proposed a separate policy on space standards in the new draft Plan.
- A separate policy on affordable housing has been introduced in the draft Plan. The policy is currently based on the current evidence and will be

revised when new Housing Needs Assessment study will be complete.

- The housing mix policy will be addressing the accessible housing in the draft Local Plan; however, this will be revised when the new Local Housing Needs Study will be complete.
- The draft Local Plan is seeking views on whether more Article 4 direction areas are needed in relation to HMO's.
- The Central Development Area as one of the areas of housing supply for the plan period.

These are the most frequent comments received in writing on the SRA Chapter of the Emerging Options Document.

Comment	Number of responses
Improve public transportation	8
City Centre Infrastructure (schools, doctors surgeries etc)	8
More protection/support of historic buildings	7
More city centre residential	7
City Centre Leisure facilities	6
Encourage mixed use development	6
Limit/reduce student accommodation	6

- Improvements to public transportation, are included in the Transport chapter of the draft Local Plan
- City Centre Infrastructure provision is considered in the Infrastructure chapter of the draft Local Plan
- The protection and support of historic buildings is provided in the Historic Environment chapter of the draft Local Plan
- The extent of city centre residential development is considered and set out in the Strategy, Housing and Central Development Area chapters of the draft Local Plan

- Although some detail about City Centre leisure facilities is included in the Strategy; Central Development Area; and Town Centre & Retail chapters, the City Council will be commissioning a new study to establish the need for both future retail and leisure, at the next stage of the plan
- Mixed use development is encouraged predominantly in the Central Development Area Chapter, covering the City Centre and land just outside it
- Student housing need will be informed by the new evidence. The student housing policy proposed in the draft Plan is a criteria-based policy which will be used to determine the proposals for student housing development.

These are the most frequent comments received in writing on the Green Environment Chapter of the Emerging Options Document.

Comment	Number of responses
Retain and protect existing greenspace	15
Protect Green Wedges	12
Protect/Plant more trees	7
Improve Biodiversity	7
Construct and protect sports clubs and facilities	6

- Draft policies in the Natural Environment and Open Space Chapter address issues around green wedges and protecting existing open space. However, balance will need to be struck with the delivery of housing and employment land in the city.
- Awaiting further guidance from Central Government on bio-diversity net gain.
   Policy included in Natural Environment Chapter protecting designated sites and priority habitats/species.
- Policies included in draft plan to protect and support playing pitches and built sports facilities.

These are the most frequent comments received in writing on the Employment Chapter of the Emerging Options Document.

Comment	Number of responses
Mixed residential and professional uses	4
Use employment land for housing	3
Protect employment land from housing	3
Be aware of changes to office demand due to progress of technology/working patterns	3
Retain Professional Office Area	3
Support changes to Professional Office Area boundaries	3

- Mixed residential and professional uses are provided in the area around New Walk, where both offices and residential use are acceptable in principle. A grading system for the offices is recommended in the Economic Development Needs Assessment (EDNA) evidence, which means that the best quality offices can be better protected, and more clarity provided for changes to residential use of the worst quality offices. [Permitted development rights to change offices to residential use, are additional to this].
- A balance is needed between protecting the best quality employment land for employment use and using the worst quality employment land that is not fit for future employment use, for housing. An interactive map of employment land recommended to be lost and retained is included in the consultation.
- The evidence on employment issues (EDNA and City Centre Office Study), include consideration of changes to the demand for offices, due to progress in technology and working patterns
- The Professional Office Area is now contained in the new Character Area located around New Walk. There is support for the best quality offices to be protected, as is outlined above.
- The boundary of the area has been reviewed in detail and amendments are included in the proposals for New Walk Character Area

These are the most frequent comments received in writing on the Retail Chapter of the Emerging Options Document.

Comment	Number of responses
Limits to Hot Food Takeaways	9 Agree
	2 Opposed
Too many vacant units	5
More Independent shops	5
Reduce Rent	4
Introduce shopfront design standards	3

- Food and drink uses in shopping areas are considered in draft policy TCR06. This includes hot food takeaways.
- To help reduce the number of empty shops policies in the draft plan have been written to support shopping centres by directing main town centres uses to them in the first instance (applying the sequential approach) in line with national planning policy. They have also been written allow flexibility in uses permitted.
- We recognise the value of independent shops in the supporting text of the central shopping core section in chapter 12.
- The ability to reduce or influence the level of rent for shop keepers is beyond the scope of planning policy.
- There is a draft shopfront policy (DQP08) in chapter 7.

These are the most frequent comments received in writing on the Transport Chapter of the Emerging Options Document.

Comment	Number of responses
Construction of Evesham Road	2 Support
	92 Oppose
Improve bus services (coverage, pricing, frequency etc)	38
More Cycling Infrastructure	37 Support
	7 Oppose
Keep cycle lanes separated (grade, barriers, kerbs etc)	17
Improve Park and Ride Services (Pricing, longer services, more locations, etc)	14

#### City Council Response

- Evesham Road The local plan is only required to include specified infrastructure proposals which can be confirmed as deliverable within the plan period, i.e. either with funding committed or with a demonstrable likelihood of approval of funds. At present there is no such funding commitment in place
- Draft policies in Transport Chapter addresses the above comments.

These are the most frequent comments received in writing on the Minerals and Waste Chapter of the Emerging Options Document.

Comment	Number of responses
Improve and new recycling facilities and support	4
Anaerobic Digesters	2
Food waste Collection	2
Object to Fracking	2
Support separate waste plan	2

#### City Council Response

 A separate Waste and Minerals Local Plan will be produced which will look at waste needs for the city. However, policy included in draft plan for new and existing waste facilities.

These are the most frequent comments received in writing on the Development and Infrastructure Chapter of the Emerging Options Document.

Comment	Number of responses
Ensure adequate supply of schools	4
More doctors surgeries/health centres	2
Improve environment Air Quality	2
Impacts of growth on County infrastructure	2
MLD/Special Needs Schools	2

- The Infrastructure Assessment will assess the provision of infrastructure across the City
- The City Council will also work closely in partnership with the County Council to address these aforementioned needs

## **Development Management Policies Document.**

There were a total of 50 unique respondents to the Development Management Policies Document. This includes, 3 statutory consultees, 3 local authorities, 2 councillors, 13 other groups and organisations, 12 businesses and developers, 14 members of the public and 3 sets of notes from meetings, presentations and scrutiny.

#### **General Development Management Policy Comments:**

Summary of Representation	Leicester City Council response
Historic England:  It is noted that the Tall Buildings SPD is not included within the SPD's to be retained; this is very disappointing. Given the size of Leicester and the particular pressure for tall buildings and their potential impact upon wealth of heritage assets within Leicester, the SPD should be revised in accordance with current guidance and linked by specific policy within the draft Plan, with adequate reference to heritage assets. Without this provision, Historic England would not consider the plan to be sound.  Particularly relevant to site allocations and designations could include the following:  Updating conservation area appraisals  Undertaking characterisation studies  Producing setting studies — of specific settlements, or specific heritage assets  Local lists  Assessments of landscape sensitivity  If these have been carried out, it would be helpful to make their location clearer	Noted. Draft plan includes a policy on tall buildings and a new tall buildings SPD is proposed.
<ul> <li>It is critical that the irreplaceable semi natural habitats of ancient woodland and ancient trees are specifically protected. Whilst the need to take into account landscape character areas is identified as a natural feature of landscape quality in your Local Plan the need for providing ancient woodland protection is not also being acknowledged with your Draft Site Allocations and Development Management Policies.</li> <li>Ancient/veteran trees represents an irreplaceable semi natural habitat that still does not benefit from full statutory protection, therefore again the Woodland Trust would like to see this being taken into account with site allocations being put forward and development management policies given that woodland is acknowledged as being a multi-functional asset in your Local</li> </ul>	Noted. Draft plan includes policy in relation to ancient woodland and veteran trees.

•	Plan Core Strategy.  We have not been able to assess the sites listed as possible site allocations in your plan but we would like you ensure that no sites are taken forward for development which would have any significant adverse effect on any ancient woodland or ancient or veteran tree. Care should also be taken where development is proposed near to any of these habitats, to ensure that adequate buffering is put in place to give them protection.	Key constraints considered as part of site assessments including ancient trees.
Knigh	ton Neighbourhood Forum:	
•	The Forum supports draft policies DMP2A, DMP3 & DMP4 which seeks to avoid an over-concentration of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HiMO) and Student accommodation Encourage continued delivery of purpose-built student accommodation	Noted
Cllr L	ucy Chaplin	
•	More should be done in planning to require premises to have smoking areas that are NOT public pavements unless the pavement is wide enough to actually have a define space for smokers.	Covered by design policies in consultation with Health and Safety Executive
CIIr H	emant Rae Bhatia	
•	There should be a three-way accountability clause built within the planning process before any permission is granted to any developer. This should be between the developer of the site, the management company that they appoint to maintain the site after they leave the site and the city council to ensure proper maintenance of the site, especially to the areas/services that are not adopted by the city council  All sites developed should cater for extra car parking spaces as it is evident that most households have at least two cars and they do get visitors too. The additional visitor parking spaces and road side parking spaces should all be done in a lay-by style thus preventing the streets and roads to be clogged up Lay-by parking should become a norm/default/mandatory for the planning applications. Grasscete concrete material could be used to create lay-by surfacing thus ensuring low maintenance as well as allowing natural rain water to drain.	Parking SPD to be produced alongside new local plan
•	The corners at each road/street junctions should be suitably double yellowed (from the outset of the development) and these lines should be deep enough to not prohibit view of any oncoming traffic from both sides of the road where the traffic merges on to the junction road.  Taller or three storey houses should be built to the North-West side of any estate where possible thus ensuring better sunlight/daylight cover for most other houses (UK is reasonably north within northern hemisphere).	Covered by Design Climate change chapters

#### **University of Leicester**

 The Council should provide clarification over the status of SPD documents (particularly the Student Housing SPD and the Tall Buildings SPD) following the adoption of the Local Plan and whether replacement guidance will be provided.

Covered in Design and Housing Chapters. New Tall Buildings SPD to be produced

#### Hammerson

• We consider that the title of the Chapter 7 "Shopping centres and retailing" should be changed to "Town centres and retailing". The Chapter is not solely concerned with retail uses and this change would ensure that the chapter more accurately reflects the range of uses which the policies are intended to control. Furthermore, the draft policies and the accompanying supporting text should refer to 'town centres' as opposed to 'retail centres' to aid clarity and be consistent with the terminology adopted by the NPPF

Noted. Chapter now called Town Centres and Retail

#### Montagu Evans, on behalf of All Saints

 The document confirms that the Waterside SPD is to be retained / updated on adoption of the new Local Plan. We support this, given the relatively recent adoption of the document.

Noted.

 We note that Chapter 3 of the DMP document lists out those SPDs which are due to be retained or updated upon the adoption of the New Local Plan. However, this list does not include documents such as the Tall Buildings SPD (April 2007).

New Tall Buildings SPD to be produced

The Council should provide clarification over the status of all documents following the adoption of the Local Plan and whether replacement guidance will be provided

Noted. This will be confirmed.

#### Alan Chapman, Festival of Life and Death (Charity)

- Lack of expert knowledge on the causes of poor mental health.
- Developments should encourage interaction and community.
- Every street needs trees and greenery. Every space needs plants and vegetables

 Another area completely ignored is what can be done with signage and IT. 'Educational' signage could be built into everything everywhere. Why assume that signage is limited to pointing to historic buildings and shopping centres

- As regards IT and WiFi etc, there is nothing in the plan to address the challenge of modern lifestyles and addictions that are so deeply responsible for the catastrophic rise in mental health problems since the smartphone age
- There is nothing specific in the plans to address the challenge and opportunity to reverse generational wastage, which is another major threat to societal wellness, societal cohesion, and

Most of these issues covered in the Design, Public Health and Natural Environment chapters of draft plan

productivity, etc. By this I mean we should be embedding into the plan the need to mix generations, and to find ways for the old to help the young and vice-versa

 Obesity and cycling and walking and a few allotments seem to be the limit of specific ideas to improve the inherent 'wellness' of the future Leicester city and surrounding areas.

#### Member of the Public

• In the old days there were drinking fountains.... those are gone but is there a modern equivalent?

Noted. However, not a policy issue, nor does it require planning permission.

#### **Member of the Public**

- Definition of environmental damage should not be restricted to SSSIs
- No mention is made of bio-abundance. There should be no damage to wildlife habitat even if it is not a designated SSSI because bio-abundance will be impacted
- Development should be refused if it results in habitat fragmentation (splitting a large site into two smaller sites).
- No reference to residential amenities, e.g. landscaping, parking, children's play areas; open spaces are mentioned
- Balance needs to be maintained, so no area becomes dominated by one type of outlet, e.g. food take-aways and restaurants.
- Retain Green Wedges.
- Support of garden estates, green wedges, verges, parks and trees
- Longer consultation periods for applications, more prominent site noticing.
- Developers do not honour their S106 obligations. They should be more accountable
- Can LCC afford all the future costs of community infrastructure that need to go with additional housing e.g. schools and health services? Are there any innovative solutions to urban planning that could take the city into the future?
- Given the increase in population and the pressure on available land space... encourage three story houses and higher for blocks of flat.... Build with good/excellent sound insulation between floors. Try to build communities, try to get a sort of connectivity within the development
- There is no policy regarding housing accessibility standards.
- Define how to assess need for accessible dwellings.
- All homes should be built to Lifetime Homes Standards and Category 3
- Adopt Nationally Described Space Standards.

Draft Local Plan addresses many of these issues through the Green Environment and Housing Chapters.

Food and Drink policy considers residential amenity and effects on retail function

Space Standards policy included in draft plan as are accessibility standards

Green Wedge policy included. However, need to consider where future growth is allocated.

#### **DM1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development**

#### Gladmans

 As outlined at paragraph 6 of the Framework: "The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development". This emerging policy provides a local commitment to the presumption in favour of sustainable development and Gladman therefore support the intention of this policy.

Noted

#### **DM2** Residential Development

#### **Humberstone Village Community Forum** The Local Plan includes a Higher percentage of affordable houses/social housing separate policy needed. for affordable housing, which will be informed and updated by the Local Housing Needs Assessment and Viability Study. **De Montfort University** Noted. DMU is located within Leicester City Centre which is a highly DMU sustainable location. supports the Council's aspirations to encourage new student accommodation schemes to be located within walking distance of the city centre, or where good quality pedestrian or cycle routes are available. **University of Leicester** Support The University recognises the emergency policy and welcomed and acknowledges the benefits of considering the amenity noted. impacts that student accommodation can sometimes cause. The University is committed to ensuring that its students integrate within the city and the local neighborhoods without issue and avoid impacting on the amenity of existing residents, in terms of noise, traffic or any other issues. We support measures, such as the imposition of conditions to secure management plans, that would mitigate potential issues. Noted. Although **Gladmans** the current The proposed policy sets a range of criteria against which version of the proposals for residential development would be assessed. At this draft Local Plan stage, Gladman would wish to highlight an inconsistency between is based on the then draft wording of the policy and the Framework. NPPF 2019. Also 6.2.7. The criteria based requirements must be set in the context

of the Framework's approach to promoting sustainable transport. A less prescriptive approach will therefore be required to enable individual site proposals to be prepared and assessed in a manner that is consistent with Paragraph 32 of the Framework. As such, safe and suitable access arrangements onto existing residential streets should not be arbitrarily disregarded (as is suggested by criterion i) and development should only be refused on transport grounds where the residual cumulative impacts of development are severe.

the policy is not deleted in the draft Local Plan as its covered through design policies.

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#### Montagu Evans, on behalf of All Saints

Whilst we support the general principle set out in Policy DM2 – and recognise the need for clear guidance in respect of residential development - it is important that this policy allows sufficient flexibility for specific developments to be assessed within their own context and circumstances and we would expect this to be reflected in the wording of the policy. It is not acceptable for policy to impose a 'blanket' requirement – for example in reference to point i) above, in some cases it may be inappropriate for main entrances / exits to be located on the busier existing route.

This is now covered in the Design chapter of the draft Plan. The policy is now deleted.

#### Member of the Public

- I approve of the housing policies laid out, particularly DM Policy 2 Residential, DM 2A retention of family housing and DM Policy 3 on HMOs
- Higher percentage of affordable houses/social housing needed.

Noted. However this is now covered in the design chapter. The affordable housing policy will be informed by the new evidence being produced.

# DM3 Smaller house in multiple occupation (HMOs); in article 4 areas; for between three and six people. [Class C4]

#### **University of Leicester**

- We agree with the statement in the DMP that the construction and occupation of student accommodation creates employment and supports local business and is capable of delivering the physical regeneration of disused (and underused) sites and buildings.
- We also agree that PBSA should be located in places that will be attractive to students and in sustainable locations (which would be in accordance with the NPPF).
- We support this statement and consider that the University's sites at Freemen's Common and Nixon Court, both of which currently provide student accommodation, would be a suitable location for intensification and the provision of an improved and higher quality student development scheme.

Support welcomed and noted. PBSA will be informed by the new evidence being produced in the form of the Local Housing Needs Assessment.

<ul> <li>Clir Lucy Chaplin</li> <li>There should be a clear policy about reducing the number of large houses converted to HMOs in older parts of Leicester</li> <li>Many landlords with HMOs are just trying to maximise profits and these old houses are not properly maintained, again leading to a general decline in the local community</li> <li>Large houses could be made into larger flats/maisonettes</li> </ul>	Draft policies Ho09 (Retention of Family
Places additional pressures on Council services e.g. waste collection, street cleaning and Police time	consultation plan for the retention of family housing (Policy Ho09).
<ul> <li>We believe that large Victorian houses are being broken up into smaller and smaller units by out of area developers and property speculators</li> <li>To the detriment of the neighbourhood and communities within the Evington Footpath Conservation Area. It encourages transience and 'churn' within this Area</li> </ul>	Noted. A draft policy has been proposed in the draft
<ul> <li>Friends of Clarendon Park</li> <li>Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) have been a particular issue in Clarendon Park in recent years and we are pleased that Clarendon Park is one of three areas of the city with an Article 4 Direction</li> <li>We do not want to see HMOs disappear from Clarendon Park as the students who are the main occupants of our HMOs contribute significantly to the vibrancy of the area</li> </ul>	Noted.
Do you have any general comments on houses in multiple occu	pation?
<ul> <li>Member of the Public</li> <li>I feel the 'criteria' of this is too prescriptive to be in policy. It could even 'blight' certain houses just beyond the limits, or attract HMO applications to (parts of) streets that currently do not have such HMO's</li> <li>If guidance criteria is felt to be necessary, this should be separate rather than within the prescriptiveness of a policy</li> <li>Extensions to HMO's - This part is welcome as many HMO's are currently being extended in a way that would preclude their use as family housing in the future</li> <li>All HIMOS should have to have planning application for any number of residents</li> </ul>	This policy has been revised in the draft plan.  Draft plan will be asking if further restrictions are needed
PBSA should therefore be promoted within the Local Plan, with the benefit of 'freeing up' existing housing stock, which is currently used as student housing, thereby contributing to the City's housing supply.	

