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# ***LDF Comment and Response Report for***

## ***Site Allocations DPD***

### ***Barlestone***

### ***AS40***

***Comment Type:*** Objection

***Comment Ref:*** U09830

***Customer Comment:*** Highway issues – village roads are already congested with car parking issues centred at the local shop and pub. Pressure on the Co-op to accommodate new residents. Impact on drainage and sewage capacity. Development would put undue pressure on village school. Inadequate policing. Green Belt area around the village. Brownfield sites should be considered before Greenfield sites. Believe planning gain should include another general provisions shop.

***Council's Response:*** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. Noted and considered car parking and traffic issues.

Population increase will bring new potential customers to local business helping to retain and enhance rural vitality.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Note pressure on schools, however, the Core Strategy sets the housing requirement for each settlement up to 2026 and this takes into account population projections and infrastructure provision. Policing is not a planning matter.

Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on Brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

### ***Customer References:-***

04518

***Comment Ref:*** U09836

***Customer Comment:*** Greenfield site that covers an area that contains sensitive countryside as defined in the Landscape Character Area.

***Council's Response:*** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

### ***Customer References:-***

04521

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***Total Comments of type Objection : 2***

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## **Barlestone**

## **AS42**

**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U09831

**Customer Comment:** Highway issues – village roads are already congested with car parking issues centred at the local shop and pub. Pressure on the Co-op to accommodate new residents. Impact on drainage and sewage capacity. Development would put undue pressure on village school. Inadequate policing. Green Belt area around the village. Brownfield sites should be considered before Greenfield sites. Believe planning gain should include another general provisions shop.

**Council's Response:** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. Noted and considered car parking and traffic issues.

Population increase will bring new potential customers to local business helping them to retain and enhance rural vitality.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Note pressure on schools, however, the Core Strategy sets the housing requirement for each settlement up to 2026 and this takes into account population projections and infrastructure provision. Policing is not a planning matter.

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The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on Brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

### **Customer References:-**

04518

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 1**

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## **Barlestone**

## **AS45**

**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U10067

**Customer Comment:** Bagworth Road is very narrow and severe bends would make any access extremely difficult. Additional to this is the very dense parking that occurs along this stretch reducing visibility dramatically.

**Council's Response:** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

### **Customer References:-**

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 1**


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**Comment Type:** Support

**Comment Ref:** 12A45

**Customer Comment:** AS45 - Support  
I support the proposal for development off Bagworth Road for residential dwellings following the Parish Council meeting on 18th March 2009. Residents identified this area as dying. It is closer to amenities and could improve the road layout.

**Council's Response:** Response to AS45 Support  
The representation does not identify the site reference as a result it has been taken as land at Garden Farm, Bagworth Road (AS45). This site was discounted due to highway concerns relating to access to the site in terms of visibility and safety.

**Customer References:-**

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13992

**Comment Ref:** U08815

**Customer Comment:** This would be an appropriate location to put the housing requirement for Barlestone

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

06359

**Comment Ref:** U08948

**Customer Comment:** A centrally located site with access issues which could be resolved.

**Council's Response:** The site has been deemed unsuitable for housing development because there are more suitable sites that do not impinge upon designated open space. The site falls within the Forest Hills Landscape Character Area that contains sensitive countryside. Better suited sites have been chosen that naturally extend and preserve the existing settlement pattern.

**Customer References:-**

04916

**Comment Ref:** U08954

**Customer Comment:** Near the village centre and amenities and is an under developed part of the village. Access into the site could help straighten some bends in the existing roads.

**Council's Response:** The site has been deemed unsuitable for housing development because there are more suitable sites that do not impinge upon designated open space. The site falls within the Forest Hills Landscape Character Area that contains sensitive countryside. Better suited sites have been chosen that naturally extend and preserve the existing settlement pattern.

**Customer References:-**

04917

**Comment Ref:** U09011

**Customer Comment:** This site would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement as it would not effect wildlife, has better access and is closer to services.

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07093

**Comment Ref:** U09015

**Customer Comment:** This site would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement as it would not effect wildlife, has better access and is closer to services.

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07094

**Comment Ref:** U09020

**Customer Comment:** This site would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07116

**Comment Ref:** U09044

**Customer Comment:** This site does not feature the same landscape characteristics of BARL02 and would not require the removal of hedgerows

This site is as close, if not closer to amenities to village amenities than the preferred option

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07123

**Comment Ref:** U09415

**Customer Comment:** Site not used for agricultural purpose and nearer to the local village centre compared with the preferred option BARL02.

**Council's Response:** Noted and considered.

**Customer References:-**

04255

**Comment Ref:** U09837

**Customer Comment:** Close to the village centre. Highway access.

**Council's Response:** Noted. This representation has been considered as a support to this site becoming a preferred option.

**Customer References:-**

04521

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**Total Comments of type Support : 19**

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**Barlestone**

**AS455**

**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U08947

**Customer Comment:** More suitable housing site, currently being promoted by Barlestone Parish Council, for the following reasons; good access, closer to village amenities, the existing cemetery can be extended and proposed new cemetery site removed from plan. Barlestone does not want any new employment sites as 4 industrial areas have been redeveloped for housing in the past.

**Council's Response:** The site is allocated for employment (allocation BARL10), which is in-line with Policy 11 of the Adopted Core Strategy.

**Customer References:-**

04916

**Comment Ref:** U08953

**Customer Comment:** More suitable housing site for the following reasons; good access, no sewerage problems or flooding issues. Barlestone doesn't need any new employment sites as industrial areas have been redeveloped for housing in the past, which means there is no need for employment sites, so this site should be used for housing. The cemetery can then be extended to the rear of the existing site.

**Council's Response:** The site is allocated for employment (allocation BARL10), which is in-line with Policy 11 of the Adopted Core Strategy.

**Customer References:-**

04917

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**Total Comments of type Objection : 2**

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**Comment Type:** Support

**Comment Ref:** U09037

**Customer Comment:** This site would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07121

**Comment Ref:** U09838

**Customer Comment:** No access problems. Close to village amenities. Existing cemetery could be extended.

**Council's Response:** Noted. This representation has been considered as a support to this site becoming a preferred option.

