

Leicester Forest East Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of responses received at Regulation 16 stage (submission)

The following table sets out a summary of the responses received to the submission consultation of the Leicester Forest East Neighbourhood Plan.

All of the responses received were considered by the Examiner when preparing his assessment of, and recommended modifications to, the Leicester Forest East Neighbourhood Plan.

The following summary of comments received reflects the views put forward by respondents. They have been abridged as faithfully as possible to ensure that the essence of the original representation is fully maintained.

Full versions of the 9 responses received on the Leicester Forest East Neighbourhood Plan (along with more information regarding the Neighbourhood Plan) are available to view on the [Blaby District Council website \(https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/guidance-and-policies/neighbourhood-planning/\)](https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/guidance-and-policies/neighbourhood-planning/).

Blaby District Council, May 2022.

Respondent	Support/ Object/ Comment	Summary of Response
Alastair Broadbelt	Comment	Concerns over new development increased traffic in Leicester Forest East and cumulative impact from new development in neighbouring villages. Considers that a central hub with a café would have been more beneficial to the community than the new Tesco store.
Blaby District Council	Comment	<p>Supports the progress that has been made on the preparation of the Plan. General comments on improving the structure of the Plan.</p> <p>Specific comments on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual update on references to the Local Development Plan • Policy H1 Residential Site Allocations – duplication of Local Plan allocations and no evidence of site assessment process to support allocation • Policy H2 Limits to Development – duplication of Local Plan policy and not justified • Policy H3 Housing Mix – needs clarification of how and when it would be applied • Policy H4 Affordable Housing – supports the aspiration but policy does not confirm with Local Plan and requires economic viability evidence to justify it • Policy ENV1 Local Green Spaces – title and wording needs amended to reflect there only being one Local Green Space being proposed • Policy ENV3 Biodiversity and Wildlife Corridor – suggested modification to enable policy to conform with the strategic transport and biodiversity policies in the Local Plan • Policy ENV4 Sites of High Environmental Significance – remove Leicester Forest East Spinney from this policy as it is protected under other policies • Policy CF1 The Retention of Community Facilities and Amenities – duplicates two strategic Local Plan policies and requires refinement and clarification • Policy BE1 Support for Existing Employment Opportunities – clearer definition needed of “employment opportunity” • Policy BE2 Support for New Employment Opportunities – also requires clearer definition of “employment opportunity” • Policy T1 Transport Requirements for New Developments – duplication of Local Plan policy and the NPPF 2021
The Coal Authority	Comment	Blaby District Council is outside the coalfield and so no requirement for to consult The Coal Authority and / or notify The Coal Authority of any emerging neighbourhood plans.

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The Environment Agency	Comment	The environment constraints affecting the area and which fall within The Environment Agency's remit are such that there is no formal comment to make on the Plan (due to the lack of Main River, Flood Zone, etcetera within the Plan boundary).
Historic England	Comment	Recommends contacting the planning and conservation team at the local planning authority together with the staff at the county council archaeological advisory service who look after the Historic Environment Record. Provides links to relevant guidance.
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group	Comment	<p>Supportive of the vision in the Plan and would welcome joint working on health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Specifically would welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of community identity • Provision of green space and recreational facilities • Actions to create local jobs • Using design to enhance physical and mental health and wellbeing • Range of travel options • Infrastructure for active travel • Design that supports reduction in carbon emissions <p>Notes that increasing the number of residents in any area will have a direct impact on local NHS services. Additional demand arising from new housing developments will require developer contributions to mitigate this.</p>
National Grid	Comment	Has no record of National Grid electricity and gas transmission assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area but has provided guidance on development near National Grid assets.

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Severn Trent	Comment	<p>Generally supportive of the principles in the Plan. General comments on water efficiency, water supply, water quality, surface water flooding sewer flooding and sewage strategy.</p> <p>Specific comments on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy H1 Residential Allocations – supportive of the requirement for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) but recommends changes to the policy text and supporting text to make clear the requirements for SuDS and surface water discharge. Also recommends additional wording in relation to water efficiency • Policy H6 Housing Design – recommends additional text relating to SuDS, water efficiency and drainage hierarchy • Policy ENV1 Local Green Spaces – recommends additional text in relation to flood alleviation • Policy ENV4 Sites of High Environmental Significance – would only support allocation of the Flood Relief Basin under this Policy provided there would be no adverse impact on the flood relief performance of the Basin
Sport England	Comment	<p>General comments on compliance with national policy relating to sport and playing fields. Refers to local authority playing pitch strategies as evidence to support neighbourhood plans. Refers to design guidance for new or improved sports facilities. Refers to increase in demand for sports facilities arising from new housing developments. Refers to guidance on Active Design.</p>

Leicestershire County Council	Comment	<p>Supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan process. Comments received from specific departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Highways comments on funding highways measures associated with new development. Specific Highways comments were not accepted due to being submitted late • Flood Risk comments on where new development should be located to reduce risk of flooding. Refers to national policy and guidance • Minerals and Waste state that they can provide information on existing and future operations. Also refers to Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Areas • Property Education provides guidance on school places in relation to housing allocations. Strategic Property Services advised that they had no comment on the Plan • Adult Social Care suggest making reference to recognising significant growth in older population and the housing need associated with this. • Environment comments correct wording on page 24 of the Plan and makes recommendations to strengthen Policy H6 Housing Design in relation to provision for wildlife. Also notes no reference to use of renewable energy in the Plan. Would like to see neighbourhood plans cover all aspects of the natural environment. Neighbourhood plans should seek to contribute to and support reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resilience to climate change. Would like to see inclusion of local landscape assessment and recommend consideration is given to street scene and public realm. Neighbourhood Plans should therefore seek to work in partnership with other agencies to develop and deliver a strategic approach to protecting and improving the natural environment based on local evidence and priorities. References the Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre for a summary of wildlife information for the Neighbourhood Plan area. References national policy on Green Infrastructure and advises that Neighbourhood Plan groups have the opportunity to plan Green Infrastructure networks at a local scale to maximise benefits for their community. Advises on effective use of brownfield land and assessment of ecological value. Consideration should be given to mapping agricultural land classification in neighbourhood plans. Advice provided on Strategic Environmental Assessment of neighbourhood plans. Advice in relation to impact on Household Waste Recycling Centres • Communities set out opportunities available to neighbourhood plans and reference guidance on community resources. • Economic Development recommends including economic development aspirations in the Plan. • Fibre Broadband set out expectations for high speed broadband connections. • Equalities reference the County Council's Equality Strategy and the Public Sector Equality Duty. • Accessible Documents set out requirements for website accessibility.
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