Have a good landlord scheme where they are rated for safety, upkeep and as a good neighbour. This would be part of the council being more robust in using powers to regulate and monitor landlords	Housing) and Ho10 (Houses in Multiple Occupation) have been proposed in the Plan. The existing boundaries of Article 4 Direction areas are currently being reviewed (this is mentioned in the supporting text of Policy Ho10. In addition, the draft plan proposes a question as part of the consultation whether the council should consider introducing new areas under the Article 4.
Peter Small (business)	Noted.
<ul> <li>Just seems a very good idea to have multi/shared occupancy so that youngsters can learn what it is like to take responsibility for their home and how to share</li> <li>needs a friendly resident caretaker/supervisor to help them grow up, learn to cook, keep things tidy etc</li> </ul>	Not within Local Plan remit
Member of the public	
<ul> <li>I support the extension of Article 4 directions to all the city</li> <li>This is of limited use if planning officials continue to allow conversions of houses into flats</li> <li>Student accommodation, for example, might become the responsibility of universities, in order to free up homes currently housing students in neighbourhoods</li> <li>Article 4 Directives against HMOs should be extended to other Conservation Areas in the city, such as Evington Footpath, Stoneygate and South Highfields</li> <li>Some of the owners of these houses do not maintain the exterior spaces of their properties</li> </ul>	Ask the question as to whether more Article 4 areas are needed. The draft Local Plan includes specific policies

Student accommodation is under license and formal conditions could be introduced into the licensing arrangements to prevent this occurrence	on retention of family housing (Policy Ho09) and Houses in Multiple Occupation (Policy Ho10).
Economic Development Tourism and Scrutiny Cttee (02/08/2017)  Provision of well-designed purpose built student accommodation to bring houses back into family use was encouraged and enhanced student projections from each University should be sought  Do the boundaries of the existing three "Article 4 HMO" areas not be sought.	Noted. eed amending?
	<u> </u>
<ul> <li>It needs extending to cover the 'usage' e.g. changing from a Class C3 'Dwelling House' to a Class C4 'HMO' is too easy here allowing housing speculation</li> <li>The Housing Associations, particularly LHA-ASRA and private property speculators that are largely responsible for this</li> <li>LHA-ASRA do not check on how their properties are being used here</li> </ul>	This policy has been revised in the draft plan.  Draft plan will be asking if further restrictions are needed.
Member if the public	Draft plan will
They need extending city wide	be asking if further
Not if they already match those of the Conservation Area	restrictions are needed.
Do any new areas need including in another 'Article 4 HMO' area	a?
Evington Footpath Conservation Area Society  The footprint of the Evington Footpath Conservation Area should be covered by an Article 4 Directive covering 'usage' as well as the 'frontage' and as it applies in the Clarendon Park area	Draft Plan includes a question as to whether more areas need to be introduced to be considered under the Article 4 Direction.
Member if the public	Noted.
Yes, Evington Footpath Conservation Area, South Highfields and	Draft Plan

Stoneygate	includes	а	
	question	as to	
	whether	more	
	areas ne	ed to	
	be intro	duced	
	to	be	
	considered	considered	
	under	the	
	Article	4	
	Direction.		

#### **DM6 High quality Economic Development areas**

#### Turleys on behalf of ALDI Stores Ltd

- The draft policy as currently worded is overly restrictive, with no flexibility applied. The NPPF sets out that planning policy should be flexible enough to accommodate needs not anticipated in the plan and allow a rapid response to changes in economic circumstances (Paragraph 21).
- Therefore, it is considered that Policy DM 06 should not be limited to B use classes and should encourage other forms of economic development. It is also suggested Policy DM 06 is amended to allow for changing economic markets

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#### Turleys on behalf of David Cullen Homes Ltd

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#### **DM7 General Economic Development areas**

# Turleys on behalf of ALDI Stores Ltd The policy acknowledges that there are uses beyond Class B1c, B2 and B8 that will be acceptable in 'general economic A new Retail and Leisure study is under

development areas' but does not allow sufficient flexibility in terms of the types of uses considered acceptable in principle

 The policy should allow for greater flexibility, including Class A1 retail uses, particularly convenience goods retailing

preparation, which will address convenience goods retailing. Until then, there is no evidence that this needs to be included here. Provision has already been included for the inclusion of Bulky goods retail.

#### Turleys on behalf of David Cullen Homes Ltd

 The wording of the draft policy should go further to include other alternative economic development uses such as retail development

#### DM8 Textile area and neighbourhood employment areas

#### Turleys on behalf of ALDI Stores Ltd

- The policy should allow greater flexibility in terms of the uses considered suitable. This should include general retail rather than being limited to 'retail of bulky goods' as currently listed (subject to meeting the requirements of the sequential test).
- Other forms of Class A1 retail uses, particularly convenience goods retailing, could play an important part in regenerating such areas by attracting local and inward investment.

Response same as for DM7

#### **DM9 Employment – support strategies**

#### Member of the Public

• Ref. to high-quality communications infra structure, Question: what does it mean?

It includes full fibre broadband and 5G

#### **DM10 Pioneer Park**

#### **Member of the Public**

- LCC to make vacant properties available throughout the city centre for use of designers, artists, craft people, workshop industries, etc. instead of promoting more shopping
- LCC should assist local businesses in the provision of networking the local economy.

Most vacant properties not in Council's ownership. This is outside its control.

Networking for the creative industries is enabled through the events at 'The Depot' in the St Georges area and R & D at The Dock near NSC.

#### **DM11 Cultural Quarter – St George's South**

#### Member of the Public

- Create the quarter into a 'Parish' so that business and residents have a combined say in the area
- It is very important that we aim to attract LARGE technically demanding companies to replace industries we have lost.

Character Areas and employment chapter support employment uses in this area

#### **DM13 Supporting Sustainable shopping centres**

#### Turleys on behalf of ALDI Stores Ltd

- Recommend combining DM Policy 13 and 17 into a single policy
- Recommend amending the policy to state that "retail and other town centre uses will be supported where it can be demonstrated that..."
- Recommend deleting the part of the policy regarding different thresholds for different centres and relying on the 2,500 sq m threshold set out in national planning policy.

These policies now covered in TCR01, TCR02 and TCR05 in draft plan

The Council evidence supports setting a local threshold. This is consistent with the NPPF.

#### **Haymarket Properties**

- Needs to be made clear if policy applies to Tier 5 neighbourhood centres from Emerging Options
- Further clarification regarding shopping catchment areas that overlap between the tiers, in particular Leicester City Centre overlays other lower tier centres.

See revisions in Chapter 12.

See revisions in

#### Hammerson

 The policy needs to recognise that allocated sites in accordance with an up to date local plan are not generally required to be tested in either sequential or impact terms unless the specific policy allocation requires such assessments

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Chapter 12

 Should also recognise that residential development (NPPF 23) development can play an important role ensuring the vitality of centres Further explanatory text needs to be provided which makes reference to the intended catchment area that proposed developments are intended to serve in order to define which threshold applies in which particular location

#### **DM14 Primary and secondary shopping frontages**

Haym	arket Properties	
•	Support inclusion of Haymarket centre frontages as primary shopping frontages	Policy has changed to take account of changes in the NPPF. No longer refer to primary and secondary frontages.
Hamn	nerson	
•	The title of the policy should be amended so that it is clear that the policy relates solely to the City Centre.  The policy would benefit from the list of primary shopping frontages being contained within an Appendix.	See changes to Chapter Policy has changed to take account of changes in the NPPF.
		No longer refer to primary and secondary frontages.
	Member of the Public	
•	Residential use "Over the shop" should be encouraged	Draft policy supports this.
	Member of the Public	
•	How long can A1 maintain core function? What alternatives to retail are considered?	Policy has changed to take account of changes in the NPPF. No longer refer to primary and secondary frontages.

#### DM16 Gambling, pay day loan shops and pawnbrokers

Cllr Lucy Chapman	
Need to reduce the number of betting shops	Noted. However, no evidence to

		support this.
		Very few new betting shops in last few years
Power Leisure Bookmakers		
<ul> <li>Policy text saying that 'certain detrimental cumulative impacts concentration or location' is illogica evidence.</li> <li>Not enough empirical evidence to exacerbate existing economic and sarea or if its population.</li> </ul>	as a result of their lon not based on credible prove that betting shops	No evidence to support this. Very few new betting shops in last few years.
<ul> <li>Retail study identifies that vacancie and attractiveness. Council should betting shops.</li> </ul>	<u> </u>	Draft Policy now removed.
<ul> <li>ESA Retail Study identifies that visitation rates, often higher than s size, and that two thirds of custome the centre if the betting shop was no</li> </ul>	ome A1 uses of a similar ers would not have visited of located there.	
<ul> <li>Majority of betting shop visitors in visited other shops in the centre after</li> <li>No evidence in the retail study</li> </ul>	erwards.	
<ul><li>overconcentration of betting shops.</li><li>Betting shops should be classed as</li></ul>	laicura	
<ul> <li>400 metre exclusion zone is not just and credible evidence base.</li> </ul>		
Since many centres are smaller that	· ·	
<ul> <li>many cases exclude any more than</li> <li>Proposed policy does not comply policies should promote competitive</li> </ul>	with NPPF para 23 that	
<ul> <li>Use example of an appeal in E decided that betting shops are a ma</li> </ul>	Basingstoke where judge	
<ul> <li>An exclusion zone undermines DI embodying all Local Centres and la Centres</li> </ul>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
<ul> <li>It is also worth noting that this will in seeks to protect and enhance re sustainable location for retail developments.</li> </ul>	tail centres as the most	
<ul> <li>Identifying an in-centre location version zone has been implement to play OM Policy 20, as we have "premises" will comply with the constitution.</li> </ul>	ted. This is also brings in doubts whether in-centre	
<ul> <li>Councils, such as Hammersmith ar an exclusion zone policy from its conducive for the area.</li> </ul>	final draft as it was not	
<ul> <li>Approach taken by the Council in not compliant with the spirit and</li> </ul>	•	

<ul> <li>namely paragraph 182</li> <li>The policy therefore amounts to a conflict with Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and also conflicts with Part 4 Regulation 8 of the 2012 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations</li> <li>We therefore strongly believe that the policies discussed should be removed, or as a minimum, significantly loosened whilst also removing the unnecessary grouping of pawnbrokers, pay day loan companies, launderettes and betting shops.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Member of Public</li> <li>It seems a good idea to limit the offering of gambling, high interest rate loans etc!!</li> </ul>	As above
EDTT Scrutiny (02/08/2017)	
<ul> <li>How would the over-concentration of Bookmakers, Pawnbrokers and payday shops and similar establishments be avoided, particularly in deprived areas</li> </ul>	As above

### DM17 Retail Development in town/district and local shopping centres

Turleys, on behalf of ALDI Stores Ltd	
DM Policy 17 could be incorporated into DM Policy 13, rather than having two separate policies	Noted. These are now covered in TCR01 and TCR 05
Power Leisure Bookmakers	
<ul> <li>A betting shop would make a positive contribution to the diversity of uses on offer and not undermine the retail function of a shopping centre</li> <li>Concerned that betting shops have been labelled "other main town centres uses" and consequently singled out</li> <li>Basingstoke appeal, Inspector: "Betting offices are considered to be part of the essential mix of uses within town centres and Basingstoke Town Centre IS no exception, demonstrated by the presence of a number of other betting offices in the locality"</li> <li>The proposed 400m exclusion zones also works against OM Policy 17, with 400m embodying all Local Centres and large proportions of District Centres</li> <li>Identifying an in-centre location will be problematic if an exclusion zone has been implemented.</li> </ul>	No evidence to support this. Very few new betting shops in last few years.  Draft Policy now removed.
Haymarket Properties	
<ul> <li>Reasonable application of DM Policy 17 should ensure that any redevelopment proposals in the Mansfield Road area</li> </ul>	Noted. Draft character areas

- would be considered against the priority of protecting the viability of the shopping core, which we support
- Important to ensure that the policy did not unreasonably constrain the introduction of new 'town centre' uses,

objectives and retail policies seek to protect vitality of shopping core

#### **DM18 Development for food and drink purposes**

#### **Stoneygate Community Forum Meeting 28/11/17**

- It was requested that licensing and planning policies be put in place with clear guidance on the number of takeaways in one particular area
- Policies were requested to include guidance on waste/ disposal matters near takeaways

Food and Drink policy considers residential amenity and effects on retail function

Design Chapter contains guidance on recycling and refuse storage

#### **DM19 Neighbourhood Parades**

#### **Blaby Parish Council**

- We would like to think that you would apply DM Policy 19 regarding Neighbourhood Parades to Blaby Town Centre
- Our main competition comes from Fosse Park and after the further extension to this development is completed, the undermining of the economic viability of Blaby Town Centre is likely to continue. The Parish Council did put in a request for Developer Contributions which could have helped ameliorate the situation. However, Blaby District Council refused to put our case forward and so no money was awarded

Noted

#### DM20 Local shopping development outside the defined shopping centres

Turleys, on behalf of ALDI Stores Ltd	
<ul> <li>Reference to 'local shopping development' is not clearly defined within the document</li> <li>we would question whether DM Policy 20 is necessary given that any proposals outside of defined centres can be adequately addressed against other policies in the Local Plan</li> </ul>	The term "local shopping development" is not used in the reg 18 draft.  DM Policy DM20 replaced with TCR 08
Power Leisure Bookmakers	
We have doubts whether in-centre "premises" will comply with the constraints in OM Policy 16	DM policy 16 is not being taken forward in this reg 18 draft

#### DM21 Planning conditions: retail development not in a 'town centre'

Haymarket Properties		
<ul> <li>The policy applies to supermarkets and superstores only. In our opinion it should be extended to enable the policy to be applied to other types of retail facility, where appropriate, to protect in the viability of shopping centres.</li> </ul>	amendment	and
Hammerson		
<ul> <li>The policy should state that conditions will be imposed on such development in order to protect the vitality and viability of town centres. As currently drafted reference is only made to supermarkets and superstores.</li> </ul>		and

#### **DM22 Design Principles**

Woodland Trust	
<ul> <li>We would like to see a 'Public Realm' heading included to deal with urban design, and for street trees to be recognised as a key delivery element of this</li> <li>This would fit with national policy - woodland creation forms a significant element of the Government Forestry Policy Statement (Defra Jan 2013)</li> </ul>	Covered in Design and Green Environment Chapters of Draft Plan
Leicester Civic Society	
<ul> <li>Promotion of good quality design in new development to ensure that such development respects its setting is</li> </ul>	Noted. These issues are

covered on precisely what has not happened over the last fifty years Design, Heritage and this has resulted in large parts of Leicester being and Green shockingly ugly, its design driven solely by the cheapest Environment possible commercial gain and a perceived need to Chapter. maximise vehicular access at any cost to the quality of the built and natural environments. The result has been that people fail to relate to the city. We need to see planning Issue of street policy in the 21st Century completely reversing this trend. clutter included in Street clutter is a major problem. Freestanding hoardings design chapter and A-boards have proliferated. They are both ugly and hazardous to pedestrians, particularly the disabled. Starting in our city centre conservation areas there should be a vigorous drive to remove all street clutter. The genuine need for less private garden space must be balanced by an enhanced quality of public realm setting for new housing developments . Improved shared space can be designed to discourage through footfall whilst enhancing the sense of light and space for residents Tree planting has a major role to play. **Knighton Neighbourhood Forum** Noted. Policies Supports draft policies DMP22, DMP27 and DMP28 that addressing both seeks to encourage high quality design, prevent backland issues are in development and protect amenities of new and existing design chapter residents **De Montfort University** Covered in DMU supports the principles of the Delivering Quality design chapter -Places chapter **Policies** DMU aims to positively contribute to this aspiration and strengthened in supports the Council's aims to ensure that there is high relation to good quality development within Leicester design DMU supports DM Policy 22 in its approach and the overall expectations for development, particularly in terms of creating a sense of identity and legibility, **Gladmans** Noted. Further Recommend that the wording of this policy needs to be clarity added to more specific, referencing the opportunities to improve the design chapter quality and character of an area and the way it functions. Montagu Evans, on behalf of All Saints

Again, we support the general thrust of this policy, but

suggest that it would be appropriate to allow for flexibility in

terms of the wording of the policy - for example, not all

development sites will include the delivery of car parking

such that part g) of the policy may not apply

Noted. Separate

SPD will be

produced for

parking.

#### Member of the public

- Pedestrianise Belgrave Gate and Church Gate, upgrade the paving at entrance to Haymarket, near to Tesco express and the steps.
- Make sure slabs are replaced when utilities dig up, especially High Street and Gallowtree Gate
- Make the speed limit on Charles Street 20 mph, buses need to slow down
- The city needs two new venues, an ice-rink and an arena.
- Market place needs regenerating and the back of shops
- Mention of inclusion welcome in these as well

Noted. Policies relating to the Central Development Area, City Centre and Design support leisure facilities and improvements to public realm

# Ayelstone Meadows Appreciation Society Meeting 8th October 2017

• Comments that current urban design is poor – tree planting and footpaths are important

Noted. Design policies in new draft plan strengthened, also include emphasis on walking and landscaping.

#### **DM23 Tall Buildings**

#### **Historic England**

- It is noted that the Tall Buildings SPD is not included within the SPD's to be retained; this is very disappointing. Given the size of Leicester and the particular pressure for tall buildings and their potential impact upon wealth of heritage assets within Leicester, the SPD should be revised in accordance with current guidance and linked by specific policy within the draft Plan, with adequate reference to heritage assets. Without this provision, Historic England would not consider the plan to be sound
- The policy and supporting text are very brief, with no reference to heritage assets. Given the concerns expressed above, this policy would be unsound in relation to heritage assets

Draft policy in Design Chapter.

New Tall Buildings SPD to be produced

#### **Leicester Civic Society**

- Leicester is a fundamentally low rise city. High density developments should not trigger the Tall Buildings SPD by being over nine stories in height
- The city centre is dominated by the historic built environment in general and by its conservation areas, which can be wrecked by tall building
- Towns and cities with an historic core do not encourage development over a certain height in this core

Noted. Draft policy in Design Chapter. New Tall Buildings SPD to be produced.