**Customer References:-**

04521

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**Total Comments of type Support : 2**

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**Barlestone**

**AS46**

**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U10068

**Customer Comment:** Bagworth Road is very narrow and severe bends would make any access extremely difficult. Additional to this is the very dense parking that occurs along this stretch reducing visibility dramatically.

**Council's Response:** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

**Customer References:-**

04572

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**Total Comments of type Objection : 1**

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**Barlestone**

**AS53**

**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U08955

**Customer Comment:** Part of the site could be used with easier access.

**Council's Response:** The greenfield site has been deemed unsuitable for development because better suited sites naturally extend and preserve the existing settlement pattern. Environmental constraints are likely to restrict development. In addition the site covers an area that encroaches upon sensitive open countryside as defined in the Landscape Character Assessment. The SHLAA states that mitigation of potential flooding from stream, retention of ecology site and agricultural land is likely to reduce residential capacity of the site.

**Customer References:-**

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**Total Comments of type Objection : 1**

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**Comment Type:** Support

**Comment Ref:** 12A53

**Customer Comment:** AS53 - Support  
I feel the land backing onto the playing field and behind Cunnery Close fits better within the existing village foot print. I support the development for residential dwellings; access is better and traffic would have easier access to the A447.

**Council's Response:** Response to AS53 Support  
This site was not a preferred option as it is less related to the existing in terms of access to services and public transport. Access to the land is also poor and would require an access point off Bosworth Road or Hinckley Road and would not be connected to the settlement.

**Customer References:-**

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**Comment Ref:** U08813

**Customer Comment:** This would be an appropriate location to put the housing requirement for Barlestone

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

06359

**Comment Ref:** U08949

**Customer Comment:** A site located near to the village centre, with access from the A447 which would have less impact upon the local residents.

**Council's Response:** The greenfield site has been deemed unsuitable for development because better suited sites naturally extend and preserve the existing settlement pattern. Environmental constraints are likely to restrict development. In addition the site covers an area that encroaches upon sensitive open countryside as defined in the Landscape Character Assessment. The SHLAA states that mitigation of potential flooding from stream, retention of ecology site and agricultural land is likely to reduce residential capacity of the site.

**Customer References:-**

04916

**Comment Ref:** U09007

**Customer Comment:** This site would be suitable for housing. This adjoins houses and is an infill site.

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

***Customer References:-***

07092

***Comment Ref:*** U09009

***Customer Comment:*** This site would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement as it would not effect wildlife, has better access and is closer to services.

***Council's Response:*** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

***Customer References:-***

07093

***Comment Ref:*** U09013

***Customer Comment:*** This site would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement as it would not effect wildlife, has better access and is closer to services.

***Council's Response:*** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

***Customer References:-***

07094

***Comment Ref:*** U09022

***Customer Comment:*** This site would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement

***Council's Response:*** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

***Customer References:-***

07116

***Comment Ref:*** U09042

***Customer Comment:*** This site does not feature the same landscape characteristics of BARL02 and would not require the removal of hedgerows.

This site is as close, if not closer to amenities to village amenities than the preferred option

The development of 30 dwellings in this location would not effect the ecologically sensitive area

***Council's Response:*** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

***Customer References:-***

07123

***Comment Ref:*** U09839

***Customer Comment:*** Access from A447. New housing would blend in with the existing area with less impact on local residents and traffic near the village centre.

***Council's Response:*** Noted. This representation has been considered as a support to this site becoming a preferred option.

***Customer References:-***

04521



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**Total Comments of type Support : 18**

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**Barlestone**

**AS623**

**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U09829

**Customer Comment:** Highway issues – village roads are already congested with car parking issues centred at the local shop and pub. Pressure on the Co-op to accommodate new residents. Impact on drainage and sewage capacity. Development would put undue pressure on village school. Inadequate policing. Green Belt area around the village. Brownfield sites should be considered before Greenfield sites. Believe planning gain should include another general provisions shop.

**Council's Response:** We note the respondent actually refers to As reference 23 that is for land off Markfield Lane, Thornton but this does not correspond with the comments for Barlestone in general and reference made to the rear of Newbold Road, specifically. Therefore, we assume that you were referring to As 623 that is land to the rear of 80 Newbold Road. In this case the representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

**Customer References:-**

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**Total Comments of type Objection : 1**

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**Barlestone**

**AS676**

**Comment Type:** Support

**Comment Ref:** U08814

**Customer Comment:** This would be an appropriate location to put the housing requirement for Barlestone

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

06359

**Comment Ref:** U09416

**Customer Comment:** Site not used for agricultural purpose and nearer to the local village centre compared with the preferred option BARL02.

**Council's Response:** Noted and considered.

**Customer References:-**

04255

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**Total Comments of type Support : 2**

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**Barlestone**

**BARL**

**Comment Type:** Comment

**Comment Ref:** U08637

**Customer Comment:** Barlestone cannot cope with additional development. Schools are overflowing. Doctors cannot cope

Sewage systems can't cope

The centre of the village has insufficient roads to cope with additional traffic

Policing in the village is inadequate

**Council's Response:** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted. However the Leicestershire Constabulary will be consulted on proposals in the Site Allocations document and will comment accordingly.

**Customer References:-**

06211

**Comment Ref:** U08681

**Customer Comment:** An increased police presence would benefit the village

**Council's Response:** This is not a planning matter

**Customer References:-**

06241

**Comment Ref:** U10675

**Customer Comment:** Recommend reviewing the Barlestone Green Space Strategy Quantity and Accessibility Audit to include the proposed new dwellings to ensure adequate provision of new open space, or improvements to existing open space is made through Bar101 and Bar102.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted, the PPG17 Study will inform the preparation of the submission DPD and the update to the Green Space Strategy.

**Customer References:-**

CU0617

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**Total Comments of type Comment : 3**

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**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U08051

**Customer Comment:** I object to the allocation of 40 dwellings. Barlestone is a village and allocating more houses would change the character of the village. If more houses are built in the village.

**Council's Response:** The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need and therefore the housing figure is not open for public consultation.

