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23 August 2023



Via email: [REDACTED]

Cllr Stuart Bray (Leader)
c/o The Hinckley Hub
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Dear Stuart,

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

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

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

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

I understand that there is currently no clear position or timescale for a decision on the SOCG from your council following requests at the Members' Advisory Group, through officer groups/forums and a recent formal request under the Duty to Co-Operate. I would greatly appreciate your confirmation on when my officers might expect an SOCG to be signed by the council such that this can be communicated to the Inspectorate as part of the local plan submission process.

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

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

Yours sincerely,



Peter Soulsby
City Mayor