Townscape analysis for central area also

		undertaken.
Racia	Minority CVS	
•	There needs to be a rational for tall structures	Noted. New Tall Buildings SPD to be produced.
Clir L	ucy Chaplin	
•	Towers blocks of quality design and landmark buildings should be developed around transport hubs, station, bus station etc  To deliver grade A office space to attract big companies to the city, providing more jobs	Draft policy in Design Chapter. New Tall Buildings SPD to be produced.
	and only, promaining more jobe	Townscape analysis for central area also undertaken which looks at the station area amongst others
Monta	gu Evans, on behalf of All Saints	
•	We would suggest that the wording above is amended slightly to recognise that tall buildings could appear very prominent in some views and in some contexts. We do not agree with the suggested wording that tall buildings 'impose themselves' on a wide area. More important is that tall buildings evidence high quality architecture.	Draft Plan contains tall buildings policy and new tall buildings SPD will provide more detailed guidance
	Member of Public	
•	Given the shortage of space in the city, we probably have to accept that higher rise is and will be needed It should be done progressively and perhaps extend away from and around existing high rise	Tall Building Policy and SPD will look criteria for assessing tall buildings. This includes where tall buildings may be acceptable.
	Member of the Public	
•	I approve of the proposed policies	Noted
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## **DM24 Connections, movement and access**

Member of the Public	Natad
<ul> <li>not just make it easy but also have good signage to advertise nearby areas</li> </ul>	Noted
Member of the Public	
<ul> <li>Mention of inclusion welcome in these as well</li> <li>I approve of the proposed policies</li> </ul>	Noted. Design Chapter includes inclusive design policy.
	Also addressed in Transport Chapter

## DM25 Inclusive design

Racial Minority CVS	
Design of buildings and spaces need to take into account accessibility, language needs and sustainability.	Covered in design and climate change chapters
Member of the Public	
<ul> <li>Very pleased to see a separate policy for Inclusive Design</li> <li>It is important that Inclusive Design is considered a necessity rather than a 'nice to do'</li> <li>There should be a back-up document to give guidance to both planners and developers as to what this means in practice</li> <li>I approve of the proposed policies</li> </ul>	Noted

### **DM26 Landscape Design**

Leicestershire County Council	
<ul> <li>Any trees to be retained should be done so in accordance with the guidelines set out in BS 5837 2012</li> <li>The design of any new tree planting schemes should take account of the guidelines set out in BS 8545:2014</li> </ul>	Noted
Woodland Trust	
<ul> <li>We agree that with urban design and the delivery of quality places, but whilst your Council seeks to protect trees, these should be treated with a separate dedicated policy.</li> <li>We would like to see the Leicester Development Plan</li> </ul>	Noted

Policies document reflect similar wording to the Adopted North Somerset Council version in a dedicated 'Trees & Woodland' policy  • We would also like to see this policy followed up and supported with a similar Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)  • Green infrastructure in your city centre needs to be taken into account effectively, because currently the Development Management Policy for Leicester City only seems to acknowledge this with the glossary  • New development in Leicester City Centre should be expected to include an element of green infrastructure where possible as an integral part of its design. This should include both the landscaping of outdoor areas and building integrated solutions. Development will be expected to incorporate as many as possible of the following design features:  • Green roofs and roof gardens;  • Living walls;  • Street trees and other trees;  • Water features linked to SUDS;  • Waterside landscaping where appropriate	Draft Natural Environment chapter contains specific policy in relation to green infrastructure.  Climate Change and Flood Chapter addresses issues like SuDs, green roofs and walls.
Member of the Public     Particularly welcome para b)     I approve of the proposed policies	Noted

# DM27 Backland, tandem and infill development

Knighto	on Neighbourhood Forum	
so d	Supports draft policies DMP22, DMP27 and DMP28 that seeks to encourage high quality design, prevent backland levelopment and protect amenities of new and existing esidents	Noted. Policy carried over into draft plan.
Clir Luc	cy Chaplin	This is covered in the design
d sl	There should be a policy where enclosed back land levelopments will not be considered adhoc. The council should require a comprehensive plan that residents mmediately adjacent to the plot are consulted on.	chapter and in the backland development policy.
N	Member of the Public	

•	There should be mention of consideration of existing	
	landscape and biodiversity in this policy	Covered
•	Protection or mitigation may be required.	Covered Natural
•	'Borrowed' landscape is also a consideration in residential	
	areas	Decian C

I approve of the proposed policies

Covered in Natural Environment and Design Chapter

#### **DM28 Residential Amenity and new development**

Member of the Public		
<ul> <li>Reference to residential amenity is made but no mention of outdoor facilities such as seating for the elderly, children's play, 'small' activities, e.g. chess. ping pong, boule</li> <li>There is probably too much reliance on school grounds and parks but the former are not open to the public and the latter are not local enough</li> <li>I approve of the proposed policies</li> </ul>	Noted. open policies address issue	Draft space this

#### **DM29 Recycling and Refuse storage**

Member of the Public	
	Noted
I approve of the proposed policies	

### **DM30 Shopfronts and security**

Historic England	
This policy is strongly welcomed; it should also inclu reference to heritage assets / historic shopfronts.	de Noted
Member of Public	
<ul> <li>This should also refer to the need to improve inclusive accewhere possible</li> <li>Experience locally is that this isn't happening at present a access is becoming worse rather than better. Mention policy would also help remind planning officers and decisimakers of its importance in consideration of an application.</li> <li>I approve of the proposed policies</li> </ul>	design policy nd in

## **DM31 Signs and banners**

Turleys, on behalf of ALDI Stores Ltd	
<ul> <li>The proposed maximum restrictions on projecting signs per frontage is overly restrictive</li> <li>Applications should be considered on a case by case basis</li> </ul>	Policy worded to control unacceptable clutter of signs on street frontages.
Member of the Public	Noted
I approve of the proposed policies	

## **DM32 Advertisement hoardings**

Racial Minority CVS	
A policy to control advertisement hoardings with a maximum number per square foot within the policy	Depends on context of where the hoarding is located, so difficult to control size. Permanent hoardings will not normally be permitted.
Member of the Public	
	Noted
I approve of the proposed policies	

#### **DM33 The Historic environment**

Historic England	
<ul> <li>The inclusion of a heritage section and suite of policies is strongly welcomed</li> <li>Within the supporting text, paragraph two, it would be helpful to include reference to the wealth of non-designated heritage assets and archaeology within the city</li> <li>Within paragraph two the wording should be amended to include reference to the setting of heritage assets, in accordance with the NPPF</li> <li>Local heritage assets: Reference within policy is strongly welcomed. Will a Local List be produced as part of the plan? The NPPF stresses the importance of both designated and non-designated heritage assets</li> </ul>	Noted. Heritage chapter revised.

Woodland Trust	
<ul> <li>Therefore trees, as well as green infrastructure and natural greenspace, should also be acknowledged with the sustainability assessment of your new Local Plan</li> <li>It is critical that the irreplaceable semi natural habitats of ancient trees are specifically protected in the greater Leicestershire urban area</li> <li>Ancient/veteran trees, represents an irreplaceable semi natural habitat that still does not benefit from full statutory protection, therefore, again the Woodland Trust would like to see this being taken into account with site allocations being put forward, and development management policies.</li> </ul>	This is covered within the natural environment chapter.
Knighton Neighbourhood Forum	
The Forum would like to explore opportunities to assess the current extent of the Conservation Areas in the Knighton Neighbourhood Plan area with a view to potentially extending the boundary	Not a local Plan Issue.
Racial Minority CVS	
The heritage of racial minority communities should be recognised and also be available public trails, plaques and heritage information.	Not a Local Plan Issue
Leicester Civic Society	
<ul> <li>We consider this a long term project to maintain and reinforce the local register as a first line of defence in the protection of our heritage</li> <li>Every effort must also be made to reduce and then eradicate Heritage at risk register entries.</li> <li>the Local Heritage Asset Register, is an absolutely crucial tool in the protection of our historic built environment</li> <li>Conservation areas and what they achieve must be seen as an increasingly suburban phenomena. The greatest potential for new conservation areas and extensions to existing conservations areas lies within our historic suburbs</li> <li>We consider eleven conservation area character appraisals to be out of date and only one conservation area has a management plan</li> <li>Current proposals for generic appraisals and management plans may be the answer</li> <li>Design guidance for historically important sites and buildings is the first step to ensuring that they cannot fall the victims to unsympathetic or destructive development</li> </ul>	Noted but not Local Plan Issues

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	LEICESTER CIVIC SO	CIETY VATION AREA PROPOSALS: 2011 - 2014		Sumitted to City Council		
			Publishe CA apprais	d		
	1 ALL SAINTS	No change	YES			
	2 ASHLEIGH ROAD 3 AYLESTONE PARK	As existing plus 1 extension NEW	YES	August 2013 August 2013		
	4 AYLESTONE VILLAGE 5 BELGRAVE HALL	As existing plus 1 extension No change	YES YES	August 2013		
	6 BRAUNSTONE VILLAGE	No change	NO			
	7 CASTLE 8 CHURCH GATE	No change No change	YES			
	9 CLARENDON PARK 10 EVINGTON FOOTPATH	NEW No change	YES	May 2012		
	11 EVINGTON VILLAGE	No change	NO			
	12 JEWRY WALL 13 KNIGHTON VILLAGE	NEW As existing plus 1 extension	NO	March 2014 June 2011		
	14 LEICESTER ABBEY	NEW	140	August 2013		
	15 LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD 16 NEW WALK	No change	YES	M 2012		
	17 OLD HUMBERSTONE	As existing plus 1 extension No change	YES	May 2012		
	18 OLD TOWN	New: Existing CATHEDRAL/GUILDHALL HIGH ST. and MARKET PLACE CA's				
	19 ST. GEORGE'S	plus 1 extension No change	YES	March 2014		
	20 ST. PAUL'S	NEW		August 2013		
	21 SOUTH HIGHFIELDS 22 SOUTH KNIGHTON	No change NEW	YES	June 2011		
	23 SPINNEY HILL PARK	No change	YES	20010-2004		
	24 STONEYGATE 25 TOWN HALL	As existing plus 4 extensions New: Existing GRANBY STREET, MARKE STREET and TOWN HALL SQUARE CA's		June 2011		
	as THE PORTLAND ENGLAVE	4 extensions	YES	March 2014		
•	26 THE PORTLAND ENCLAVE 27 WEST END 28 WESTERN PARK	As existing plus 1 extension NEW	YES	June 2011 August 2013 May 2012		
Clir L	ucy Chaplin					
Where plans are considered the full report of the conservation panel should be available for the public			Not a local plan issue			
•	•	scheme to help land	ords an	d homeowr	ners	
	meet standards for	replacement windows ore secure and energy	in cons	servation ar		
Gladn						
•	Recommends that	the wording of the	policv i	s amended	d to	Wording
		to conserve rather that				reflects Listed
•	NPPF paragraph	137 should be cons	idered	when defii	ning	Building Act.
	•	will be supported in th				
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		e Framework, which d				with NPPF
	where there is substantial or less than substantial harm to a					
	heritage asset			al 4 a 21 - 4	. <b>.</b> 11-	
•		nds that the policy is a non-designated herita			ine	
Montagu Evans, on behalf of All Saints						
•		nciples of this policy, l			that	Adding 'or'
	for clarity 'and' or 'o	r' is added after each	number	ed point		would change meaning of

	policy
De Montfort University	N
<ul> <li>We would like to emphasise the balance between the presumption against any harm to heritage assets, and the benefits of any potential schemes</li> <li>DMU are committed to building upon its existing presence</li> </ul>	Noted
within Leicester, and any future development by the University will be designed to be sensitive to its surroundings	Noted
Member of the Public	
Needs balance, for example heating devices outside a listed building.	Cases will be judged on its merits
Member of the Public	
<ul> <li>The section on local heritage assets is too weak</li> <li>the wording should be resisted rather than discouraged</li> <li>The wording in this section should be tightened to give the council a better chance at future appeals</li> <li>consideration should be given non listed buildings of historic interest when threatened with demolition</li> <li>It is better to utilise facadism rather than demolish an interesting, historic building which is unlisted</li> <li>I approve the policies outlined</li> </ul>	Heritage significance provides framework for assessing buildings and structures that can be identified as Heritage Assets.
	Policy has to be proportionate.

## DM34 Archaeology

Historic England	
This policy is welcomed	Noted
Montagu Evans, on behalf of All Saints	
<ul> <li>Further clarification to the wording is required. Specifically it should be made clear that a desktop archaeological assessment will be required and that this is required where a) and b) both apply</li> <li>We do support the recognition that such factors may have an impact on the development of sites from a viability perspective</li> </ul>	Noted. Policy and supporting text amended

Member of the Public	
	Noted
I approve the policies outlined	

### DM35 Culture, community, leisure and tourism

Theatres Trust	
<ul> <li>In terms of encouraging new cultural facilities, the policy does not reflect guidance in para 70 of the NPPF in terms of protecting existing cultural facilities.</li> <li>We recommend the draft policy is amended to also include:         <ul> <li>"Development of new cultural and community facilities will be supported and should enhance the well-being of the local community, and the vitality and viability of centres".</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Policy supports culture, leisure and tourism facilities. Supporting text benefits of such facilities.
Racial Minority CVS	
<ul> <li>Would like early, active and equal involvement in the management of use of local cultural resources</li> <li>Needs to be a consideration of appropriate structures/buildings that can accommodate large events, including travel requirements</li> <li>Increase diversity of hotels, and utilising university halls of residences</li> </ul>	Not a local plan issue  Noted
Member of the Public	
<ul> <li>Concentrating on the cleanliness of the streets in LE1 to the same standard near the Cathedral should be a priority</li> <li>Is there enough quality accommodation for visitors?</li> <li>I approve the policies outlined</li> </ul>	Not a local plan issue

## DM37 Protection of Public Houses (class A4)

CAMRA	
<ul> <li>We would ask that all reference to other uses are removed from paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) then the test would be solely about the viability of a public house as a public house.</li> </ul>	Policy worded to discourage COU to other uses unless criteria is met. No change.
Member of the Public	Noted
I approve the policies outlined	

## DM38 Great Central Railway Museum

Member of the Public	
I approve the policies outlined	Noted. Draft allocation and policy in plan

### **DM39 Open space network**

Environment Agency	Noted
<ul> <li>Groundwater can be at risk of pollution from burials where the numbers are sufficient and if the site is in a sensitive or vulnerable area. Measures to prevent or limit pollution must be appropriately considered, given the sensitivity and risks posed. We recommend the policy or supporting paragraphs make recognition of this.</li> </ul>	
Sport England	Noted, policy amended
This policy is less onerous than para 74 of NPPF	amended
Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust	
<ul> <li>Please note public amenity and recreational areas are not designed with wildlife in mind and therefore are not of great value to wildlife. It would not be right to include amenity or recreational areas as areas of high value to biodiversity</li> <li>Any new wildlife habitat should be carefully planned with wildlife in mind, landscaping on a development</li> </ul>	Noted.
Canal and River Trust	
<ul> <li>We therefore consider that in identifying and assessing the open space network within the city, "blue" infrastructure such as the canal should be specifically referred to</li> <li>DM Policy 39 should therefore include reference to waterways (and in particular the Grand Union Canal) as a part of the open space network</li> </ul>	Noted, amended text.
Humberstone Village Community Forum	Noted. Policy
<ul> <li>It is important to retain as much area as possible for health and ecology reasons.</li> </ul>	seeks to protect open space.
Gladmans	
<ul> <li>It will therefore be necessary for the wording of this policy to be revised to enable housing and employment development in these locations in circumstances where it would not have an undue impact upon the intended functions of the green wedge</li> <li>It will therefore be necessary to allow micro scale</li> </ul>	Noted. Policy amended.

- assessments to be undertaken to consider the role of a specific site within the wider context of the green wedge.
- It is also noted that the policy intends to require on-site play provision on all sites of over 50 dwellings. Any such requirement would need to be formulated on qualitative and quantitative evidence of need and take into account proximity to existing facilities within the wording of the policy

#### **Member of the Public**

- Develop the ways along the river and canal with paths linking each green space along them
- Where there is no room for a Green space beside the water, have a two level path... the upper for people and one below for small animals

Noted.

#### Member of the Public

- It is not mentioned how decisions about developing on green spaces will be taken in practice
- I don't believe that any open space is surplus to requirements, especially natural open space
- I object to your definition of environmental damage being restricted to such a narrow definition as damage to SSSIs. Firstly, no mention is made of bio-abundance
- There should be no damage to wildlife habitat even if it is not a designated SSSI because bio-abundance will be impacted
- Development should be refused it leads to habitat fragmentation
- Student accommodation should not be exempt from the need to create open space
- No green space should be given over to roads or car parking
- How will 'benefit' of SSSIs be assessed
- Nature reserves should not be built upon
- The tree policy makes no mention of the role that trees play in improving air quality, whereas the air quality policy does
- The council should adopt 3 over-riding principles:
  - 1) The environment will be protected
  - 2) Plans will not negatively impact on the health of the populace
  - 3) Social equality will be met at all times
- I am concerned that this wording does not give enough protection to open space and assumes permission will be given. It is not clear how 'Surplus to requirements' and 'not needed' are to be defined. They are subjective and not well

Noted. Policies in line with NPPF.

Policy amended to encourage multifunctional uses of green infrastructure.

Noted. Text amended to include allotments.

regulated by 'formula' such as whether there is 'enough' of a type of open space in the area

- Suggested wording
- Development on open spaces will only be considered where:
  - o a) The open space is surplus to requirements
  - o b) It is not needed for another type of open space.
  - o AND the relative merit of the development is considered against the value of the land as open space.
- The open space, sport and recreation study (2017) shows some odd boundaries in the Clarendon Park area; the terraced housing and flats to the east of this boundary bear more resemblance to the areas within Central than to the SE area
- There is no specific mention of allotments
- Would like to see specific mention of Queens Road allotments
- I approve the policies outlined
- You assert that "There is a demand for housing and employment land within the city that cannot be met solely through redevelopment of brownfield land." Can you please provide evidence
- Criteria for development on green wedges should include that development will have no effect on biodiversity, wildlife habitat, wildlife corridors, drainage, air quality or the ability to ameliorate urban heat island effects and other ecosystem services
- Open space is never surplus to requirements all open space is important for human mental wellbeing, wildlife and flora and offers ecosystem services
- Issue about land owned by the city which sits in the county
- It is important to retain as much as possible for health and ecology reasons

#### DM40 Waterways

#### **Environment Agency**

• The Local Plan makes no reference at all to the Water | City Council are

<ul> <li>Framework Directive (WFD)</li> <li>strongly recommend the Local Plan includes a comment/policy on the Water Framework Directive within this Policy, and supporting text</li> <li>recommend that a new standalone Policy is added to address this, or alternatively, the following wording (or similar) should be added as a new standalone bullet point to DM Policy 40: <ul> <li>'Development proposals that are likely to impact on surface or groundwater should consider the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). Development proposals will be expected to demonstrate that they positively contribute to the water environment and its ecology where possible, and do not adversely affect surface and ground water quality in line with the requirements of the WFD.'</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	working with EA and Seven Trent Water on Flood Risk assessment and Water Cycle Study. This will be available for Reg 19 Consultation.
Historic England	Noted. Policy
Reference should be included to heritage assets and their settings within the policy criteria for the waterways of Leicester	amended to consider heritage assets.
Blaby Parish Council	
<ul> <li>Policy is good in principle.</li> <li>Expect to be consulted if the areas around the Grand Union Canal and the River Sense are developed.</li> </ul>	Noted.
Canal and River Trust	
<ul> <li>Pleased to note that the value and potential of the waterway is recognised</li> <li>Supports the inclusion of a specific waterways policy within the Plan</li> <li>We suggest that the accompanying text to DM Policy 40 should include reference to the Trust's role as operator/navigation authority</li> <li>We suggest that the text be amended as follows: <ul> <li>The River Soar and the Grand Union Canal thread their way through the administrative area of the city from south to north, creating a strong waterway corridor through the centre of the city. This includes part of the Leicester Line of the Grand Union Canal, which is a navigable waterway operated by the Canal &amp; River Trust, and providing a link to the wider navigable inland waterway network. The waterway corridor has an important role to play in the heritage, biodiversity and regeneration, together with its importance for leisure, recreation and transport. Development adjacent to the waterway corridor has the opportunity to harness the potential of the waterway to provide an attractive environment for visitors, business opportunities and as a place to live</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Noted. Policy amended where appropriate.

and work

- Include a requirement for development proposals to take account of the importance of securing protection of the physical structure of the waterway
- Development proposals provide appropriate information to demonstrate that they do not pose a risk to the waterway and associated structures
- Suggest that the policy should specifically identify towpath improvements along with improving access to the waterway
- Where new development will contribute towards increased use of the towpath or facilitates greater access to it, contributions should be sought where they are in accordance with regulations 122 & 123 (CIL regulations).
- suggest that the reference to appropriate lighting within new schemes refers to the importance of minimising adverse impacts on wildlife supported by the canal
- We suggest therefore that Policy DM 40 be amended to include the following:
  - DM Policy 40. Waterways
  - Development adjacent to, or within, the waterway corridor and other watercourses will be expected to:
    - a) Show how it meets the aspirations of the River Soar and Grand Union Canal partnership strategy and action plan
    - b) Act as a focus for regeneration, recognising its strategic importance in the city's open space network, and make a positive contribution towards its recreational and environmental value
    - c) Protect and enhance the nature and built conservation value of the waterway corridor
    - d) Demonstrate that it will not have an adverse impact on the existing physical structure of the waterway and/or towpath, or that such impacts can be appropriately mitigated through on- or off-site measures such as strengthening of canal banks
    - e) Improve access to the waterway from the development site and adjoining open space and streets, and improve surveillance of the waterway
    - f) Provide access for walkers, cyclists, boaters, paddlers and other recreational and leisure uses, as appropriate, to reinforce the waterway corridor as a tourist and visitor attraction, including improving and upgrading the canal towpath where appropriate
    - g) Reflect the variations in the waterway in terms of use, location and design and complement and enhance the architectural

quality of the waterside, particularly with regard to historic assets and include appropriate lighting which does not adversely affect wildlife which uses or is supported by waterway corridors  • h) Provide safe, secure and accessible mooring and boating facilities, where possible and appropriate  • i) Exploit opportunities to provide the multiple benefits of reducing flood risk; improving amenity value; improving water quality; enhancing biodiversity; and facilitating connectivity between development and neighbouring sites. This may include opening up and altering existing culverted channels, where feasible  • j) Set back development from one or both banks to allow for flood management, access for maintenance, landscaping and emergency work, as required  • k) Contributions may be sought for improvements/enhancements to the waterways (including canal towpaths) in accordance with regulations 122 & 123 (CIL regulations).	
Sport England	
<ul> <li>Support policies that actively promote the recreational value of waterways</li> </ul>	Noted.
Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society	
Support of this policy with the caveat that all development along the waterway should take account of the flora and	Noted.
<ul> <li>fauna, not only in and immediately alongside the waterway, but also within the near vicinity</li> <li>Development would be inappropriate anywhere within the flood plain area because of flood risk</li> </ul>	Flooding policy explains risk levels
Member of the Public	
Good thing for there to be access to most of both banks of the waterways	Noted.
Member of the Public	
	Noted.
<ul> <li>Leicester does very little to promote its water frontage</li> <li>I approve the policies outlined</li> </ul>	

Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society Meeting 18th October 2017	
Effect on waterways by Development is an issue. SUDS are important	Noted.