**Customer References:-**

15203

**Comment Ref:** U08314

**Customer Comment:** Object to additional housing in Barlestone. Children's education is suffering because of large class sizes. Car parking is becoming a problem in the village. Current drainage is under constant maintenance because it cannot cope. More people often means more crime, policing rural areas is a problem. Capacity of doctors. Agricultural land will be taken. Barlestone has reached its limit and doesn't have the facilities large towns have.

**Council's Response:** The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

**Customer References:-**

03657

**Comment Ref:** U08425

**Customer Comment:** I would like to object to any more traveller pitches in the Barlestone area. There are over 70 pitches within a 2 mile radius. I am dismayed that there is a proposal next to Brookside. Other areas in Leicestershire have very little provision. I request you reject the government request for more sites.

**Council's Response:** The Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Core Strategy sets out the number of pitches that must be provided. It states that we must provide 42 permanent residential pitches (plus space for 10 transit caravans and 3 plots for showpeople) from 2007 to 2017. This figure was derived from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment (GTAA) (2007) which was used as an evidence base document for the production of the adopted East Midlands Regional Plan. The GTAA makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

**Customer References:-**

10342

**Comment Ref:** U08513

**Customer Comment:** I must express my objections as the village cannot cope with the extra people and traffic this would bring. Barlestone only has one food shop which is sited on a very busy narrow road. Regarding the traveller proposals HBBC already supports 67% of Leicestershire travellers. Barlestone has limited services.

**Council's Response:** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. HBBC have not been required to provide the highest provision requirements within Leicestershire.

***Customer References:-***

03982

***Comment Ref:*** U08516

***Customer Comment:*** Sewage pipes would not be able to cope. School at capacity. Increase in traffic. Stretch police.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

***Customer References:-***

03986

***Comment Ref:*** U09162

***Customer Comment:*** There are flooding problems in Barlestone which will only be increased by additional development

***Council's Response:*** As part of the consultation process Severn Trent are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

***Customer References:-***

05825

***Comment Ref:*** U09643

***Customer Comment:*** The number of housing proposed for Barlestone. Development is putting undue pressure on existing infrastructure. The amount of traffic is causing a concern.

***Council's Response:*** The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need.

The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

***Customer References:-***

04501

***Comment Ref:*** U09789

**Customer Comment:** No comments. Just states objection.

**Council's Response:** Noted

**Customer References:-**

02731

**Comment Ref:** U09989

**Customer Comment:** Questions the need for housing in an already overstretched village. There are enough brownfield and empty houses around the country before developing greenfield sites. The country will soon be concreted over.

**Council's Response:** Policy 11 of the Adopted Core Strategy allocates land for the development of a minimum of 40 new homes in order to support the local services in Barlestone and maintain rural population levels. Noted brownfield before greenfield. Although brownfield sites are being considered in the preparation of the site allocations document not all brownfield sites are suitable for development and therefore alternatives must be identified.

**Customer References:-**

04548

**Comment Ref:** U11058

**Customer Comment:** There is a failure at Barlestone to adequately assess the suitability of the land for house building adjacent to Brookside.

Many residents expressed reservations about the capacity of the existing sewage system to cope with additional housing. To propose additional houses without knowing whether or not the existing system can cope is plain foolish. The village has experienced recent problems with inadequate sewage facilities. Severn Trent has already had to install sewage holding tanks in the middle of Meadow Road to stop problems with manhole covers blowing off and sewage entering residents houses. The Council regularly has to jet the pipes and there are suggestions that the fall on the sewage pipes is insufficient to cope with the volume. As a last resort, many houses have had to be fitted with non-return valves on their sewage outlets.

Brookside residents have told me that when it rains the water runs off the field, and many gardens are flooded. Against this background yet more houses are proposed in an area where existing practical issues are unresolved.

Consider that infill development will probably meet this village's needs over the next 16 years.

**Council's Response:** Sites have been considered equally through the Strategic Housing Land Availability process which is based on a consistent methodology approved by executive members and the LDF member working party.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Should development take place here, conditions of the planning permission could include a more dedicated regard to the implementation of sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate against impact on surrounding areas. Such measures could have a beneficial effect on existing problems also. Local flood risk assessments would be a requirement if development were to go ahead.

All brownfield sites that have been made aware to the council have been included based on the information provided. Any additional sites that may be possible and viable should be made known to the council for consideration. Officers welcome new viable sites to limit the need to allocate land on sites outside of existing settlement boundaries.

**Customer References:-**

CU0596

**Comment Ref:** U11733

**Customer Comment:** Regarding traveller sites Hinckley and Bosworth have more than their fair share of sites. Barlestone and the surrounding villages have not got the amenities to cater for more travellers.

**Council's Response:** The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. HBBC have not been required to provide the highest provision requirements within Leicestershire.

**Customer References:-**

04628

**Comment Ref:** U11933

**Customer Comment:** Regarding traveller sites Hinckley and Bosworth have more than their fair share of sites. Barlestone and the surrounding villages have not got the amenities to cater for more travellers.

**Council's Response:** The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. HBBC have not been required to provide the highest provision requirements within Leicestershire.

**Customer References:-**

04729

**Comment Ref:** U12227

**Customer Comment:** Object to additional traveller sites in the area. The location and size of sites should be considered very carefully.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted.

**Customer References:-**

02344

**Comment Ref:** U12260

**Customer Comment:** The increase of traveller sites to 42 when only 6-9 are required is excessive. 65% of sites are based in this rural area. Local services are stretched. Education. The distribution is not fair or equitable. We do not believe that the Inspector forced this on the Council. Need to maintain green spaces, identity and way of life. Alternatives should be explored for example, Market Bosworth and Cadeby.

**Council's Response:** The requirement is for 42 pitches not sites. The Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Core Strategy sets out the number of pitches that must be provided. It states that we must provide 42 permanent residential pitches (plus space for 10 transit caravans and 3 plots for showpeople) from 2007 to 2017. This figure was derived from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment (GTAA) (2007) which was used as an evidence base document for the production of the adopted East Midlands Regional Plan. The GTAA makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. The Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. HBBC have not been required to provide the highest provision requirements within Leicestershire. The DPD identifies green spaces and identifies new open spaces where there is a deficiency.

**Customer References:-**

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 14**

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**Comment Type:** Support

**Comment Ref:** 12A656

**Customer Comment:** AS656 - Support  
I support the Local Parish Council in proposing an extension to the back of the cemetery and not BARL11.

**Council's Response:** Response to AS656 Support  
This is a new option that was not considered as part of the site allocations preferred options paper and will be considered as a result of this representation.

**Customer References:-**

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**Total Comments of type *Support* : 10**

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**Barlestone**

**BARL01**

**Comment Type:** Comment

**Comment Ref:** U10284

**Customer Comment:** Allocation of this site would be contrary to Highway Authority development control and access to highway network policies as contained in 'Htd'. The site would be served by an unsafe form of vehicular access.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. The Borough Council will work alongside the Highways Authority in the preparation of the submission document to ensure that any sites taken forward are acceptable in highway terms and to identify any potential mitigation measures where applicable.

**Customer References:-**

CU0152

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**Total Comments of type *Comment* : 1**

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**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U08076

**Customer Comment:** We are seeking confirmation that your duty to consult is meaningful comprehensive and

take account the needs of local people.

The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council have consulted in line with the adopted SCI. The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The Borough Council has undertaken a number evidence base documents that informed the site selection. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, infrastructure was taken into account. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

13904

**Comment Ref:** U08679

**Customer Comment:** We are seeking confirmation that your duty to consult is meaningful comprehensive and take account the needs of local people.

The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

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**Customer References:-**

06241

**Comment Ref:** U08703

**Customer Comment:** We are seeking confirmation that your duty to consult is meaningful comprehensive and take account the needs of local people.

The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

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***Customer References:-***

06260

***Comment Ref:***

U08710

***Customer Comment:***

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The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

***Council's Response:***

The Borough Council have consulted in line with the adopted SCI. The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The Borough Council has undertaken a number evidence base documents that informed the site selection. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, infrastructure was taken into account. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

***Customer References:-***

06265

***Comment Ref:***

U08810

***Customer Comment:***

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**Customer References:-**

06351

**Comment Ref:** U08847

**Customer Comment:** Object to the allocation of 40 houses in Barlestone because it would change the character of the village and more facilities would be required and improvements to infrastructure.

**Council's Response:** The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

**Customer References:-**

08455

**Comment Ref:** U08922

**Customer Comment:** Object to employment, housing and traveller sites being allocated in Barlestone for the following reasons;  
Poor existing infrastructure i.e. highways, sewerage disposal, and facilities and amenities which would all need improving.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority and service providers such as Severn Trent Water are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

When determining the level of development required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

04851

**Comment Ref:** U08929

**Customer Comment:** Object to employment, housing and traveller sites being allocated in Barlestone for the following reasons;  
Poor existing infrastructure i.e. highways, sewerage disposal, and facilities and amenities which would all need improving.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority and service providers such as Severn Trent Water are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

When determining the level of development required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

04852

**Comment Ref:** U09053

**Customer Comment:** Object to the houses and traveller site on Newbold Road because of the increased

traffic and the additional pressure on village amenities. Propose extending the existing traveller site instead.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

Note comment about extending the existing traveller site.

### **Customer References:-**

05156

**Comment Ref:** U09155

**Customer Comment:** Too many houses are proposed for Barlestone as there are problems with sewerage in the village, additional traffic will be generated, schools are already over capacity with mobile classrooms being used. Parking near the services is an issue. Policing is over stretched.

**Council's Response:** The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority, LEA and the Police are all being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

### **Customer References:-**

05825

**Comment Ref:** U09157

**Customer Comment:** Use of Green Belt land for housing and Gypsy and traveller sites is adding to global warming more brownfield sites should be used for these uses.

**Council's Response:** Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough has this designation.

Brownfield sites are being considered in the preparation of the site allocations not all brownfield sites are suitable for development and alternatives therefore must be identified.

### **Customer References:-**

05825

**Comment Ref:** U09181

**Customer Comment:** The proposed low cost market housing will put a strain on the school which already has a mobile classroom which is taking up valuable playing fields. The additional development would put additional pressure on the sewerage.

**Council's Response:** The scheme will be a mixture of open market housing and affordable housing to create a mixed and balance community.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an

Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse.

***Customer References:-***

05836

***Comment Ref:*** U09195

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the number of houses identified in Barlestone because there are flooding problems involving sewerage, increased traffic resulting in safety issues, highway issues, strain on services and amenities, building on Green Belt. There is no need for more housing as there has been an over provision in the last plan period and people can't afford the mortgages.

***Council's Response:*** As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

***Customer References:-***

08032

***Comment Ref:*** U09233

***Customer Comment:*** Why provide 642 more homes than the Government requires?

***Council's Response:*** This is a matter considered as part of the adopted Core Strategy. The purpose of allocating more housing sites than required by Government is to allow flexibility within the plan, as sites may not be developed within the plan period therefore it is necessary to have an over provision to account for these circumstances.

***Customer References:-***

05857

**Comment Ref:** U09253

**Customer Comment:** Object to the housing proposals on the following grounds; unsatisfactory sewerage system, poor parking within the village, over stretched school facilities, highway issues. Housing should be focussed on Carlton, Barton and Cadeby.

**Council's Response:** As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements.

**Customer References:-**

05879

**Comment Ref:** U09257

**Customer Comment:** Object to the housing proposals on the following grounds; unsatisfactory sewerage system, poor parking within the village, over stretched school facilities, highway issues. Housing should be focussed on Carlton, Barton and Cadeby.

**Council's Response:** As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements.

**Customer References:-**

05880

**Comment Ref:** U10128

**Customer Comment:** There has already been considerable development in the village in recent years and this has caused a strain on services and facilities. There are no proposals to fund these amenities. The village will be required to pay for the improvements through increased taxes. The nature of the village will be altered as a result of this growth. There are already many vacant homes, why aren't these being used before further development? Commuting from Barlestone would increase.