#### **DM41 Biodiversity and geodiversity**

DM41 Diodiversity and geodiversity	
Natural England	
<ul> <li>Welcome the policies contained within the Development Management Policies Consultation Document. We particularly welcome Section 11 on the environment and the policies contained therein</li> <li>Pleased to note commitment to protect Sites of Special Scientific Interest</li> <li>welcome the more general commitment to biodiversity and protecting wildlife habitats</li> <li>Local Plan should be underpinned by up to date environmental evidence</li> <li>Plan should also reference Nature Improvement Areas (NIAs) and consider specifying appropriate types of development within them</li> <li>Where housing allocations are proposed in the environs of NIAs opportunities to contribute to habitat enhancement should be explored</li> <li>plan area contains irreplaceable habitats, such as ancient woodland and veteran trees, there should be appropriate</li> </ul>	Noted. Policy amended where appropriate.  Policy to protect ancient woodlands and veteran trees added.
policies to ensure their protection	
<ul> <li>Welcome the inclusion of Policy 41</li> <li>Important that Local Nature Reserves will be maintained, protected and enhanced</li> <li>Supportive of the requirement for new development to create, maintain and enhance connections for wildlife and biodiversity</li> <li>Request an amendment to bullet point 'c' under 'Biodiversity'. It is our opinion that new development should 'avoid' harm caused to habitats etc., and not 'minimise' harm as currently worded</li> </ul>	Noted.
Leicestershire County Council	
There is no mention of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan, which was revised in 2016	Noted.
Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust	
Do not feel that it does enough to fulfil the NPPF	

• We would like to see the planning policy 'identify and map components of the local ecological networks, including the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites of importance for biodiversity, wildlife corridors and stepping stones that connect them and areas identified by local partnerships for habitat restoration or creation; promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species populations, linked to national and local targets, and identify suitable indicators for monitoring biodiversity in the plan'

Noted. Policy seeks to protect national and locally designated sites.

- This policy does not set out to do enough the use of 'where possible' suggests a 'get out clause' should the cost or timing of a development increase if nature
- Corridors should be identified to link up these existing assets and the assets should be improved for biodiversity
- We do not feel that these policies do enough to address the requirements of the NPPF for biodiversity

#### Member of the Public

- Welcome your comments in the section on Biodiversity and Geodiversity about the importance of protecting fragile biodiversity
- The benefits of development will never outweigh the importance of SSSI
- it is not possible to fully mitigate and compensate for loss of biodiversity when you build on a local nature reserve
- "New development will be permitted where it would not cause significant harm to habitats and associated species or to sites of local nature or geological importance" should be revised to read: "New development will be permitted where it would not cause any harm"
- How harm is measured and quantified needs to be more explicit
- · I approve the policies outlined

Noted. Policy seeks to protect SSSI, in line with NPPF.

#### DM42 Sustainable design and construction for new developments

•	Generally supportive of this policy, and in particular the wording under 'resilience to climate change' Recommend that the wording "and compensatory flood storage" should be added the end of bullet point 'd'.	Noted, policy amended with 'and not causing flooding elsewhere' added.
Raci	al Minority CVS	
•	Buildings and spaces that use recycled materials, conserve energy, use renewable materials and energy could be	Noted. Covered on climate

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De Montfort University	
<ul> <li>Agrees with the implementation of the energy hierarchy</li> <li>Policy should however make allowance for flexibility with regards to its implementation, particularly with reference to the refurbishment of existing buildings, or at development locations with specific challenges such as heritage significance, or proposals with explicit operational considerations, such as laboratories</li> <li>would like the Council to clarify through the policy that connection to communal heating networks is not a prerequisite of development, but rather that it should be considered as a potential energy source</li> <li>Agrees with the careful and efficient use of resources to reflect the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse and recycle) and that 'designing out waste' should form an important part of the design considerations that include measures during construction and operation</li> <li>Clarity on the information expected within the planning applications may be helpful</li> <li>Support the role of the Local Plan in encouraging development to consider climate change, though any climate change policies must themselves be flexible and adaptive given the uncertainty of potential short and medium term climate change impacts in the City</li> <li>The possible constraints and opportunities of different site locations and development types should be considered to enable proposals to demonstrate that the measures included are appropriate and proportionate</li> </ul>	Noted. Policy amended where appropriate.
University of Leicester	
<ul> <li>These environmental measures should also consider the risks associated with future climate change and demonstrate how they have been planned for as part of the layout of the scheme and design of its buildings to ensure it has a longer resilience</li> <li>A more detailed energy and sustainability policy is welcomed</li> </ul>	Noted. Policy amended where appropriate.
<ul> <li>We support the intention to provide a clear policy position reflecting national standards</li> </ul>	
Montagu Evans, on behalf of All Saints	
These environmental measures should also consider the risks associated with future climate change and demonstrate how they have been planned for as part of the layout of the scheme and design of its buildings to ensure it has a longer resilience  A more detailed energy and sustainability policy is welcomed.	Noted. Policy amended where appropriate.
<ul> <li>A more detailed energy and sustainability policy is welcomed</li> </ul>	

We support the intention to provide a clear policy position reflecting national standards	
Member of the Public	Noted. Policy amended where appropriate.
<ul> <li>Why not ensure all new buildings have solar energy capture tiles or devices on top?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>If the railway station has a major development, all building supplies can come in by train</li> </ul>	
Member of the Public	Noted. Policy amended where appropriate.
	appropriate.
<ul> <li>I did not see any mention of encouraging/compelling developers to include rainwater harvesting and grey water systems into new developments</li> </ul>	

# DM43 Delivering renewable and low carbon energy projects (excluding wind turbines)

Stresses that these considerations should also be included as a reference within the energy and carbon reduction element of Policy 42     A cross reference to this policy could be made to highlight considerations for the appropriate inclusion of renewable sources of energy within development proposals for buildings	Noted, policy amended and promotes use of renewable energy sources.
Member of the Public	
I approve the policies outlined	Noted

### **DM44 Managing flood risk**

Environment Agency		
<ul> <li>Does not pay sufficient attention to fluvial flood risk</li> <li>We would expect this section to make reference to relevant planning policy, including the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and associated Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). We would expect this section to discuss whether or not this has been applied to this Local Plan, and steer people to the location of any such evidence etc. We would also expect to see further information and how the exception test will be applied, and information on how</li> </ul>	Noted. amended appropriate	

<ul> <li>developments will be expected to address the safety of the development in scenarios where the exception test does not apply (changes of use etc.)</li> <li>We note the intention is for the Local Plan to be published and adopted in 2019. By that point, the Leicester Integrated Flood Risk Management Strategy (IFRMS) will have been published, and the supporting text therefore needs to be updated to make reference to this important guidance document</li> <li>New development must also ensure that SuDS do not cause pollution of controlled waters by, for example, infiltrating runoff through land impacted by contamination. An addition should be made to this section, to recognise that there may be scenarios where infiltration is not considered appropriate due to other constraints such as contaminated land.</li> </ul>	Evidence referenced in climate change and flood risk chapter
Woodland Trust     The role which trees and woods, planted in appropriate locations, can play in alleviating certain types of flooding and improving water quality should also be acknowledged with your Local Plan and the Sustainability Assessment	Noted. Green Infrastructure policy encourages multiple uses.
<ul> <li>Need to align with national planning for climate change and sustainability guidance provided by the Planning Practice Guidance</li> <li>Any local sustainability requirements for non-residential buildings should consider the impact on viability of development both commercially and technically</li> <li>It should also be noted that there is a direct link between Policy 44 and the climate change resilience measures within Policy 42, but that the detail within Policy 44 and / or current best practice, such as that within the CIRIA SuDs Manual, should be followed with reference to the implementation of SuDS to also satisfy the requirements of Policy 44</li> </ul>	Noted. Multifunction use of SUDS encouraged with green infrastructure policy.
Member of the Public     Work with all district councils to increase tree planting of types which maximise water up-draw	Noted.
Member of the Public     Would like to see more mention of the importance of climate change, flooding and environment and link the policies	Noted. Policy amended where

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<ul> <li>It is not safe to classify gardens as greenfield. A major contributor to flooding is tarmacing of gardens</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>I approve the policies outlined</li> </ul>	

# DM45 Healthy and active city

Cllr Lucy Chaplin	
I support the comments that have been submitted by the public health team	Noted
Impacts of developments on local health facilities need to be considered in planning reports	See draft policy HW02, which introduces a requirement for Health Impact Assessments to done for major development proposals.
Sport England	Sports provision is now covered in
<ul> <li>Could this be extended to include linking development to the provision of sports/recreational facilities either on site or</li> </ul>	chapter 13.
<ul> <li>off site as necessary</li> <li>Sport England would commend the use of the Active Design guidance in the master planning process for new residential developments</li> </ul>	The principles of active design are covered throughout the plan, particularly in delivering quality places
De Montfort University	
<ul> <li>strongly supports DM Policy 45</li> <li>supports the favourable approach by the Council in terms of providing playing pitches and building new built sport facilities.</li> </ul>	Noted Sports provision is now covered in chapter 13.
<ul> <li>Sports Provision policies within the Development Management Policies document assist in enabling the growth and enhancement of existing facilities</li> </ul>	
Member of the Public	Noted. Limiting the
Agree with cycling but they must have a speed restriction on them when the cycle lane is part of a foot path	speed of cyclists is beyond the scope of planning policy
Member of the Public	
This should explicitly mention the need to assess negative	See revised draft policies HW01

<ul> <li>impacts of development on health and wellbeing, including air quality</li> <li>I approve the policies outlined</li> </ul>	and HW02. Draft policy T02 specifically considers air quality.
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## DM46 Playing pitches and their associated clubrooms/changing facilities

Sport England	Noted
Supported	
Member of the Public	Noted
I approve the policies outlined	

## DM47 Existing playing pitches

Sport England	
<ul> <li>Supported in principle but this policy in terms of the judgement of surplus must be directly linked to the playing pitch strategy and therefore if the PPS</li> <li>If the Playing Pitch strategy is to be implemented successfully should there be a policy that actively seeks the implementation of the strategy</li> </ul>	Noted. Policy amended.
Barratt Homes	
<ul> <li>Concern is expressed over the drafting of this particular Policy which implies ALL three components have to be met before"alternative development" will be permitted</li> <li>It is recommended that: '; or' is inserted after the words: "requirements" and "provided"; thereby bringing the amended wording in to line with the Framework/NPPF, Paragraph 74</li> </ul>	Noted. Policy amended.
Member of the Public	
	Noted.
I approve the policies outlined	

### DM48 Built sports facilities

Sport England	

Supported	Noted
Member of the Public	
	Noted
I approve the policies outlined	

# DM49 Accessibility and development

Member of the Public	
<ul> <li>Need for Park n Ride to be better marketed and used</li> <li>Have them going around the inner area to serve more locations</li> <li>More co-ordinated bus guide</li> <li>Charging Urge central govt that it would be a "Good Thing" and it will bring about a sea change in the use of car and public transport</li> </ul>	Noted
Member of the Public	
<ul> <li>There is no reference to other modes of transport used by disabled people who cannot walk far</li> <li>There is no mention at all of Blue-Badge spaces and the need for these to be close to a destination</li> <li>While dropped kerbs are more often provided these days, suitable crossings are less often thought about. One impossible crossing point can stop use of the whole route</li> <li>This policy needs to be strengthened for pedestrians in particular in all the urban locations</li> <li>Cyclists travelling on the pavement due to the lack of cycle lanes except in the city centre and vehicles parking and pulling up on the pavement. It is not a safe city for pedestrians</li> <li>Bus services need to be improved to reduce the traffic into and out of the city</li> <li>Improved monitoring of taxi services. Many taxis drive at speeds above the speed limit, run red lights and do not obey traffic signs</li> <li>Should clearly commit to prioritising encouraging sustainable transport</li> <li>Most effective way to encourage cycling is to provide segregated cycling facilities.</li> <li>I approve the policies outlined</li> </ul>	Policies in Transportation chapter addresses most of these issues.  Issues relating to taxi not a local plan issue

## DM50 Supporting low emission vehicles

Turleys on behalf of ALDI Stores Ltd	
The policy should acknowledge that the proposed requirements relating to supporting low emission vehicles must be considered alongside any potential issues of viability/practicality	Noted.
Member of the Public	
<ul> <li>Needs to reduce traffic into and through the city</li> <li>Managing the number of heavy good vehicles which use the city centre as a through route will have a significantly beneficial impact on air quality and road safety</li> <li>There are many places where high occupancy vehicles are given priority</li> <li>I approve the policies outlined</li> </ul>	Covered in Transport Chapter. Air Quality policy TO2 contains criteria to address some of these issues

### **DM51 New car parking**

University of Leicester	
<ul> <li>The proposed investment into cycling infrastructure on London Road, between the University and station is welcome</li> <li>more can be done to make Leicester a safer place in which to cycle, especially on routes leading to and from the Main Campus</li> <li>there is still a demand for car parking and this needs to be appropriately considered and managed</li> </ul>	Policy T03 covers this  Separate parking SPD to be produced
Montagu Evans, on behalf of All Saints	
<ul> <li>It is noted that the need for amended parking standards (associated with new development) will be considered and consulted on again in more detail at the next stage of the Local Plan. We fully support this and will comment on this policy in future rounds of consultation</li> <li>It is likely to be appropriate for accessible and sustainable sites, i.e. those in areas benefitting from good transport links and proximity to the city centre, to come forward with low or nil levels of car parking</li> <li>We understand that this is a situation being realised in planning permissions coming forward on key central sites within the city currently</li> </ul>	Noted.
Member of the Public	

- Note that parking and transport plans will need to show that they are not detrimentally affecting air quality but this rarely happens in practice. This aspect therefore needs to be strengthened and actually enforced
- Parking needs to be more restricted and made much more expensive
- The council needs to acknowledge that cars are not vital for the economic wellbeing of the city
- The Council should have a strategy to reduce the amount of car parking in the city which should run in conjunction with policies to increase cycling, walking, use of public transport and car sharing
- At least 50% of parking spaces should be wired ready for electric vehicle charging points
- Create car parks further out of the city where people can park to car share into the city
- Increase the access for city users for the park and ride to encourage people not to drive into the city and to ensure every Park & ride bus is fully utilised
- I approve the policies outlined

Noted. Most of these issues covered by new draft policies in the draft local plan.

Specific policies included on park and ride, walking and cycling and air quality.

Separate
Parking SPD to
be produced.

#### **DM52 New Waste Uses**

#### **Historic England** • Reference to the historic environment within criteria e) is welcomed Noted. Could be strengthened to comply with the NPPF by: Draft Heritage "e) Any impacts on the natural and historical policies would environment (including heritage assets and their also apply. settings) ..." Leicestershire County Council Noted The text in the first paragraph of section 15 is out of date. It appears to be text used in the preparation of the previous joint waste development framework for the County and City A separate and is not appropriate waste and The only text reference to minerals is to hydraulic fracturing minerals local which is a strange issue to single out given the absence of plan will be suitable geology for this to occur prepared. The DM Policy 52 refers to 'waste uses' rather than 'development' city will work with the County and requiring local need to be proven without setting out in the what Leicester's shortfall in capacity is unlikely to be found preparation of sound this plan. Member of the Public

<ul> <li>There is a great difficulty in finding how to dispose of recyclable materials from an office, mostly paper related, often in large quantities</li> <li>Many commercial firms are small and they will just give up and put it all in with the ordinary waste</li> </ul>	Noted. Not a local plan issue.
Martin Buchanon, The Cooke E-Learning Foundation	
Beaumont Leys needs a Community Waste and Recycling Centre	Needs assessed as part of separate waste local plan
Member of the Public	
	Noted
I approve the policies outlined	

## **DM54 Managing Leicester's mineral resources**

Historic England	
Reference to 'heritage assets and their settings' would also be welcomed in accordance with the NPPF within policy 54	Noted. Policy in draft plan amended accordingly.
Leicestershire County Council	
DM Policy 54 refers to meeting mineral supply needs without specifying what Leicester's contribution will be. If Leicester is to rely on mineral supplied from outside the plan area this should be stated and made explicit	Separate Waste and Minerals Local Plan to be prepared. city will work closely with the county on this plan.
Minerals Products Association	
<ul> <li>Policy DM 54 needs to be redrafted to proper reflect the requirements of the NPPF</li> <li>There needs to be a specific policy to deal with the issue of mineral safeguarding.</li> <li>Text for suggested policy as follows;         <ul> <li>MSA POLICY</li> <li>The following surface minerals resources and associated buffer zones identified on the Policies Map will be safeguarded from other forms of surface development to protect the resource for the future:</li></ul></li></ul>	The council will be producing a separate waste and minerals local plan to determine future needs.  Detailed development management policies covering these issues will be included in that

 ii) All sand and gravel, clay and shallow coal resources with an additional 250m buffer; plan.