**Council's Response:** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an

Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. Funding streams for these proposals will be secured through a variety of options including developer contributions, and growth point funding. There is no evidence that council taxes will alter with specific reference to growth and is not a planning matter which can be commented on at this time. Design is a material planning consideration which will be applied to minimise impact. It is understood that there is a number of vacant properties and premises across the country. However, the Site Allocations and Development Control Policies DPD and other LDF documents are to provide for the future, not just the present. It is also a government requirement for all authorities across the country to provide new housing. There is an element of inevitability that people in rural areas will commute to larger towns for work and shopping etc, however by allocating land for employment and local services and amenities we will try to minimise this.

***Customer References:-***

03089

***Comment Ref:*** U10499

***Customer Comment:*** The Parish Council finds the proposal to provide land for 70 plus houses unacceptable although some further infilling may be possible. The village has had 45 plus houses built in the last year. No further large scale development is justifiable or needed and if the Brookside development went ahead it would further distance homes away from the traditional centre of the village, and its facilities and infrastructure. The Parish Council has had comments that the local sewage works is currently experiencing some difficulties due to the demands that are currently being placed on the facility. It is believed to be working out or near its planned capacity and it is doubtful if it could manage a further large development without significant modification and improvements. The question that keeps coming up is why more houses being provided than are set out in the Regional Plan.

***Council's Response:*** The Adopted Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements and allocates a minimum of 40 dwellings. It does not allocate 70 dwellings. The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy. As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse. It is necessary to provide flexibility in the housing numbers as the Core Strategy sets out the long term vision for the Borough. It enables greater variance to react to changing market requirements, whilst providing the opportunity to allow for a range of different housing types and mix to meet the needs of the settlement inline with the latest Housing Market Area Assessment and local housing needs survey. The Adopted Core Strategy was found to be in general conformity with the Regional Plan.

***Customer References:-***

CU0019

***Comment Ref:*** U12092

***Customer Comment:*** It is questioned whether this site is available in PPS3 terms, as it is not being promoted by the landowner or developer, as it was identified via the Urban Housing Potential Study. The site was identified in 2006, but a planning application has not been forthcoming. The site also appears to be three parcels of land which suggests that there are multiple ownerships. Clear evidence needs to be provided to demonstrate that the site is available for development.

If this site is not available then a further 10 dwellings should be allocated on an expanded Brookside site (BARL02) or on the most western part of site AS42 off

Spinney Drive, both sites are actively being promoted.

**Council's Response:** A review of the Urban Housing Potential Study is to be undertaken as part of the production of the Submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

04677

**Comment Ref:** U12122

**Customer Comment:** The Parish Council object to the allocation of 70+ houses, but would accept some infilling. The new houses are not needed as 45+ houses have been built in the last 3 years with further approvals being granted. The allocation BARL02 is too great a distance from the village centre, the sewerage capacity in that location is also an issue. Why are the Council planning to provide housing over the level required by the regional plan?

**Council's Response:** The Adopted Core Strategy requires the allocation of 40 new homes in Barlestone upto 2026 which is a need identified through a Methodology Statement called Rural Housing Numbers, which looked at retaining population levels to 2004 levels and considered existing infrastructure, facilities and amenities.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse.

The Council are making provision for 664 houses over that required by the East Midlands Regional Plan. This over-provision is advised in case sites are not delivered within the timescales required.

**Customer References:-**

CU0019

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 20**

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**Comment Type:** Support

**Comment Ref:** U09413

**Customer Comment:** Land in the village would be opened up for residential.

**Council's Response:** Noted.

**Customer References:-**

04255

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**Total Comments of type *Support* : 1**

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**Allocation Preferred Options *BARL02***

**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** 12BA02

**Customer Comment:** BARL02 - Objection  
The site is Greenfield and will have an adverse impact upon the character of the rural landscape and development could result in the pollution of land. Against the Sustainability Appraisal Report, Appendix E, Appraisals Tables 10, 14 and 21. Is there a need for a further 40 homes within Barlestone, especially within the last 10 years 90 dwellings have been built that equates to approximately 10% of the total number of existing residential dwellings.

#### Highways

Access to the site is restrictive and may impact on vulnerable road users and an increase in traffic will increase this. Concern is raised in relation to existing on street parking on the access roads. There is a dip at the junction on Newbold Road which reduces visibility and vehicles regularly exceed the 30 mph speed limit. On the development of the existing Brookside I am aware that the bridge over the brook collapsed, how would the existing bridge deal with construction vehicles? I have been advised that Wimpey Homes allegedly stated that they would not considering the site any further due to the cost of the building techniques that were required on Brookside to overcome flooding issues.

#### Sewage

Current legislation states that there should be a 400 metre cordon sanitaire around any sewage development; The proposal is within 100 metres from the sewage works. There have been problems in the past where raw sewage has entered people gardens and concern is raised over capacity. Reference is made to the Sustainability Appraisal (February 2009).

#### Water table

Drainage of rain is very poor and often floods local gardens. The water table is 4 foot down. Further development will heighten the problem and the land would need to be levelled. After prolonged rain the brook rises over the concrete duct and backs up it takes days to ease the flow of water. Fish get trapped in this area. Reference is made to the Sustainability Appraisal (February 2009).

#### Wildlife

Barn owls have been witnessed by residents hunting at night within the field. And the area marked a Local Wildlife Site. Bats are seen in the summer months. Rabbits, mice and other wildlife inhabit this field. What studies have been undertaken in this area? The development conflicts with the enhancement and protection of wildlife. The footpath in the field is used by local ramblers and will significantly impact upon the rural landscape and recreation.

#### Schools

There is one primary school and no secondary school, further development will put strain on the school and compromise education.

#### Amenities

There is no GP Surgery and further development will put pressure on neighbouring surgeries.

#### ***Council's Response:***

##### Response to BARL02 Objection

As part of the site allocations where brownfield land can not fore fill the housing requirement greenfield land is to be considered to meet the need. It is not the role of the site allocations document to allocate housing numbers, this is achieved through the Core Strategy and therefore the housing figures are not open for consultation through the site allocations process.

The Borough Council are in consultation with the highways authority during the production of the document. The Highways Authority made representations to the Preferred Options document and identified that the site satisfies development control and highway network policies and notes the requirement to contribute toward the provision/improvement of highways and transportation infrastructure in the vicinity. The site is not within a cordon sanitaire.

The Borough Council has carried out a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment; it has not identified the proposed site as being within a flood risk zone. The representation highlights the shallow water table; this should be investigated further as part of the preparation of the submission document and potential mitigation measures identified.

The Borough Council has carried out a Biodiversity Assessment which investigates biodiversity assets including habitats and fauna. It provides a baseline assessment of the Borough and areas of biodiversity and nature conservation interest. The SHLAA identifies the site as having heritage potential, however it is expected that through appropriate consideration and investigation should prove developable.

The housing figures were identified within the Core Strategy and the issue relating to school enrolments and health care were considered through this process within the Rural Housing Numbers Methodology Statement (2008).

#### ***Customer References:-***

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 9**

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***Barlestone***

***BARL02***

***Comment Type:*** Comment

***Comment Ref:*** U08167

***Customer Comment:*** The council's need accepted, would prefer that the proposed area off Brookside is a maximum of 30 dwellings and that as the Meadow Road Estate already suffers from acute parking density problems, consideration is given to providing assistance to residents in the provision of off-road parking.

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

***Customer References:-***

13992

***Comment Ref:*** U10285

***Customer Comment:*** Acceptable in principle. Satisfies development control and access to highway network policies as contained in 'Htd'. Possible requirement to contribute towards the provision/improvement of Highway and Transportation infrastructure in the vicinity to mitigate against the impact of developing this site.

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted. The Borough Council will work alongside the Highways Authority in the preparation of the submission document to ensure that any sites taken forward are acceptable in highway terms and to identify any potential mitigation measures where applicable.

***Customer References:-***

CU0152

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**Total Comments of type *Comment* : 2**

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***Comment Type:*** Objection

***Comment Ref:*** 12BA02

***Customer Comment:*** BARL02 - Objection  
The site is Greenfield and will have an adverse impact upon the character of the rural landscape and development could result in the pollution of land. Against the Sustainability Appraisal Report, Appendix E, Appraisals Tables 10, 14 and 21. Is there a need for a further 40 homes within Barlestone, especially within the last 10 years 90 dwellings have been built that equates to approximately 10% of the total number of existing residential dwellings.  
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On the development of the existing Brookside I am aware that the bridge over the brook collapsed, how would the existing bridge deal with construction vehicles?

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Current legislation states that there should be a 400 metre cordon sanitaire around any sewage development; The proposal is within 100 metres from the sewage works. There have been problems in the past where raw sewage has entered people gardens and concern is raised over capacity. Reference is made to the Sustainability Appraisal (February 2009).

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There is no GP Surgery and further development will put pressure on neighbouring surgeries.

### ***Council's Response:***

#### Response to BARL02 Objection

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The housing figures were identified within the Core Strategy and the issue relating to school enrolments and health care were considered through this process within the Rural Housing Numbers Methodology Statement (2008).

### ***Customer References:-***

13920

#### ***Comment Ref:***

U07871

#### ***Customer Comment:***

Pressure on adjacent highways.

#### ***Council's Response:***

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

### ***Customer References:-***

04672

#### ***Comment Ref:***

U07996

**Customer Comment:** Object, the proposal seems ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and questionable for the ability of emergency vehicle to gain access. The parking layout is a threat to children. Increase in traffic will aggravate this. Concern over capacity if village amenities, infrastructure, school and sewage. The village plan and aspiration of communities is very much based on stronger neighbourhoods, healthy prosperous community and cohesion.

Has a community impact assessment been completed to ensure health, education economic (house values) and a sense of security for the existing community. Having carried out the appraisal how do the demographics compare to other areas?

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams. The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out an assessment of the rural villages to identify the level of housing provision for each settlement.

**Customer References:-**

15192

**Comment Ref:** U08231

**Customer Comment:** The access is congested and narrow. Capacity and resilience of services and infrastructure, school and sewage.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. The Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD

**Customer References:-**

15144

**Comment Ref:** U08244

**Customer Comment:** The access is congested and narrow. Capacity and resilience of services and infrastructure, school and sewage.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. The Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

**Customer References:-**

15161

**Comment Ref:** U08308

**Customer Comment:** Strain on services – sewage, schools, doctors, transport, policing. No proposals to fund the amenities. The development of the village will increase taxes/rates. The whole nature of the village will be altered and will become an A road to Hinckley and a B road to Coalville. There are at present well over a million empty homes. Barlestone is 8 miles from the nearest town and commuting would increase.

**Council's Response:** The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of

the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

***Customer References:-***

03625

***Comment Ref:*** U08531

***Customer Comment:*** Where will the additional children go to school, our school is already over crowded. The village has already grown a lot. How can I be informed in these matters

***Council's Response:*** The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy. As you have submitted a representation on this DPD you have been added to our LDF consultee database and receive notification of the progress of the DPD.

***Customer References:-***

04134

***Comment Ref:*** U08540

***Customer Comment:*** The road to the proposed site will come into the main road through the village and this cannot take extra traffic. Sewers on the main Newbold Road are already full to capacity. The village school is overstretched.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

***Customer References:-***

04138

***Comment Ref:*** U08606

***Customer Comment:*** We object as more land is being taken up and is not environmentally friendly and will cause more traffic and pollution. Concern over highway safety. This land gets flooded. There are no parking facilities. The school is stretched. Barlestone Cemetery is not big enough.

***Council's Response:*** The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. The Borough Council are aware of the capacity of the cemetery and as a result a preferred option for additional burial space was put forward.

***Customer References:-***

03385

**Comment Ref:** U08865

**Customer Comment:** Allocation at Brookside should be no more than 30 dwellings. Consideration should be given to providing residents with off road parking as the Meadow Road Estate already suffers from acute parking problems.

**Council's Response:** Land is a valued resource which must be maximised, PPS3 Housing specifies a minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare. The planning application will determine the number of dwellings appropriate for this site.