- iii) Building stone resources and active and former building stone quarries with an additional 250m buffer.
- The issue of non-mineral development within or near a MSA needs also to be dealt with by a specific policy with suggested wording below;
- Within Surface Minerals Safeguarding Areas shown on the Policies Map, permission for development other than minerals extraction will be granted where:
- i) It would not sterilise the mineral or prejudice future extraction; or
- ii) The mineral will be extracted prior to the development (where this can be achieved without unacceptable impact on the environment or local communities), or
- iii) The need for the non-mineral development can be demonstrated to outweigh the need to safeguard the mineral; or
- iv) It can be demonstrated that the mineral in the location concerned is no longer of any potential value as it does not represent an economically viable and therefore exploitable resource; or
- v) The non-mineral development is of a temporary nature that does not inhibit extraction within the timescale that the mineral is likely to be needed: or
- vi) It constitutes 'exempt' development (as defined in the Safeguarding Exemption Criteria list).
- Applications for development other than mineral extraction in Minerals Safeguarding Areas should include an assessment of the effect of the proposed development on the mineral resource beneath or adjacent to the site of the proposed development
- It is noted that mineral infrastructure (concrete, coated stone, railheads) has no safeguarding policy. The NPPF is explicit on the subject of safeguarding mineral infrastructure and states at paragraph 143
- It is clear from this policy that it is for the Local Plan to address the matter of safeguarding of mineral infrastructure
- A policy is required and suggested wording is set out below;
  - o Policy; Minerals ancillary infrastructure safeguarding
  - Minerals ancillary infrastructure sites (concrete batching, coated stone, construction recycling) identified on the Policies Map, with a 250m buffer

zone, will be safeguarded against development which would prevent or frustrate the use of the site for minerals ancillary infrastructure purposes, unless:

- i) The need for the alternative development outweighs the benefits of retaining the site; and
- ii) Where minerals ancillary infrastructure is in active use on the land, a suitable alternative location can be provided for the displaced infrastructure; or
- iii) The site is not in use and there is no reasonable prospect of it being used for minerals ancillary infrastructure in the foreseeable future.
- Where development, other than exempt development as defined in the Safeguarding Exemption Criteria list, is proposed within an identified buffer zone permission will be granted where adequate mitigation can, if necessary, be provided to reduce any impacts from the existing or proposed adjacent minerals ancillary infrastructure uses to an acceptable level, and the benefits of the proposed use outweigh any safeguarding considerations.
- o Policy: Transport infrastructure safeguarding
- Railheads, rail links and wharves identified on the Policies Map, with a 250m buffer zone, will be safeguarded against development which would prevent or frustrate the use of the infrastructure for minerals or waste transport purposes, unless:
  - i) The need for the alternative development outweighs the benefits of retaining the facility; and
  - ii) Where the minerals or waste transport infrastructure is in active use on the land, a suitable alternative location can be provided for the displaced infrastructure; or
  - iii) The infrastructure is not in use and there is no reasonable prospect of it being used for minerals or waste transport in the foreseeable future.
- Where development, other than exempt development as defined in the Safeguarding Exemption Criteria list, is proposed within an identified buffer zone permission will be granted where adequate mitigation can, if necessary, be provided to reduce any impacts from the existing or proposed adjacent minerals or waste transport infrastructure uses to an acceptable level, and the benefits of the proposed use outweigh any safeguarding considerations.
- The suggested Safeguarding Exemption Criteria list is as follows:

- Infilling in an otherwise built up frontage within a settlement
- Householder applications within the curtilage of a property
- Advertisement applications
- Reserved matters applications
- Applications for new or improved accesses
- Minor' extensions/alterations to existing uses/buildings which do not fundamentally change the scale and character of the use/building 'Temporary' development (for up to five years)
- Agricultural buildings adjacent to existing farmsteads
- 'Minor' works such as fences, bus shelters, gates, walls, accesses.
- Amendments to current permissions (with no additional land take involved)
- Changes of use
- Applications for development on land which is already allocated in an adopted local plan where the plan took account of minerals and waste safeguarding requirements
- Listed Building Consent and applications for planning permission for demolition in a conservation area
- Applications for work on trees or removal of hedgerows
- Prior notifications for telecommunications, forestry, agriculture and demolition
- Redevelopment of previously developed land not increasing the footprint of the former development
- Certificates of Lawfulness of Existing Use of Development and
- Certificates of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development

#### **DM56 Developer contributions and infrastructure**

#### **Oadby and Wigston Council**

The Council would suggest that wording similar to the following is inserted into DM Policy 56. 'For all new development proposals, it will be necessary to consider both the isolated and cumulative impact that they may have upon the surrounding infrastructure'. This will ensure that any development that has cross boundary impacts can be appropriately mitigated

Noted. The City
Council works
closely with the
County Council
and district
councils in
addressing cross
boundary needs

Education and skills funding agency	
<ul> <li>In this context and with specific regard to planning for schools, there is a need to ensure that education contributions made by developers are sufficient to deliver the additional school places required to meet the increase in demand generated by new developments</li> <li>It would be helpful if Policy DM56: Provision of Infrastructure and Developer Contributions included text to the effect that: Planning permission will only be granted if it can be demonstrated that there is sufficient appropriate infrastructure capacity to support the development or that such capacity will be delivered, at the appropriate time, by the proposal</li> <li>The ESFA would be particularly interested in responding to any update to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan or review of infrastructure requirements, which will inform any CIL review and/or amendments to the Regulation 123 list. As such, please add the ESFA to the database for future CIL consultations</li> </ul>	A Local Plan Infrastructure Assessment has been prepared, which will address these issues
Humberstone Village Community Forum	A Local Plan Infrastructure
<ul> <li>Serious thought needs to be given to schools, health facilities, shops and roads/transport when planning new development</li> </ul>	Assessment has been prepared, which will address these issues
Gladmans	
<ul> <li>There is nothing in the wording of the TCPA 1990, the Planning Act 2008, the CIL Regulations nor the Framework which suggests that authorities could or should claim administration and monitoring fees as part of planning obligations</li> <li>The Courts have agreed that administering, monitoring and enforcing planning obligations is part of the everyday functions of an LPA (see Oxfordshire County Council v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2015] EWHC 186 (Admin).)</li> </ul>	Noted – Government have provided clarity on monitoring fees. The Council is compliant with this.
Member of the public	
I agree with the proposals, but would urge the Council to take firm action against developers who change properties without planning permission	Noted

## **DM57 Planning Enforcement**

Martin Buchanon, The Cooke E-Learning Foundation	
<ul> <li>LCC should legally enforce agreements with housing developers that propose and sign up to creating community infrastructure and low-cost houses</li> </ul>	Noted. However, not a local plan issue
Member of the Public	
<ul> <li>Planning enforcement needs to be stepped up in order to force owners of derelict sites such as Corah's to do the appropriate maintenance or sell the site</li> <li>It is important that policy applied is able to be enforced</li> </ul>	Noted. However, not a local plan issue.
Would like to see planning permissions more specifically detail Inclusive Design measures that need to be built before occupation and retained - such as are applied to retention of landscaping, parking etc	Inclusive design policies contained within draft plan.

# **Potential Development Sites**

#### **General Comments on sites**

Summary of representation	LCC response
Member of the Public  Develop neglected areas of city with unused buildings e.g. Abbey park road former first bus garage site, Woodgate, Slater street school, Empty offices	Draft Local Plan includes a proposed Central Development Area with estimated capacity for 4,905 new homes, two office development sites and two sites (including former bus depot Abbey Park Road) for new schools.
Humberstone Village Community Forum  Local infrastructure should be considered alongside any future developments within the Humberstone/Hamilton areas, particularly in view of the recent large developments in the locality.	An Infrastructure Assessment has been produced as part of the evidence base for the draft Local Plan.
Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society protect Aylestone Meadows at all costs.	Aylestone Meadows (Site SW27 / 454) not proposed for development (no longer available).
Oadby and Wigston Council  Under the Duty to Cooperate the Council would wish to be consulted on any plans for built development on any of the close or adjacent to the boundary between the city and Oadby & Wigston, due to the cross boundary nature of the green wedges in which they are situated, as well as the close highway and transportation links that the Borough and the City share.	Oadby and Wigston Borough Council will be consulted on the draft Local Plan.
Claire Install LRWT  The biodiversity / geodiversity criteria just take into account statutory / non-statutory designated wildlife sites. Do not mention networks, corridors, stepping stones or priority species. NPPF says that planning policies should 'promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species populations, linked to national and local targets, and identify suitable indicators for monitoring biodiversity in the plan'. This is not being fulfilled by the assessment criteria. The criteria should aim to fulfil the guidance in the NPPF	This is not site specific comment. Issues are addressed in Natural Environment Chapter.

#### Nick Sandford: Woodland Trust

Site allocations should reflect local need, whilst also seeking to enhance and preserve green space. Therefore, well used local community green assets should not be put forward as development proposals

All new site allocations should seek to enhance Green Infrastructure provision and well used local community green assets. New development opportunities should continue to be focussed, where they can contribute a lot to local characters and distinctiveness, whilst also achieving sustainable patterns of development across Leicester City.

Therefore, site allocations and development management policies, also needs to put in place effective monitoring, so as to highlight any effective delivery

maintaining a high quality natural environment should be defined as a measurable objective of site allocations and development management policies as well

We also consider that your Council has a statutory duty to protect trees and promote tree planting in an Open Space Study.

Ancient/veteran trees, represents an irreplaceable semi natural habitat that still does not benefit from full statutory protection, therefore again the Woodland Trust would like to see this being taken into account with site allocations being put forward and development management policies given that woodland is acknowledged as being a multi-functional asset in your Local Plan Core Strategy.

An assessment of the suitability of sites for allocation for development the in draft Local Plan has been undertaken accordance with methodology agreed with  $\mathsf{HMA}$ partners. The Methodology includes criteria relating to (amongst other things) open space - taking account of the open space study - and trees. Site allocations documents have been produced and these record the reasons for proposed allocations. The site Plan draft Local contains policies relating to open spaces and trees.

#### **Member of the Public**

In general, development should take place in the city centre where the transport and other infrastructure is good. cannot afford to lose our precious heritage of open space, wildlife areas, health promoting green space, areas for sport and recreation and areas where development leads to pressure on side streets, air pollution or loss of amenity (the feel of the place). This is especially so as the population of the city is increasing.

Draft Local Plan includes a proposed Central Development Area with estimated capacity for 4,905 new homes, two office development sites and two sites for new schools.

However, 4,905 homes represents only a proportion of the City's housing need for the plan period. The City Council has therefore had to

consider all other available brownfield and greenfield sites in City. Site allocations documents have been produced and these record the reasons for proposed brownfield and greenfield site allocations beyond the Central Development Area.

# Mather Jamie: for the Trustees of the Humberstone and Elms Farms Trusts.

We note that the Leicester Employment Land Study 2017 found a considerable need for additional employment land within the City and has recommended the allocation of an additional 45 hectares of land for development purposes. The Trustees have requested that we make representations to yourselves to promote the allocation of land to the north of the Hamilton Business Park, adjacent to the Sofidel paper factory and south of Melton Brook

Noted. This was considered and discounted on grounds that it provided sports and playing facilities for the Sustainable Urban Extension to the north (Charnwood)

#### **Member of the Public**

In general - Parks, playing fields and allotments are all vital resources that provide us with opportunities to relax, spend time with nature, socialise, exercise and otherwise enjoy our city. With the local population rising so does the importance of maintaining these open spaces and keeping them as such (and not developing the same into housing).

These open spaces have a huge capacity to store carbon and reduce pollution in the local area which not only have significant positive effects on air quality but a knock-on effect in terms of in terms of our well-being.

Leicester is in the heart of rural England. It would be an affront to our heritage to turn the city into a housing jungle. We did not inherit our city from our ancestors; we borrow it for our children.

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Joseph Drewry, Environment Agency:	SRA 23: now inclu	ided
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Flood Risk	Central Developm	nent
The sites listed below have been identified within the	Area	
Leicester Integrated Flood Risk Management Strategy	SRA 24: now inclu	ided
(IFRMS), due for publication early 2018, as having potential	within the propo	sed
for development of flood risk management interventions.	Central Developm	
We ask to be kept informed of any proposals for these sites	Area	
and we may offer additional comments on these sites		Not
throughout the process, if and when new information on	proposed	for
flood risk becomes available.	development	(no
libou fish becomes available.	longer available)	(110
CDA22 Bonton Stroot		Nlot
SRA23 - Repton Street	NE62 (595):	Not
SRA24 - Frog Island	proposed	for
NE66 - Land to south of Thurcaston Road - Former John	development	
Ellis College Playing Fields	(suitability)	
NE62 - Land to north of Thurcaston Road (east of	NE70 (518):	Not
River/Canal)	proposed	for
NE70 - Former Marina	development	
NE63 - Land to north of Thurcaston Road (west of	(suitability)	
River/Canal)	NE63 (596):	Not
NE67 - Belgrave Gardens (west)	proposed	for
SW16 - Land north of Soar Valley Way	development	
SW23 - Braunstone Lane East Playing Fields	(suitability)	
SE01 - Knighton Park	NE67 (469):	Not
SW38 - Braunstone Park	proposed	for
NW10 - Western Park	development	(no
NW22 - Fosse Park	longer available)	`
SE25 - Coleman Primary School Playing fields	SW16 (583):	Not
SE32 - Spinney Hill Park	proposed	for
SE36 - Humberstone Park	development	101
SEGO Hambolotono Fair	(suitability)	
We would like to take this opportunity to remind your	SW23 (479):	Not
Authority that, where development is proposed in areas of	proposed	for
flood risk, the flood risk sequential test should be	development	
· •	•	(no
undertaken in an attempt to steer development to areas of	longer available)	Nlot
lowest flood risk. It is particularly important to apply this test	SE01 (567):	Not
throughout the Local Plan process, and we would expect to	proposed	for
see evidence to show that the sequential test has been a)	development	(no
carried out, and b) passed for all sites subsequently put	longer available)	<b>K</b> 1 4
forward for allocation. If this evidence is not forthcoming,	SW38 (480):	Not
and submitted in support of the Local Plan process, the	proposed	for
Environment Agency may raise issues of soundness on	development	(no
flood risk grounds.	longer available)	
	NW10 (703):	Not
Groundwater and Contaminated Land	proposed	for

According to our records, the sites listed below are located on, or adjacent to historic landfill sites. Redevelopment of former landfill sites can pose unacceptable risks to human health and the environment, and the cost of remediating pollution risks can be expensive. Prior to reaching a decision on any future planning applications, it is likely that a significant amount of information would have to be submitted to demonstrate how any risks can be managed, mitigated and reduced to an acceptable level. It is likely we would object to any proposals that cannot demonstrate this. We note that no Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has been carried out to assess individual sites as of yet, but we consider the SA the appropriate place to consider the risks associated to sites, and propose or discuss potential solutions; issues with contaminated land etc. are likely to require significant funds to remediate for example.

• SW01 Sonning Way Open Space, SW19 Montrose Road Open Space, SW24 Land south of Braunstone Lane East, SW25 Braunstone Lane East - Rear of Biam House, SW26 Sports Field, North of Braunstone Lane East, SW23 Braunstone Lane East Playing Fields, SW27 Aylestone Meadows, SW28 National Grid sports field, Aylestone Road, SRA01 Faircharm Industrial Estate/St Mary's Mills, NW51 Heacham Drive Open Space, NW31 Gilroes Cemetery, NW18 Stokes Wood Park, NW56 Beaumont Park, NW60 Astill Lodge Park, NE57 Rushey Mead Green Wedge South, NE61 Land adj Bath Street, NE60 Lanesborough Road - Former Allotments, NE51 Appleton Park, NE33 Humberstone Heights Golf Course, NE32 Gypsy Lane SSSI, SE39 Goodwood Amenity Area.

Similarly, where sites are thought to have had potentially contaminative historic uses, or there is reason to believe contamination may be present onsite (i.e. brownfield land), we may require information to be submitted prior to a decision on a planning application, which demonstrates that environmental risks associated with the site are understood, and thus that the proposal is developable.

A number of potential development sites (SW12 Saffron Hill Cemetery, SE10 Welford Road Cemetery, NW31 Gilroes Cemetery, etc.) are cemeteries. We consider cemeteries to be a potentially polluting use, and therefore future development proposals would have to demonstrate an understanding of the environmental risks associated with the historic, and proposed uses of the site.

Biodiversity
There are a number of potential development sites situated

development	(no
longer available)	
NW22 (520):	Not
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development	(no
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SE25 (494):	Not
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SE32 (670):	Not
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along the main River Soar corridor. This is a designated Local Wildlife Site and adjacent to the river are a number of important habitats that have Local Nature Reserve status. This blue corridor is used by protected species. This important wildlife corridor needs to be protected and enhanced and habitat creation opportunities along its length need to be sought. We recognise that the draft development management policies document contains a Policy requirement for buffer zones to be provided alongside waterways and watercourses; we are strongly supportive of this and will continue to request this on a site by site basis.

development (no longer available) **SW28** (332): Not proposed for development (suitability) SRA01 (Not proposed development for (retained for employment) NW51 Not (543): proposed for development (suitability) NW31 (528): Not proposed for development (no longer available) **NW18** (681): Not proposed for development (suitability) NW56 (464): Proposed for partial development only (42% of site) for employment, subject appropriate remediation. **NW60** (452): Not for proposed development (suitability) NE57 (656): Not proposed for development (suitability) (573): Not NE61 proposed for development (suitability) NE<sub>60</sub> (190): Considered suitable for development, subject to appropriate remediation. NE<sub>51</sub> Not (450): proposed for development (suitability) NE33 (553): Not

proposed for development (suitability) NE32 (541): Not for proposed development (suitability) SE39 (531): Not proposed for development (suitability) An SA has also been alongside produced the draft Local Plan. SW12 (659): Not proposed for development (no longer available) **SE10** (700): Not proposed for development (no longer available) **NW31** (528): Not proposed for development (no longer available)

#### Steve Beard, Sport England

#### Incidental open space

Sport England does not have a statutory planning remit to protect open space but we are concerned about the potential loss of incidental open space within residential areas. Our evidence suggests that access to open space near to where people live is a strong factor to moving people from inactive to active particularly in areas of deprivation.

#### Recreation areas

Sport England is concerned that a number of recreation areas are listed as potential development sites, some of the sites contain formal sports facilities. We are concerned that the loss of these sites would impact on the health and we being of residents. What evidence has been provided which prove that these sites are no longer needed. In addition many of these recreation grounds contain formal sports pitches and would also be considered as a playing fields see below.

# Playing field areas

Sport England would expect that the recently completed

An assessment of the suitability of sites for allocation for development in the draft Local Plan has been undertaken in accordance with а methodology agreed with  $\mathsf{HMA}$ partners. The Methodology includes criteria relating to (amongst other things) open space - taking account of the open space study - and playing fields - taking into account the playing pitch strategy and input from the City Council's Education department (who applied bb analysis) in respect school Playing Pitch strategy would be the key evidence base to understand the priority of each playing field site, the assessment has been carried out to provide evidence in accordance with para73 of NPPF. The strategy did not as far as I understand reveal any surpluses. Sport England would strongly object to the allocation of any of these sites for development.