**Customer References:-**

10963

**Comment Ref:** U08882

**Customer Comment:** Object to the allocation of 30 dwellings on land to the East of Brookside, Barlestone on the following grounds; drainage issues during times of heavy rain, access into the site along Brookside is dangerous as parking is on-street and restricts access.

Waste disposal capacity is an issue within Barlestone and adding more houses to this system will only exacerbate the problem.

There should be no more homes within Barlestone because the road system is not adequate.

The Sewerage is not adequate for the village.

The village has a large number of houses for sale which are not desirable for young adults to whom they are built for. The services in the village include two shops, a part time doctors surgery, Building Society, a Post Office, a dentist and two hairdressers which are services not wanted or are enough to sustain a village of the size of Barlestone as it stands.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

Noted, this will be investigated further through the preparation of the submission DPD.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage

The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The adopted Core Strategy identifies a minimum of 40 new homes to be developed in Balestone. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

**Customer References:-**

11173

**Comment Ref:** U08883

**Customer Comment:** Object to allocation BARL02 on the grounds that it is a Greenfield site, in open countryside, which is further away from the village centre and school than other sites put forward such as Site No. 615 Land at Church Farm, Barlestone which consists of farm buildings so would have no further impact on the area of special character and

open space than the farm buildings which already exist. The site could be extended to the west to make the site bigger to accommodate more dwellings.

***Council's Response:***

The site within the existing Local Plan is designated open countryside, however the Local Plan is to be replaced by the Local Development Framework. The documents contained within the LDF will form the planning policy for the Borough and therefore current planning policy is being reviewed as part of this process.

The alternative site suggested has been deemed unsuitable for housing development because there are more suitable sites that do not impinge upon an area of special character and open space.

***Customer References:-***

01530

***Comment Ref:***

U08916

***Customer Comment:***

We are seeking confirmation that your duty to consult is meaningful comprehensive and take account the needs of local people.

The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

***Council's Response:***

The Borough Council have consulted in line with the adopted SCI. The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The Borough Council has undertaken a number evidence base documents that informed the site selection. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, infrastructure was taken into account. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

***Customer References:-***

04823

***Comment Ref:***

U08923

***Customer Comment:***

Object to employment, housing and traveller sites being allocated in Barlestone for the following reasons;  
Poor existing infrastructure i.e. highways, sewerage disposal, and facilities and amenities which would all need improving.

***Council's Response:***

The Highways Authority and service providers such as Severn Trent Water are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

When determining the level of development required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

***Customer References:-***

04851

***Comment Ref:***

U08928

**Customer Comment:** Object to employment, housing and traveller sites being allocated in Barlestone for the following reasons;  
Poor existing infrastructure i.e. highways, sewerage disposal, and facilities and amenities which would all need improving.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority and service providers such as Severn Trent Water are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

When determining the level of development required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

04852

**Comment Ref:** U08941

**Customer Comment:** We are seeking confirmation that your duty to consult is meaningful comprehensive and take account the needs of local people.

The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council have consulted in line with the adopted SCI. The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The Borough Council has undertaken a number evidence base documents that informed the site selection. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, infrastructure was taken into account. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

04864

**Comment Ref:** U08943

**Customer Comment:** We are seeking confirmation that your duty to consult is meaningful comprehensive and take account the needs of local people.

The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council have consulted in line with the adopted SCI. The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The Borough Council has undertaken a number evidence base documents that informed the site selection. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, infrastructure was taken into account. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be

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***Customer References:-***

04867

***Comment Ref:*** U08946

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the housing proposal at Brookside on the following grounds; footpath runs diagonally across the site, impact upon village amenities, flora and fauna, natural landscape, flooding problems, sewerage issues including building within 400m of a sewerage plant which is against regulations, highway capacity and safety issues. Removal of the hedge and drainage ditch would compound existing problems.

***Council's Response:*** At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

The Environment Agency are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development on floodplains.

***Customer References:-***

04916

***Comment Ref:*** U08952

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the housing proposal at Brookside on the following grounds; flooding problems, sewerage issues including building within 400m of a sewerage plant which is against regulations, highway capacity and safety issues. The development would involve endangering the hedgerows and habitats. The site also has a spring and footpath crossing the site.

Barlestone is a village and does not need more housing.

***Council's Response:*** The Environment Agency are being consulted as part of the preparation of the



document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development on floodplains.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

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The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

### ***Customer References:-***

04917

***Comment Ref:*** U09006

***Customer Comment:*** This is Greenfield land

This development would harm wildlife and habitats

Families purchased their homes because of the beauty of the land and the views. Properties would be devalued.

Schools and doctors would be stretched to the limits

### ***Council's Response:***

The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

This is not a planning matter

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

### ***Customer References:-***

07092

**Comment Ref:** U09008

**Customer Comment:** This development would require the removal of a mature hedgerow which would have serious consequences for wildlife. A stream also runs underneath and adjacent to this site. The environmental impact of this site has not been taken into account.

Increased run-off from this development could lead to existing residents' gardens flooding.

A well used footpath runs through this site.

Brookside has one access point which is already congested. Additional houses would exacerbate this

There have been problems with the sewer system in the past when previous homes were built and the system still needs regular maintenance. Additional homes in this location would make the situation worse

Previous houses on Brookside had issues with foundations flooding. The site in question frequently floods during wet weather

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further as the Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

This would be considered as part of the design of any new development. Measures such as Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems could be incorporated to minimise the effect of additional run-off.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07093

**Comment Ref:** U09012

**Customer Comment:** This development would require the removal of a mature hedgerow which would have serious consequences for wildlife. A stream also runs underneath and adjacent to this site. The environmental impact of this site has not been taken into account.

Increased run-off from this development could lead to existing residents' gardens flooding.

A well used footpath runs through this site.

Brookside has one access point which is already congested. Additional houses would exacerbate this

There have been problems with the sewer system in the past when previous homes were built and the system still needs regular maintenance. Additional homes in this location would make the situation worse

Previous houses on Brookside had issues with foundations flooding. The site in question frequently floods during wet weather

***Council's Response:***

Noted. This will be investigated further as the Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

This would be considered as part of the design of any new development. Measures such as Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems could be incorporated to minimise the effect of additional run-off.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

***Customer References:-***

07094

***Comment Ref:***

U09017

***Customer Comment:***

This is an arable field and would be against countryside policies

This field has a well used right of way running through it

Increased run-off from this development could lead to existing residents' gardens flooding.