## Football Investment Strategy sites

It appears that at least one FIS site has been included Aylestone recreation Ground (SW51), these sites have secured community use and levels of investment from the Football Foundation. There would be potential for significant claw back of investment if the sites were allocated as development sites

Impact on playing fields from adjacent development Some sites if developed, whilst which not in themselves would result in the loss of playing fields, could be subject to prejudicial impact from the adjacent development e.g. Appleton Park NE51 - with football pitches to the north. This could result in a statutory objection from Sport England.

### Infant and Junior School playing field area.

Sport England is concerned that a number sites are playing fields associated with schools. Many of these playing fields would involve a statutory requirement to consult Sport England if the site was to be developed in whole or part. The playing fields are essential for schools to provide access to facilities for children's physical literacy and development. Both Sport England and national policy NPPF paragraph 74 would require these sites to be retained unless appropriate evidence can be provided to show that these facilities are surplus to requirements.

#### Secondary School playing field area

As above for junior schools but and added concern that many of these schools contain sports facilities and sports pitches which are not only used by the students bit also by the community. All of these sites are required to meet the needs of the school regarding curriculum delivery and physical education.

#### Member of the Public

In general, the potential use of allotments and open green spaces such as nature reserves, spinneys, parks, school playing fields, and cemeteries as places for development would be a foolish and irresponsible action by the City Council. It would deprive the city of wild life corridors and

playing fields. Site allocations documents have been produced and these record the reasons for proposed site allocations.

SW51 (455): Not proposed for development (no longer available)

(450):

Not

for

proposed development (suitability)

NE51

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places for plant, insect and wildlife to thrive. Some of the areas provide protection from the worst effects of potential flooding.

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Why not consider some of the areas on the edge of the jurisdiction of Leicester and Leicestershire e.g. near to Scraptoft, near to the roads linking Leicester to the Motorway (M1)

#### Member of the Public

It is impossible to overstate the importance of protecting our existing green spaces throughout the city. Note DM policy 39 – in a built up environment like Leicester we dispute your contention that there is a surplus of open space.

We strongly believe that building on the green wedge must be a last resort and kept to an absolute minimum. Aylestone's green wedge area forms part of a largely unbroken river corridor which runs through the city and acts as a wildlife corridor. It is home to important flora and fauna and as such should be afforded the highest level of protection. We call upon the council to work toward upgrading the LNR to SSSI designation.

Note DM 41 regarding SSSIs. The council should strengthen their statement regarding the importance of SSSIs and acknowledge that nothing should outweigh the

schools.

However, 4,905 homes represents only a proportion of the City's housing need for the plan period. The City Council has therefore had to consider all other available brownfield and greenfield sites in the City. Site allocations documents have been produced and these record the reasons for proposed brownfield and greenfield site allocations beyond the Central Development Area.

The City Council has declared an unmet housing need meaning that some development will need to be accommodated in neighbouring districts (potentially at the edge of the City).

The surplus of open space is evidenced in the Open Spaces. Sport and Recreation (OSSR) Study (2017). An assessment of the suitability of sites for allocation for development in draft Local Plan has been undertaken in accordance with methodology agreed with HMA partners. The Methodology includes criteria relating to (amongst other things) Green Wedge taking account of Green

importance of a SSSI. At the very least, it should become policy that the Aylestone Meadows Local Nature Reserve must be protected in perpetuity. The City's other green spaces should be similarly protected.

Wedge assessments. Site allocations documents have been produced and these record the reasons for proposed site allocations. The draft Local Plan contains policies relating to Green Wedges and ecology.

Policy on SSSI strengthened.

## **Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society**

It is impossible to overstate the importance of protecting our existing green spaces throughout the city. Note DM policy 39 - in a built up environment like Leicester we dispute your contention that there is a surplus of open space.

We strongly believe that green wedge building must be ruled out. Aylestone's green wedge area forms part of a largely unbroken river corridor which runs through the city and acts as a wildlife corridor. It is home to important flora and fauna and as such should be afforded the highest level of protection. We call upon the council to work toward upgrading the LNR to SSSI designation.

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Policy on SSSI strengthened.

## Cllr Nigel Porter

No change to all the sites allocated as potential development sites in Aylestone Ward- except Aylestone Meadows - whole site should be allocated as a nature reserve with a potential sculpture park.

Aylestone Meadows (Site SW27 / 454) not proposed for development (no longer available).

Proposed designation to be discussed with Nature Conservation colleagues.

### Member of the Public

The sites identified in your development plan should not be built upon in any way. Instead, they should be protected green spaces. Leicester should clear under used sites of former industrial land and rewild them.

The city is awash with under used retail and former office space. Bring life back to the city – there must be more than enough space in the already built up areas of the city to be intelligently reused for a mix of residential, commercial and cultural activity.

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However. 4,905 homes represents only a proportion of the City's housing need for the plan period. The City Council has therefore had to consider all other brownfield available and greenfield sites in the City. Site allocations documents have been produced and these record the reasons for proposed brownfield and greenfield site allocations beyond the Central Development Area.

#### Friends of Clarendon Park:

Continue in Current Usage

FCP believe the following sites should continue in their current usage and we are opposed to any development of

Clarendon Park Road Play Area: not proposed for allocation Clarendon Park Road Gardens: not proposed

#### these sites:

- Clarendon Park Road Play Area (between Clarendon Park Road and Adderley Road)
- Clarendon Park Road Gardens (next to Knighton Library, Clarendon Park Road)
- Clarendon Park Community Gardens (Bulwer Road)
- St Mary's Triangle (Victoria Park Road, St Marys Road & Knighton Park Road)
- Southernhay Avenue Play Area (Southernhay Avenue)
- Queens Road Allotments (off Queens Road)
- Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth I College playing fields (University Road)
- Freemen's Common Nature Reserve (Islington Street)

for allocation

Clarendon Park Community Gardens: not proposed for allocation

St. Mary's Triangle (973): not proposed for allocation

Southernhay Avenue Play Area: not proposed for allocation Queens Road Allotments: proposed for allocation Freemens Common Nature Reserve (SW48/522): not proposed for allocation

## **Natural England**

We are pleased to note that the impacts on biodiversity, wildlife habitats and designated sites such as Gipsy Lane Pit Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) have been taken into account within the site allocations and options.

Although the consultation documents are very comprehensive, an annex is added below which covers other issues and opportunities which you may find helpful.

Noted.

Castle

## **Clir Danny Myers**

The Local Plan: Sites for development

- I regard the following sites in Castle Ward as NOT suitable for development: Castle Gardens, St George's Churchyard, Mandela Park, de Montfort Square/Museum Square, St John's Playing Fields, Welford Road Cemetery, Victoria Park, De Montfort Hall and Gardens.
- In addition, I also regard Queens Road allotments, St Mary's Triangle and Wyggeston Queen Elizabeth I College playing fields as unsuitable for development.
- I regard the site at Freemen's Common as potentially suitable for development as student housing.
- I regard the site at Mansfield Street (between the Haymarket & St Margaret Bus Stations) as suitable for retail development
- I regard the site at Campbell Street (train station car park) as not suitable for retail or office development unless replacement parking provision for train users can be found.

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Gardens

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## **Education and Skills Funding Agency**

The next version of the Local Plan should seek to identify specific sites (existing or new) which can deliver the school places needed to support growth, based on the latest evidence of identified need and demand in the forthcoming Leicester Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

The site allocations or associated safeguarding policies should also seek to clarify requirements for the delivery of new schools, including when they should be delivered to support housing growth, the minimum site area required, any preferred site characteristics, and any requirements for safeguarding additional land for future expansion of schools where need and demand indicates this might be necessary.

While it is important to provide clarity and certainty to developers, retaining a degree of flexibility about site specific requirements for schools is also necessary given that the need for school places can vary over time due to the many variables affecting it. The EFSA therefore recommend the Council consider highlighting in the next version of the Local Plan that:

redevelopment. The draft Local Plan proposes five allocations for school development: Site 262 (Land East of Ashton Green) Site 516 (former bus depot, Abbey Park Rd) Site 673 (St. Augustines) Site 1047 (Groby Road) 1049 (Manor Site Farm/Collis Crescent) Details including delivery timeframes are included in the site allocations documents. An Infrastructure Assessment has been produced as part of the evidence base for the draft Local Plan

parking as part

- specific requirements for developer contributions to enlargements to existing schools and the provision of new schools for any particular site will be confirmed at application stage to ensure the latest data on identified need informs delivery; and that
- requirements to deliver schools on some sites could change in future if it were demonstrated and agreed that the site had become surplus to requirements, and is therefore no longer required for school use.

and this includes assessment of requirements for education infrastructure.

## **Historic England**

Due to the number of site allocations within the consultation, which it is understood are options rather than proposed allocations, it is not possible to provide a comprehensive assessment at this stage. Historic England strongly encourage an informal consultation of sifted sites prior to the next Plan consultation.

Noted. An assessment of the suitability of sites for allocation for development in draft Local Plan has undertaken been accordance with а methodology agreed with HMA partners. The Methodology criteria includes relating to (amongst other things) heritage assets. Site allocations documents have been produced and these record the reasons for site proposed allocations

### **Braunstone Town Council**

The following Green Spaces included in 2006 Local Plan should be retained as Green Space: Meynells Gorse, Highway Spinney, Bendbow Spinney, Church Fields and Caldecote Community Primary School Playing Fields. In a suburban area these green spaces contributed towards providing a pleasant environment and recreation amenity, contributing towards improved healthy living.

Informal open space, north west of Church Fields, south of Woodshawe Rise and north of Braunstone Lane should be designated Green Space. This informal open space added to the character of the area and was not fit for development; therefore it should be retained.

Coal Pit Lane Spinney (North of Braunstone Lane), beyond the Caldecote Community Primary School boundary, should also be designated Green Space. This woodland was both a recreation amenity and added to the character and appearance of Braunstone Lane and should be protected. Meynells Gorse (NW11/617): not proposed for allocation Highway Spinney (SW41/547): not proposed for allocation Bendbow Spinney (SW42/472): proposed for allocation Church Fields (SW43/492): not proposed for allocation Caldecote Primary School playing fields (SW45/486): not proposed for allocation

Coal Pit Lane Spinney is already designated as Green Space.

## **Castle Branch, Leicester South Labour Party**

We welcome the opportunity to respond to the outline proposals for the Leicester Local Plan 2017. We set out below a set of priorities and principles that we wish the Council to take account of in drawing up specific new policies and amending existing ones. These were discussed and agreed at a meeting of the Castle Branch of the Leicester South Labour Party on Monday 23rd October 2017.

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allocation

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## **Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council**

Even at its closest point, Hinckley and Bosworth borough is separated from the city by Blaby district. At this stage we do not have any specific comments to make given the limited geographical relationship with the city and lack of assessment of sites for our consideration.

Noted.

Hinckley & Bosworth are broadly supportive of Leicester City's approach, which is to try to identify suitable sites to accommodate the required growth within the city, particularly in the context of the city's announced inability to accommodate the identified housing requirement, notwithstanding our comments in relation to the need for an appropriate balance to housing and employment provision.

#### Member of the Public

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Knighton Park (SE01/567): not proposed for allocation Knighton Spinney (SE02/568): not

## **Knighton Neighbourhood Forum**

has considered the sites within the Neighbourhood Plan as identified in the City Council's 'Potential Development Sites' paper. The views of the Knighton Neighbourhood Forum are

#### set out below:

### i) Knighton Park

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would be strongly opposed to the release of all or any part of Knighton Park for built development. The park is a key area of high quality open space that is well used and offers opportunities for recreation and tranquillity. The Forum has produced a baseline study which identifies that the Knighton Forum area is not well-served with public open space. The loss of Knighton Park, in whole or in part, would not be appropriate.

## ii) Knighton Spinney

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would be opposed to the release of Knighton Spinney. The site is an important Local Nature Reserve and designated a Local Wildlife Site. In addition, the City Council recognises that it is a non-designated heritage asset, in the form of a 'Locally listed park and garden'. It is understood that the land may also be protected by legal covenant. The loss of Knighton Spinney would not be appropriate.

### iii) Overdale School Playing Fields

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would be opposed to the release, in whole or in part, of Overdale School Playing Fields for built development. The playing fields are an important part of a large and popular local school and are important to allow the school to expand if required. They offer opportunities for students to gain important recreation, this has educational and health benefits. The loss of Overdale School Playing Fields would not be appropriate.

#### iv) Ashclose Spinney

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would be opposed to the release of Ashclose Spinney. The Spinney makes an important contribution to the local character of the area. The vast majority of the site is within flood zone 3 and therefore unsuitable for residential development. In addition, the area is extensively used by local schools as an important education resource. Overdale Junior School has a strong ethos of outdoor learning with this area used extensively for outdoor lessons. The loss of Ashclose Spinney would not be appropriate.

#### v) Land to rear of Meadvale Road

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would be opposed to the release of land to the rear of Meadvale Road. The vast majority of the site is within flood zone 3 and therefore unsuitable for residential development. In addition, the area has importance for its amenity value, it is well-used and

proposed for allocation Overdale School fields plaving (SE03/636): not proposed for allocation Ashclose Spinney (SE04/451): not proposed for allocation Land to rear of Meadvale Road (SE05/597): not proposed for allocation Mary Gee House (SE07/307): proposed for allocation (suitable for development) Welford Road allotments (SW58/699): not proposed for allocation Lancaster School fields playing (SW60/685): not proposed for allocation Washbrook Nature Area (SW61/697): not proposed for allocation

contains mature trees and important wildlife (including sightings of badgers). The loss of Meadvale Road would not be appropriate.

### vi) Mary Gee Houses, 101-107 Ratcliffe Road

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would support the identification of Mary Gee Houses for a sympathetic, well-designed residential development. Any redevelopment of the site should include a good mix of houses to meet local needs, including smaller houses for young couples and small families, down-sizing older people and some provision of affordable housing. It is acknowledged that the site could accommodate up to 60 units. Any proposal should preserve or enhance its Conservation Area status.

The Forum considers this to be a sensitive site in an area with a strong character and that important features should be retained. Any development should be of appropriate scale, respond to the local character (not an 'off the peg' solution) and should have an appropriate mix of houses and apartments.

### vii) Welford Road Allotments

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would be opposed to the release of Welford Road Allotments. The allotments are a well-used important recreation and open space facility and form part of a wider wildlife corridor. They offer opportunities for local people to grow food and keep active, this has social and health benefits. The loss of Welford Road Allotments would not be appropriate.

## viii) Lamborne Road Green Space

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would be opposed to the release of Lamborne Road Green Space (also known as Dawson Way Green Space). The open space is a well-used recreation resource and forms part of a wider wildlife corridor. Nearly half of the site is within flood zone 3 making it unsuitable for development. The loss of Lamborne Road Green Space would not be appropriate.

### ix) The Lancaster School playing fields

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would be opposed to the release of Lancaster School playing fields in whole or in part for built development. The playing fields are an important facility for the local school. They offer opportunities for students to gain important recreation, this has educational and health benefits. In addition, more than half of the site is within flood zone 3 making it unsuitable for development. The playing fields are also part of an important wildlife corridor. The loss of Lancaster School playing fields would not be appropriate.

## x) Wash Brook Nature Area

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum would be opposed to the release of Wash Brook Nature Area. The site is a designated a Local Wildlife Site. In addition, the majority of the site is within flood zone 3 making it unsuitable for development. The loss of Wash Brook Nature Area would not be appropriate.

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum is mindful that the site options identified by the City Council are not a definitive list. Other small scale development opportunities might be identified, or be identified during the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, that could make a valuable contribution towards meeting housing needs

#### **Member of the Public**

I would be opposed to any development on established parks, children's playgrounds, recreation grounds, sports fields and heritage sites, because building on them would disadvantage the community and contravene the Council's own policies as outlined in the Development Management document

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the edge of the City).

## **Haymarket Properties**

Site allocations for new retail development and other relevant retail policies, e.g. Core Shopping Area proposals should be informed by the retail need forecasts. Paragraph 2.18 of the Emerging Options document states:

"... For instance, our retail evidence (in chapters 4 and 7) suggests additional retail capacity could be accommodated in the city in the future – as a result of this, one question is whether we should consider expanding the central shopping core. These questions are highlighted throughout the document and your comments will help us formulate policies for the next stage of the Local Plan (pre-submission plan)."

The number, scale and type of 'site allocations' for new retail development will need to be considered in the light of any significant amendments to the quantum of new retail floorspace requirements forecast over the Plan period, and the uncertainties attached to such forecasts.

A new Retail Study will be commissioned to update the evidence base and support the Local Plan for Reg 19 consultation.

#### Members of the public (92 in total)

Dawson Way- There are large sewage drains underground. This is part of a flood plain and a wildlife corridor

Washbrook allotments-LCC has already sold land off as a nominal amount that has a knock on effect to the taxpayers. thus land is part of a flood plain

Chiltern Green- We would like to see increase play equipment like small goal posts in the area to encourage our children out to play

Lancaster Playing fields- any building in this land would have a knock on effect of surface water and increase the chances of flooding. This land is part of a nature corridor Washbrook nature reserve- Part of the nature corridor and part of a flood plain

Knighton Park- This is the only green wedge of green land between the city and the county. The city has a policy to build nearer the County whilst the city has a policy to build nearer the county boundary. WE feel no development of any sort be allowed on the green spaces at the left hand side of Welford road by Knighton Park. Wigston has a large development of 2500 houses which moves the country side further away. It is also on flood land.

Victoria Park-This is a large enjoyable green space which allows locals to move from one green space to another which helps with health. We do not agree with the proposal to remove trees and widen the footpath to accommodate cycling

Lambourne Road space green (SW59/570): not proposed for allocation Welford Road allotments (SW58/699): not proposed for allocation Chiltern Green (976): not proposed for allocation Lancaster School playing fields (SW60/685): not proposed for allocation Washbrook Nature Area (SW61/697): not proposed for allocation Knighton Park (SE01/567): not proposed for allocation Victoria Park (SE11/694): not proposed for allocation

# Comments received on individual sites

Site Ref	Site Name	Ward	Consultation 2017 comments summary	Site No	Response
NE 01	Colchester Road Allotments	Thurnco urt Ward	Retain as demand for allotments. Also flooding concerns. To develop site would require demolition of some houses.	493	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 02	Ocean Road Open Space	Thurnco urt Ward	Probably unsuitable for development due to flood risk	634	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 03	Kirminton Gardens	Thurnco urt Ward	Probably too small for development. Local play area.	566	The site size is greater than the 0.25ha/5 dwelling threshold for the Local Plan. Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (half of site) enabling existing play area to be retained or re-provided.
NE 04	Willowbroo k Park	Thurnco urt Ward	Retain as is a well used family park. Flood plain. But potential to development half site and retain rest as open space.	707	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 05	Brent Knowle Gardens	Thurnco urt Ward	Too small for development.	481	The site size is greater than the 0.25ha/5 dwelling threshold for the Local Plan. Considered suitable for development.  Proposed for partial development only (half of site).
NE 07	Croyland Green	Thurnco urt Ward	Too small for development.	501	The site size is greater than the 0.25ha/5 dwelling threshold for the Local Plan. Considered suitable for development.  Proposed for partial development only (half of site).
NE 08	Monks Rest Gardens	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	No to development. The main recreational area and green lungs' of Humberstone. Well	618	Not proposed for development (no longer available)

			used park.		
NE 10	Keyham Lane Recreation Ground	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Well used by local residents and students from nearby Gateway College. Trees on site form a welcome area for wildlife.	563	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 11	Land north of Lower Keyham Lane	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	The future of Manor Farm and its surrounding land has been under discussion for many years, with no outcome. Reluctant to agree to any development and would only do so providing a feature is made of Manor Farm and environs itself.	378	North part of site included in planning application 20191832 as access to proposed new school (see also proposed site allocation 1049). Manor Farm building complex not included. Remainder of site not proposed for development (suitability).
NE 12	Thurmasto n Lane, Land south of Manor Farm	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	The future of Manor Farm and its surrounding land has been under discussion for many years, with no outcome. Reluctant to agree to any development and would only do so providing a feature is made of Manor Farm and environs itself.	688	North-west part of site included in planning application 20191832 as access to proposed new school (see also proposed site allocation 1049). Manor Farm building complex not included. Remainder of site not proposed for development (suitability).
NE 13	Land adjacent Keyham Lane/Prest on Rise	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Agree for development, if suitable.	577	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NE 14	Netherhall Road Allotments	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	No development if there is a demand for allotment space locally. However, we understand the area may have already been designated for development.	628	Not proposed for development (no longer available)

NE 16	Netherhall Road Open Space	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Possibly develop half and retain half for recreation? But is only park on estate and much used by young children. Local schools full.	629	The site size is greater than the 0.25ha/5 dwelling threshold for the Local Plan. Considered suitable for development.  Proposed for partial development only (half of site).  Draft Local Plan includes site allocations for new schools within the City.
NE 17	Scraptoft Valley Primary School Playing Fields	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Retain as school playing fields. Lots of development already proposed nearby in Harborough District.	662	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 18	Brocklesby Way open space	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Possible development.	483	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 19	Rayleigh Green	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Too small for development?	648	The site size is greater than the 0.25ha/5 dwelling threshold for the Local Plan. Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NE 20	Land to East of Hamilton Community College	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	This land forms part of Scraptoft Golf Course, which we understand is to be sold in due course. If this is the case, then the land could be used for development.	590	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 21	Newlyn Parade/ Crayford Way	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Too small for development.	631	The site size is greater than the 0.25ha/5 dwelling threshold for the Local Plan. Considered suitable for development.  Proposed for partial development only (half of site).
NE 23	Land adjacent Hamilton Way	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Development if suitable. Potential for employment use?	576	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 24	Quakesick Spinney	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	No development. Wildlife area.	643	Not proposed for development (suitability)

NE 25	Hope Hamilton Church of England Primary School Playing Fields	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Retain as school playing fields.	552	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 26	Hamilton Park	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	No development, as this forms a green wedge and the 'lungs' for Hamilton. Potential for employment use to north west corner of site near Hamilton Business Park?	542	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 29	Land south of Mountain Road	Troon Ward	Flood zone and local wildlife site. Possibly not suitable for development?	585	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 30	Trevino Drive Open Space	Troon Ward	No development - green 'lungs' for local area. Lot of need for small affordable 2 beds in this area. Prefer NE30 as less flood risk	690	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 31	Sandfield Close Primary School Playing Fields	Troon Ward	Retain as school playing fields.	660	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 32	Gypsy Lane SSSI	Troon Ward	Should not be considered for development due to biodiversity designation.	541	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 33	Humbersto ne Heights Golf Course	Troon Ward	No development, for public health reasons as this is the only municipal golf course in Leicester. Ideal opportunity to develop something special. But must include medical,	553	Not proposed for development (suitability)

			retail and education facilities.		
NE 34	Towers Hospital open space	Troon Ward	Development may be considered, but there are TPO trees on site and the area has fairly recently been laid out as parkland.	689	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 35	Wycombe Road Allotments	Troon Ward	No development if there is a demand for allotment space locally.	710	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 36	Craven Recreation Ground	Troon Ward	No development - Local play area and green 'lungs' for the area.	498	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 38	Longleat Close Open Space (Waddesdo n Walk)	North Evingto n Ward	Maybe ideal location for development. Access must be from Buckland Road. To have access from the Northfields side would allow vehicles to use it as a shortcut and therefore could cause dangers for pedestrians.	605	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (third of site) and safeguarded road scheme. No decision on vehicle access point(s) at this stage.
NE 39	Morton Walk Open Space	North Evingto n Ward		620	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (third of site).
NE 40	Marydale Jr & Infant School Playing Fields	North Evingto n Ward	Retain as school playing fields.	613	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 41	Uppingham Road Allotments	North Evingto n Ward	No development if there is a demand for allotment space locally - understand these are popular allotments. Part of the site, subject to the acquisition of additional properties on Uppingham	692	Not proposed for development (no longer available)

			Road, could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store.	500	Natura de la contracta de la c
NE 42	Kamloops Crescent Open Space	Wycliffe Ward	Retain as open space - St Matthews have very little communal green space	560	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 43	Willow Street Open Space	Wycliffe Ward	Retain as open space - St Matthews have very little communal green space. Proposals for a MUGA on part of site.	706	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 44	St. Marks open space	Belgrav e Ward		679	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 45	Cossington Street Recreation Ground	Belgrav e Ward	Vital green space for sport, recreation and social use in built up area.	497	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 46	Carter Street/Wey mouth Street/Bard olph Street East	Belgrav e Ward	Retain as employment area	488	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development. Evidence does not justify planning protection for employment use.
NE 47	Martin Street Playing Field	Belgrav e Ward		994	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 48	Parker Plant, Canon Street	Rushey Mead Ward	It could be a perfect track preparation site if HS2 is to be built and track prefabrication is needed. Consideration for residential development if the "proposed" new road (that already appears in maps) from Catherine Street to Swainson Road was to be built.	387	Not proposed for development (City Council wrote to owner(s) Feb 2019 but no response received – assume no longer available). South part of site is subject to safeguarding of the route of the Catherine Street-Tailby Avenue road scheme.
NE	Rosedale	Rushey		219	Considered suitable for

49	Avenue - Land at R/O and Harrison Road allotments	Mead Ward			development. Proposed for development.
NE 50	Rushey Fields Recreation ground/Rus hey Mead Sec Sch/allotme nts	Rushey Mead Ward	Part of the site with main road frontage could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store	654	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 51	Appleton Park	Rushey Mead Ward	Retain as open space - well used by locals.	450	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 52	Herrick Primary School Playing Fields	Rushey Mead Ward		546	Considered suitable for development (Gleneagles Avenue frontage only). Proposed for development.
NE 53	Nagle Grove Open Space	Rushey Mead Ward		662	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 54	Oakland Avenue Allotments, Melton Road Allotments	Rushey Mead Ward		632	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 55	Watermead Country Park	Rushey Mead Ward	Retain as open space. Any development on this site must take account of the proximity of the canal.	698	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 56	Rushey Mead Green Wedge North	Rushey Mead Ward	Any development on this site must take account of the proximity of the canal.	655	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 57	Rushey Mead Green Wedge South	Rushey Mead Ward		656	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE	Land adj	Rushey		574	Not proposed for development

58	Oakland Avenue	Mead Ward			(no longer available)
NE 59	Uxbridge Road Allotments	Rushey Mead Ward		693	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 60	Lanesborou gh Road - Former Allotments	Rushey Mead Ward		190	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NE 61	Land adj Bath Street	Rushey Mead Ward	Any development on this site must take account of the proximity of the canal.	573	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 62	Land to north of Thurcaston Road (east of River/Canal	Belgrav e Ward	Any development on this site must take account of the proximity of the canal.	595	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 63	Land to north of Thurcaston Road (west of River/Canal	Abbey Ward	Any development on this site must take account of the proximity of the canal.	596	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 64	Belgrave St Peters School Playing Fields	Abbey Ward		470	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE 65	Beaumanor Road Allotments	Abbey Ward		460	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 66	Land to south of Thurcaston Road - Former John Ellis College Playing Fields	Abbey Ward		599	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 67	Belgrave Gardens (west)	Belgrav e Ward		469	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NE 68	Belgrave Gardens	Belgrav e Ward		468	Not proposed for development (suitability)

	(east)				
NE 69	Manor Farm	Humber stone and Hamilto n Ward	Allow development, provided a feature is made of Manor Farm	104	Considered suitable for development. This site specifically proposed for education development. Manor Farm building complex not included.
NE 70	Former Marina	Abbey Ward		518	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 01	Western Golf Course	Western Ward	Retain as open space/nature park	702	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development. New public open space including ecology protection/enhancement to be provided as part of development.
NW 02	Kirby Frith LNR	Western Ward		565	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 03	Fulford Road Open Space	Western Ward		525	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW 04	Ryder Road open space	Western Ward		657	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 05	Ryder Road Spinney	Western Ward		658	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 06	Braunstone Frith Junior School playing fields	Western Ward		477	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 07	Allexton Gardens Open Space	Western Ward		449	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW 08	Sharmon Crescent Open Space	Western Ward		665	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (half of site).
NW 09	New Parks Way Allotments	Western Ward		630	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 10	Western Park	Western Ward	Well used park by locals and city wide. Retain as open space.	703	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 11	Meynells Gorse	Braunst one Park		617	Not proposed for development (suitability)

		and Rowley Fields Ward			
NW 12	Oswin Road	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		635	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 13	Westgate School Playing Fields	Western Ward		704	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 14	Piper Way Nature Garden	Western Ward		641	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 15	Battersbee Road Open Space	Western Ward	Well used by local children and local football teams. Historic importance - burial ground. Retain as open space.	459	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 16	Lamen Green Open Space	Western Ward	Retain as open space - gym equipment, play area etc	571	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 17	Parks Primary School playing fields	Western Ward		639	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 18	Stokes Wood Park	Western , Beaumo nt Leys and Fosse Ward		681	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 19	Groby Road Allotments	Fosse Ward	Retain as allotments	538	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 20	Inglehurst Infant School playing fields	Fosse Ward	Retain as school playing fields	556	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 21	Sandhurst Road	Fosse Ward	Retain as allotments	661	Not proposed for development (no longer available)

	Allotments				
NW 22	Fosse Park	Fosse Ward	Retain as open space	520	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 23	Rally Park	Fosse Ward	Retain as open space	644	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 24	Stokes Drive Allotments	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		680	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 25	Stokes Wood Primary School playing fields	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		682	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 26	Bonney Road Allotments	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		476	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 27	English Martyrs Catholic School Playing Fields	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Retain as school playing fields	507	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 28	Land north of Groby Road	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Retain as open space/nature area	581	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 29	Gorse Hill City Farm	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Retain in current use	532	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 30	Land to south of Anstey Lane	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Retain as open space/nature area. Reserve as expansion land for cemetery. Part of the site could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store	598	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 31	Gilroes Cemetery	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Retain as cemetery	528	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 32	Leicester Water Centre, Anstey Lane	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		334	Not proposed for development (City Council wrote to owner(s) Feb 2019 but no response received – assume no longer available).
NW 34	Land North of Billesdon Close	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Retain as open space - play area for children, nature	309	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development as part of wider

NW 35	Keepers Lodge Park	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	area, protected trees. Only one access to whole estate - traffic congestion. Place pressure on local schools etc  Part of the site could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store	562	strategic opportunity to address highways/access issues. New public open space to be provided as part of development. Draft Local Plan includes site allocations for new schools within the City.  Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 36	Krefeld Way/ Darenth Drive Open Space	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Part of the site with main road frontage could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store	569	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development. Evidence of need justifies allocation for housing but does not justify allocation for retail.
NW 37	Buswells Lodge Primary School Playing Fields	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Part of the site with main road frontage could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store	485	Considered suitable for development (Beauville Drive frontage only). Proposed for development. Evidence of need justifies allocation for housing but does not justify allocation for retail.
NW 38	Beaumont Leys School Playing Fields	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		462	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 39	Blackbird Road Playing Fields - Milverton Avenue	Abbey Ward	Residual part of site that does not now have residential permission should be a phase 2 for housing rather than retained as open space	104	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW 40	Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School Playing Fields (north)	Abbey Ward	Retain as school playing fields	447	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 41	St Helens Close Open Space	Abbey Ward	Retain as open space	675	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW	Alderman	Abbey	Retain as school	448	Not proposed for development

42	Richard Hallam Primary School Playing Fields (south)	Ward	playing fields		(suitability)
NW 43	Jean Drive Open Space	Abbey Ward	Retain as open space. Only open space in area	558	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 44	Beaumont Leys Lane Allotments	Abbey Ward		461	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 45	Wolsey House Primary School Playing Fields	Abbey Ward		708	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 46	Abbey Rise Allotments, Grovebury Road Allotments	Abbey Ward		446	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 47	Ranworth Open Space	Abbey Ward		647	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW 48	Woodstock Primary School Playing Fields	Abbey Ward		709	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 49	Ingold Avenue Open Space	Abbey Ward		557	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (two thirds of site).
NW 50	Peppercorn Walk Open Space	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		640	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 51	Heacham Drive Open Space	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		543	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 52	Heard Walk Open Space	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		544	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 53	Barley Croft Primary School Playing Fields	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		458	Not proposed for development (suitability)

NW 54	Glovers walk open space	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		529	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 56	Beaumont Park	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Possible further expansion of DMU sports area. Speedway should build the other facilities it proposed to develop. Part of site could be suitable for residential development.	464	Considered suitable for development not including speedway site. Proposed for partial development only (42% of site). Suitable for employment rather than housing.
NW 57	Gorse Hill/Boston Road Allotments	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		533	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 58	Castle Hill Country Park (east of A46)	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		490	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 59	Castle Hill Country Park (west of A46)	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Retain as open space	491	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 60	Astill Lodge Park	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Retain as open space	452	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 61	Beaumont Lodge Primary School playing fields	Beaumo nt Leys Ward	Retain as school playing fields	463	Considered suitable for development (Bennion Road frontage only). Proposed for development. Remainder retained as school playing fields.
NW 62	Land to west of Ashton Green	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		600	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 63	Land north of Birstall Golf Course	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		579	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW 64	Land north of Castle Hill Country Park	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		580	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW 65	Land to north of A46	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		261	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.

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NW 66	Land to north of A46/West of Leicester Road	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		261	Now part of 261 (see above).
NW 67	Land to north of A46/east of Leicester Road - Fox Covert	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		593	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 68	Land to East of Ashton Green/Leic ester Road/north of Greengate Lane	Beaumo nt Leys Ward		262	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW 69	Land to east of Beaumont Leys Lane	Abbey Ward		589	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW 70	Thurcaston Road/Hadri an Road open space	Abbey Ward	Suitable for employment use as would be poor to put residential uses near to the Waste and recycling site due to the odour.	687	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development. Suitable for employment rather than housing.
NW 72	Mowmacre Sports Ground	Abbey Ward	Retain as open space/sports use - well used for playing sports. Managed better facilities would help increase the use of the site.	621	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NW 73	Birstall Golf Course (adjacent to Astill Drive)	Abbey Ward		473	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW 74	Birstall Golf Course (south of Park Drive)	Abbey Ward		474	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
NW	Red Hill	Abbey		649	Not proposed for development

75	Allotments	Ward			(no longer available)
NW 76	Land adjacent Great Central Railway	Abbey Ward	Part of the site with main road frontage could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store. Retain as open space	575	Considered suitable for leisure/tourism uses associated with/supporting the Great Central Railway. Evidence does not justify allocation for retail.
NW 77	Belgrave Cemetery	Abbey Ward	Retain as cemetery	467	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
NW 78	St Oswalds Road Playing Fields	Western Ward		678	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE0 1	Knighton Park	Knighto n Ward	Retain as open space - it is a vital resource and well used. Part of the site with main road frontage could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store	567	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE0 2	Knighton Spinney	Knighto n Ward	Retain as open space.	568	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE0 3	Overdale School Playing Fields	Knighto n Ward	Retain as school playing fields. Part of the site with main road frontage could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store	636	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE0 4	Ashclose Spinney	Knighto n Ward	Retain as open space.	451	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE0 5	Land to rear of Meadvale Road	Knighto n Ward	Retain as open space.	597	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE0 7	Mary Gee Houses, 101-107 Ratcliffe Road	Knighto n Ward		307	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
SE0 8	Kimberley Road Allotments	Stoneyg ate Ward		564	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE0 9	St John the Baptist Cof	Castle Ward	Retain as school playing fields.	676	Not proposed for development (suitability)

	E Primary School Playing Fields				
SE1 0	Welford Road Cemetery	Castle Ward	Retain as cemetery.	700	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE1	Victoria Park	Castle Ward	Retain as open space. The park is a vital resource for the city.	694	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE1	DeMonfort Hall & Gardens	Castle Ward	Retain as open space and for leisure and cultural activities. No development.	504	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE1	Nelson Mandela Park	Castle Ward		625	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE1 4	De Montfort Square/Mu seum Square New Walk	Castle Ward	The two squares have been part of the Victorian landscape for centuries and make beautiful spaces on the protected walkway from the city to Victoria Park.	503	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE1 5	Evington Parks Allotments	Stoneyg ate Ward		510	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE1	Spinney off Kingsway Road	Stoneyg ate Ward		671	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE1	Shady Lane Arboretum	Evingto n Ward	Not suitable for housing – flood zone/conservation area	664	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE1	Land to east of Shady Lane	Evingto n Ward		591	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE1	Judgemead ow Community College playing fields	Evingto n Ward		559	Considered suitable for development (section between Biggin Hill Road and Stoughton Lane only). Proposed for development.
SE2 0	Evington Recreation	Evingto n Ward	Well used play area - not suitable for	511	Not proposed for development (no longer available)

	Ground		houses		
SE2	Evington Park	Evingto n Ward	North end beyond black fence is an area of land that could be suitable for houses by extending Harwin Road.	509	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE2 2	Linden School Playing Fields	Evingto n Ward		604	Considered suitable for development (eastern end only). Proposed for development.
SE2 3	Wakerley Road Allotments	Evingto n Ward		695	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE2 4	Crown Hills Community College Playing fields	Spinney Hills Ward		500	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE2 5	Coleman Primary School Playing fields	Spinney Hills Ward		494	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE2 6	Ethel Road Allotments	Spinney Hills Ward		508	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE2 7	Gwendolen Road Allotments	Spinney Hills Ward	Should be developed and combined with SE28 and have mostly social housing apartments.	540	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE2 8	Evington Valley Road (Former Dunlop Works) (PS09b18) (Northern half of PSO area)	Spinney Hills Ward	Should be converted into apartments and expanded into SE27 to create an extension for more apartments. Suggest retaining as employment area.	222	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for conversion. Suitable for mixed use including residential. Evidence does not justify planning protection for employment use.
SE2 9	Gwendolen Gardens	Spinney Hills Ward		539	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE3 0	Kedleston Road Allotments	Spinney Hills Ward		561	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE3	Dorothy	Spinney	Suggest retain as	505	Considered suitable for

1	Road/Linde n Street/Cons tance Road	Hills Ward	employment area		development. Proposed for development. Evidence does not justify planning protection for employment use.
SE3 2	Spinney Hill Park	Spinney Hills Ward	Retain as open space	670	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE3	Broad Avenue Allotments	North Evingto n Ward		482	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE3 4	Lancaster Street	North Evingto n Ward	Develop for residential use. Suggest retain as employment area – manufacturing/ textiles	572	Not proposed for development (retained for employment)
SE3 5	Prospect Road/Sylva n Avenue	North Evingto n Ward	Suggest retain as employment area – manufacturing/ textiles	642	Not proposed for development (retained for employment)
SE3 6	Humbersto ne Park	Evingto n Ward		554	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE3	Rowlatts Hill School Playing Fields	Evingto n Ward		653	Considered suitable for development (southern end only). Proposed for development.
SE3 8	Lily Marriot Gardens	Evingto n Ward		603	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE3 9	Goodwood Amenity Area	Evingto n Ward		531	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE4 0	Walshe Road Allotments	Evingto n Ward		696	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SE4	Oaklands School Playing Fields	Evingto n Ward		633	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE4	The City of Leicester College Playing Fields	Evingto n Ward	Area where Spencefield School used to be not being used	684	Considered suitable for development (Downing Drive frontage between leisure centre and surgery only). Proposed for development. Former Spencefield School site retained for playing fields.
SE4	Sedgebroo k Road Open Space	Evingto n Ward	Retain as open space - Small open space with play area.	663	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SE4	Coleman	Evingto		495	Not proposed for development

5	Road Allotments/ Blackenhall Allotments	n Ward			(no longer available)
SE4 6	Davenport Road Playing Fields	Evingto n Ward		502	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SR A01	Faircharm Industrial Estate/St Mary's Mills	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward	Retain employment use. Encourage creative industry linked to Cultural Quarter. Potential for some low density/care home residential.	303	Not proposed for housing development (planning permission already granted for 66 dwellings (20151042), remainder retained for employment).
SR A02	Aylestone Road Gas Works	Saffron Ward	Use for open space. Contamination issues would need to be addressed for any form of development.	457	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SR A03	Bede Park	Westcot es Ward	Retain as open space	465	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SR A04	Granby Halls	Saffron Ward	Use for a multi- storey car park	018	Not proposed for development (planning permission already granted for new hotel and public open space (20182477))
SR A05	Castle Gardens	Castle Ward	Retain as open space. Improve attractiveness of area to narrow boaters.	489	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SR A06	Land south of St Augustine Road	Westcot es Ward	Part of the site with access from New Park Street could be suitable for a neighbourhood scale convenience retail store. Mixed use scheme especially leisure	015	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for mixed use development. Evidence does not justify allocation for retail as sole/main/principal use.
SR A08	Mansfield Street	Castle Ward	Ideal area for development since it is an eyesore at present. A signposted route from one bus station to the other through newly regenerated	609	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development and public realm improvements expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.

			and well lit streets would be a welcome addition to the city landscape.		
SR A09	St Georges Cemetery and play area	Castle Ward	Retain as cemetery and play area	674	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SR A10	Campbell Street/Rail way station car park	Castle Ward	suitable for a range of town centre uses - residential, retail, leisure and tourism and its redevelopment would make a positive contribution to the City. Develop car park with residential above on upper floors and retaining car park below.	105	Considered suitable for development. Although within the new CDA this site specifically proposed for office development.
SR A12	Bedford Street North/Geor ge Street	Wycliffe Ward		466	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.
SR A14	Burleys Way	Abbey Ward		484	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.
SR A15	St Margaret's Pastures	Abbey Ward		677	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SR A16	Abbey Park	Abbey Ward	Retain as open space	444	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SR A17	Former bus depot	Abbey Ward		516	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
SR A18	Sock Island	Abbey Ward		667	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.
SR A19	Abbey Park Road	Abbey Ward		445	Not proposed for development (no longer available)

	Allotments				
SR A20	Former John Ellis College Site	Abbey Ward	Suitable location for the new Space Park Leicester	517	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.
SR A21	Holden Street Allotments and adjacent land	Belgrav e Ward		551	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SR A22	St Augustine's	Fosse Ward		673	Considered suitable for development. Although within the new CDA this site specifically proposed for education development.
SR A23	Repton Street	Fosse Ward		650	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.
SR A24	Frog Island	Abbey Ward		524	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.
SR A25	Slater Street	Abbey Ward		666	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.
SR A26	Craven Street	Abbey Ward		499	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.
SR A27	Great Central Street	Abbey Ward	Opportunity to make a Promenade Plantee as in Paris, on the old viaduct. It could be both a local green space/park as well as significant tourist attraction	537	Site within proposed new Central Development Area. Development and public realm improvements expected to come forward in accordance with relevant draft Local Plan CDA character area policies.

SW 01	Sonning Way Open Space	Eyres Monsell Ward	Retain as open space. Serves as separation between the City and Blaby Parish	668	Not proposed for development (no longer available).
SW 02	Feathersto ne Drive Open Space	Eyres Monsell Ward	Retain as open space. Serves as separation between the City and Blaby Parish	515	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (half of site). Retained open space half may help to preserve visual separation.
SW 03	Her Ladyship's Covert	Eyres Monsell Ward		545	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 04	Rolleston Primary School Playing Fields	Eyres Monsell Ward	Retain as school playing fields	651	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 05	Hillsboroug h Road Recreation Ground	Eyres Monsell Ward		548	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 06	Grange Spinney	Eyres Monsell Ward		535	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 07	Grange Spinney Playground	Eyres Monsell Ward	Retain as open space	536	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 08	Eyres Monsell Primary School Playing Fields	Eyres Monsell Ward	Retain as school playing fields	513	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 09	Two Acre Spinney, Sturdy Well Recreation Park	Eyres Monsell Ward		691	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 10	Spendlow Gardens	Eyres Monsell Ward	No development other than extra car parking for residents	669	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (half of site). Development for car residents' parking only unlikely to be viable/justified.
SW 11	Goldhill Spinney Recreation Ground	Eyres Monsell Ward		530	Not proposed for development (no longer available)

SW 12	Saffron Hill Cemetery	Eyres Monsell Ward	Retain as cemetery	659	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 13	Gilmorton Avenue Allotments	Aylesto ne Ward		526	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 14	Gilmorton Avenue Playground	Aylesto ne Ward	Retain as open space	527	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (one third of site). Remainder retained/enhanced as open space.
SW 15	Land south of Soar Valley Way	Aylesto ne Ward	Retain as open space	586	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 16	Land north of Soar Valley Way	Aylesto ne Ward	Retain as open space	583	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 17	Franklyn Fields/Form er Conaglen Road Allotments	Aylesto ne Ward	Retain as open space	002	Not proposed for development (planning permission already granted for new housing (20162382))
SW 18	Paget Street Allotments	Aylesto ne Ward	Retain as open space	637	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 19	Montrose Road Open Space	Aylesto ne Ward		619	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 20	YMCA Belvoir Drive	Aylesto ne Ward	sympathetic development - mix use of green space and housing, taking into account the privacy of existing homes, yet bringing in green space.	308	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 21	Belvoir Drive - LCFC Training Ground	Aylesto ne Ward	not opposed to some development - need to consider access, possibly improve parking in nearby area to compensate for development of this site.	149	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 22	Aylestone Hall Gardens	Aylesto ne Ward	Retain as open space	453	Not proposed for development (no longer available)

SW 23	Braunstone Lane East Playing Fields	Aylesto ne Ward	Totally unsuitable for development as it is part of the floodplain. Retain as open space.	479	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 24	Land south of Braunstone Lane East	Aylesto ne Ward	Retain as open space.	584	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 25	Braunstone Lane East - Rear of Biam House	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward	No development on this site.	478	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 26	Sports Field, North of Braunstone Lane East	Aylesto ne Ward	Floods - retain as open space	672	Not proposed for development (100% flood zone 3b)
SW 27	Aylestone Meadows	Aylesto ne, Braunst one Park & Rowley Fields Ward	Retain as open space	454	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 28	National Grid sports field, Aylestone Road	Aylesto ne Ward	Retain as open space - flooding, difficult access, ground pollution. Allow for public access to this land.	332	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 29	Meredith Road/Rowl ey Fields Allotments	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		616	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 30	Manor House Playing Fields	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward	Retain for open space - Important community open space.	335	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (one fifth of site). Remainder retained/enhanced as open space.
SW	Manor	Braunst	Retain for	607	Not proposed for development

31	House Neighbourh ood Centre	one Park and Rowley Fields Ward	community uses		(retained for community use)
SW 33	Imperial Avenue Infant School playing fields	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		555	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 34	Westcotes Park	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		701	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 35	Rancliffe Crescent Allotments	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		645	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 36	Rancliffe Gardens	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		646	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
SW 38	Braunstone Park	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		480	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 39	Hockley Farm Road open space	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		549	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for partial development only (one third of site).
SW 40	Hockley Farm	Braunst one		550	Not proposed for development (suitability)

	Road/Brau nstone Way playing fields	Park and Rowley Fields Ward			
SW 41	Highway Spinney, Hinckley Road	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward	Important wildlife area. Well used and looked after by community. Historic - last remaining part of the old Leicester forest. Retain as open space/woodland	547	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 42	Bendbow Spinney	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		472	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 43	Church Fields off Woodshaw e Rise	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		492	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 44	Cort Crescent Oval	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		496	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 45	Caldecote Community Primary School Playing Fields	Braunst one Park and Rowley Fields Ward		486	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 46	Narborough Road North Greenways	Westcot es Ward		623	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 47	Thirlmere Street Gardens and adjacent	Saffron Ward		686	Not proposed for development (no longer available)

	shops				
SW 48	Freemans Common Nature Reserve	Saffron Ward		522	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 50	Aylestone Recreation Ground North	Saffron Ward	Retain as open space	456	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 51	Aylestone Recreation Ground	Saffron Ward	Retain as open space	455	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 52	Whittier Road Allotments	Saffron Ward	Retain as allotment. do not develop any allotment site unless the occupancy falls below 60%.	705	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 53	Neston Gardens green space/Mud Dumps	Saffron Ward		626	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
SW 54	Neston Gardens Playing Fields	Saffron Ward	Adjacent underused youth centre. Field is not used – better to be used to tackle lack of social housing within the area.	627	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
SW 55	Elston Fields Recreation Ground	Saffron Ward		506	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 56	Meadow Gardens west	Saffron Ward		615	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 57	Meadow Gardens east	Saffron Ward		614	Not proposed for development (suitability)
SW 58	Welford Road Allotments	Knighto n Ward	Retain as allotments	699	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 59	Lambourne Road Green Space	Knighto n Ward		570	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 60	The Lancaster School playing	Knighto n Ward	Retain as school playing fields	685	Not proposed for development (suitability)

	fields				
SW 61	Washbrook Nature Area	Knighto n Ward	Retain as open space - wildlife area	697	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 62	Sutton Road Allotments, Knighton Fields Road East Allotments	Knighto n Ward	Retain as allotments	683	Not proposed for development (no longer available)
SW 63	Freemen's Common, Welford Road, University of Leicester	Castle Ward	Principle of redevelopment of student housing supported. Concerns over scale and details of any development	305	Not proposed for development (planning permission already granted for 1,200 bedspace student development (20180450))
SW 64	Former Saffron Velodrome	Saffron Ward	Development is needed as site is an eyesore. Employment development would benefit locals	019	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development. Site considered more appropriate for housing rather than employment development.
SW 65	Mary Linwood Playing Fields	Eyres Monsell Ward		612	Not proposed for development (suitability)

# Additional Sites submitted during consultation

SE47	11 Elmfield Avenue	438	Not proposed for development (planning permission already granted for 72 bed care home development (20171457))
SE48	77-83 Chesterfield Road	439	Not proposed for development (suitability)
N/A	Evington Valley Road (ALREADY INCLUDED AS SITE SE28)	222	See above
SE49	Land North of Gartree Road	715	Considered suitable for development. Proposed for development.
SE50	Maidstone Road	716	Not proposed for development (suitability)
NE71	Hilltop Road	717	Not proposed for development (suitability)

Ī	NW79	The Paddock Anstey Lane	718	Considered suitable for
		-		development. Proposed for
				development.

# Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment responses to consultation

## **General Comments**

Natural England	
We broadly support the approach and conclusions of the consultation document especially Section 12 on the Environment where our main interests lie	Noted
Historic England	
<ul> <li>Disappointing that our previous comments at scoping stage in relation to the SA objectives have not been incorporated.</li> <li>The inclusion of a specific objective in relation to heritage assets should be included rather than objective 7 as proposed</li> <li>There is concern that the currently proposed objective, by reason of its breadth of coverage, does not adequately address heritage assets or their settings in order to ensure a sound plan</li> <li>Strongly welcome early involvement in the formation of site assessment methodology</li> <li>Consider that significant amendment is required to ensure soundness and that the requirements of the Directive and Legislation in relation to cultural heritage are met</li> </ul>	Noted. Draft SA/SEA now produced which we will consult on as part of the next stage of the local plan.  Objectives 7 refers to Heritage Assets
Braunstone Town Council	
<ul> <li>The 16 Sustainable Appraisal objectives be supported as the Sustainable Appraisal objectives seemed reasonable, appropriate and covered current issues</li> </ul>	Noted
Member of the Public	
<ul> <li>Very long document that doesn't say very much</li> <li>It doesn't give any indication of how clashes of interest between policies will be resolved</li> <li>to see all policies and planning documents having to show how they further 3 over-arching aims: <ul> <li>1) That they will improve the environment (both local and global) or, at very least, not increase damage to it.</li> <li>2) That they will work towards improving public health (including mental health)</li> <li>3) That they will help overcome inequality</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reference needs to be made to bio-abundance as well as bio-diversity</li> <li>Good document and well put together</li> <li>The policies to underpin the positive impact items need to be strong</li> </ul>	Revised SEA/SA will be submitted as part of next stage consultation Also note that these issues are covered in Public Health, and Open Space and Natural Environment

<ul> <li>needs to find new creative ways to reduce car use</li> <li>Mostly positive outcomes predicted, but the implementation</li> </ul> Noted	•	For example, new and bigger roads will have a severe	Chapters
		deleterious effect on the city and residents. The city council needs to find new creative ways to reduce car use	

# **Comments by Development Management Policy**

## **DM1** Presumption in favour of sustainable development

ŀ	Historic England	
	<ul> <li>Within the commentary 'listed' should be removed to ensure that all heritage assets are considered</li> </ul>	Noted

## **DM14 Primary and secondary shopping frontages**

Power Leisure Bookmakers		
<ul> <li>These comments are unjustified. Whilst there 1s no need to repeat our position regarding the Inaccuracies surrounding tenuous links between betting shops and deprivation, the Sustainability Appraisal also forges a correlation between betting shops and crime, which we refute</li> </ul>	Removed	Policy

## DM16 Gambling, pay day loans shops and pawnbrokers

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Power Leisure Bookmakers					
<ul> <li>These comments are unjustified. Whilst there 1s no need to repeat our position regarding the Inaccuracies surrounding tenuous links between betting shops and deprivation, the</li> </ul>	Noted	D. II			
Sustainability Appraisal also forges a correlation between betting shops and crime, which we refute	Draft Removed	Policy			
<ul> <li>We also do not consider it is appropriate to group betting shops, pay day loan companies and pawnbrokers together as each offer. The Council has confirmed that these uses have been grouped together solely because they are Sui Generis uses</li> </ul>					
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#### **DM23 Tall Buildings**

Historic England

•	Do not agree with the yellow impact assessment made in			
	this assessment, in light of our concerns to the policy,			
	supporting text and proposed deletion of SPD			

Tall Buildings policy revised, and Tall buildings SPD will be produced

#### **DM33 The historic environment**

#### **Woodland Trust**

- There is no reference to the need to protect ancient or veteran trees
- Climate change adaptation within a Local Plan through the development of interconnected Green Infrastructure networks should also be acknowledged with your Sustainability Assessment as being highly relevant to protecting and buffering ancient woodland and trees

Set criteria is used in SA/EA

- The water-related services that trees can provide should also be acknowledged with your Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal
- Would suggest that the Sustainability Assessment of your Local Plan also acknowledges trees as being part of Chapter 12 and the need to protect, enhance and manage the natural environment as an asset of the City, and also Chapter 13 taking trees into account given that they can help alleviate flooding and improve water quality when planted in the right locations

Noted

#### DM39 Open space network

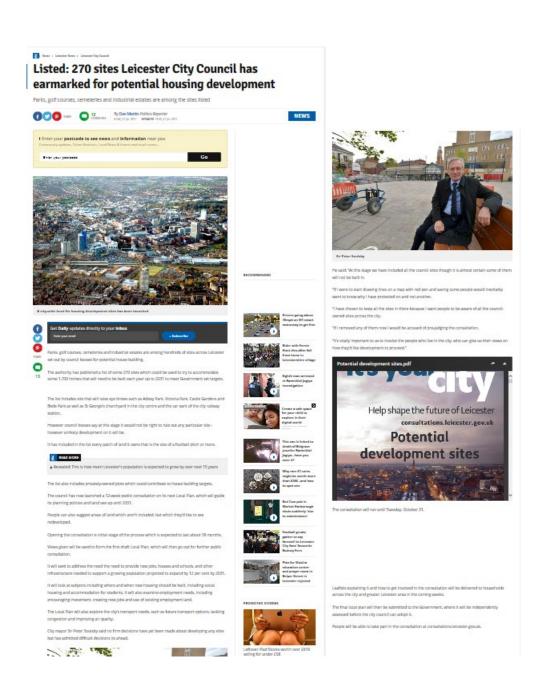
#### Member of the Public

 Please note that amenity grassland is of low value for biodiversity and should not be viewed as an area increasing biodiversity

Noted

# Appendix 1 – Public Notices and Press Releases





# Revealed: This is how much Leicester's population is



# Council public consultation on local plan extended to end of month

# More time to have your say

A public consultation to help shape the direction of planning and development in Leicester over the coming decades has been extended.

Leicester City Council launched a public consultation in July to get people's views on its local plan, which will guide the city's planning policies and

the city's planning policies and land use up to 2031.

The consultation was due to end on October 31 but has now been extended to November 30. A number of people attending public engagement meetings as part of the consultation had asked for more time to submit their ideas. their ideas.

The next public exhibitions will take place at Highcross shopping centre, on Wednesday, November 15, and Thursday, November 16, next to the Post Office off the High Street entrance.

The exhibitions will run from am to 5pm, and officers will be on hand to give information and explain how people can comment on the proposals.

The consultation is the first stage of the process which is ex-

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pected to last about 18 months.
The views given will be used to
form the first draft local plan,
which will then go out for further public consultation.
The city council said it has
had almost 700 responses to
public exhibitions in Highcross so far along with more

nad amost 700 responses to public exhibitions in High-cross so far, along with more than 180 responses on the Cit-izen Space website and 115 formal responses to the online consultation. More than 2,000 people have viewed the information on

viewed the information on Twitter, along with about 3,000 on Facebook and 500 on Ins-

on Facebook sum variagram.
Six community ward meetings have taken place, along with meetings with the health authority sports and business groups and community

groups.

City mayor Sir Peter Soulsby said: "We are extending this consultation to allow even more people to have their say. "We've had a sizeable response already both online and from the numerous events

which have taken place across the city to enable people to find out more, and have their say. "The message we've been giv-en is that people want more time to take next."

time to take part. "It is important we include as many views as possible as part of the local plan consultation, so it makes sense to extend the deadline to ensure people have adequate chance to get involved."

The local plan will address thanks such as population

changes such as population growth, the need to provide jobs, houses and schools, and

glowth, the need to provide jobs, houses and schools, and other infrastructure. It will explore where and when housing should be created, including student accommodation. It will also look at employment and transport needs. Copies of the reference materials are available to view at city council libraries, the Town Hall and customer service centre in Granby Street. Paper copies of the consultation questionnaire are availableat those sites. People can take part online at consultations. leicester.gov.uk



PICTURE: CHRIS GORDON

COMMENTS: Nick Logan of the city planning team with public suggestions about the local plan