Flooding has been an issue with this site as there is a stream running below it.

There are problems with sewage in this area

Brookside is already congested. Access is already a problem. This allocation would make things worse

The alternative options in Barlestone are more suitable for housing development

***Council's Response:***

Considered and noted. The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority

agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

This would be considered as part of the design of any new development. Measures such as Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems could be incorporated to minimise the effect of additional run-off.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

### ***Customer References:-***

07115

### ***Comment Ref:***

U09018

### ***Customer Comment:***

Brookside is already congested. Access is already a problem. This allocation would make things worse

Flooding has been an issue with this site as there is a stream running below it.

Increased run-off from this development could lead to existing residents' gardens flooding.

There are problems with sewage in this area

This development would require the removal of a mature hedgerow which would have serious consequences for wildlife. A stream also runs underneath and adjacent to this site. The environmental impact of this site has not been taken into account.

This field has a well used right of way running through it

### ***Council's Response:***

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

This would be considered as part of the design of any new development. Measures such as Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems could be incorporated to minimise the effect of additional run-off.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Noted. This will be investigated further as the Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

***Customer References:-***

07116

***Comment Ref:*** U09026

***Customer Comment:*** Access is already a problem in this area, particularly for emergency vehicles. This allocation would make things worse

There are problems with the sewage system in this area

Flooding has been an issue with this site as there is a stream running below it.

This field has a well used right of way running through it

This development would affect many kinds of wildlife on the site.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

Noted. This will be investigated further as the Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

***Customer References:-***

07117

***Comment Ref:*** U09029

***Customer Comment:*** Flooding has been an issue with this site as there is a stream running below it.

There are problems with the sewage system in this area

Brookside is already congested. Access is already a problem. This allocation would make things worse. Extra safety measures would increase expense

Levels of crime may increase

The school does not have the capacity for more students. The doctors cannot take more patients.

***Council's Response:*** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document,

this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

This is not a planning matter, however, Leicestershire Constabulary are being consulted during the preparation of this document.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

### ***Customer References:-***

07118

***Comment Ref:*** U09032

***Customer Comment:*** Houses were built in Barlestone only 2 years ago

Schools, doctors, shops and other services do not have capacity for more houses.

Brookside and Meadow Road have access issues currently. More houses would make this worse.

There is a well used footpath that runs through this site

This development would affect many forms of wildlife

Flooding has been an issue on this land.

Increased run-off from this development could cause issues for existing residents

### ***Council's Response:***

The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

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The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

This would be considered as part of the design of any new development. Measures such as Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems could be incorporated to minimise the effect of additional run-off.

### ***Customer References:-***

07119

***Comment Ref:*** U09033

***Customer Comment:*** Houses were built in Barlestone only 2 years ago

Schools, doctors, shops and other services do not have capacity for more houses.

Brookside and Meadow Road have access issues currently. More houses would make this worse.

There is a well used footpath that runs through this site

This development would affect many forms of wildlife

Flooding has been an issue on this land.

Increased run-off from this development could cause issues for existing residents

### ***Council's Response:***

The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

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Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

This would be considered as part of the design of any new development. Measures such as Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems could be incorporated to minimise the effect of additional run-off.

### ***Customer References:-***

07120

***Comment Ref:*** U09036

***Customer Comment:*** There are problems with the sewage system in this area  
Access would be extremely difficult for this site, especially for construction vehicles.  
This field is liable to flooding  
A well established footpath runs thorough the centre of this site.  
Local amenities would not be able to cope with this additional development.

***Council's Response:*** As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.  
The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.  
Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

### ***Customer References:-***

07121

***Comment Ref:*** U09039

***Customer Comment:*** This development would be within the cordon sanitaire surrounding the sewage works.  
This area has had and continues to have problems with sewage capacity. Building more dwellings in this location would exacerbate this.  
Concerns are raised regarding the capacity of Brookside and Meadow Road to accommodate additional traffic. Safety measures for pedestrians and road users would need to be considered  
A well used footpath runs through this site  
Existing hedgerows would be endangered, along with the wildlife  
This site is regularly farmed for arable use. There are more suitable sites available  
A high water table, underground spring and sandy soil mean that this site floods easily. Previous developers have faced issues when building in this area  
Barlestone does not have the facilities to support this development



**Council's Response:** There is no cordon sanitaire in place surrounding the Barlestone sewage works.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

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The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

### **Customer References:-**

07122

**Comment Ref:** U09041

**Customer Comment:** This site shows characteristics closely aligned with the Landscape Character Assessment, specifically rolling landscape and hedgerows

Mature trees and hedgerows run directly through the centre of this field and if developed it would harm local wildlife

The site has a single narrow access which already causes congestion. Additional dwellings would exacerbate this

There are serious issues with the current sewage capacity in and around Brookside

This site is close to a sewage treatment works

This site has a high water table and a stream which runs partly underneath the site which makes the site susceptible to flooding and caused problems with the development on Brookside.

Development in this location would increase the incidence and severity of flooding to existing dwellings on Brookside

This field is farmed annually

There is a well used footpath which runs through this site.

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

There is no cordon sanitaire in place surrounding the Barlestone sewage works.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

This would be considered as part of the design of any new development. Measures such as Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems could be incorporated to minimise the effect of additional run-off.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

#### ***Customer References:-***

07123

#### ***Comment Ref:***

U09055

#### ***Customer Comment:***

We are seeking confirmation that your duty to consult is meaningful comprehensive and take account the needs of local people.

The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

#### ***Council's Response:***

The Borough Council have consulted in line with the adopted SCI. The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The Borough Council has undertaken a number evidence base documents that informed the site selection. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, infrastructure was taken into account. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

#### ***Customer References:-***

05158

#### ***Comment Ref:***

U09062

**Customer Comment:** We are seeking confirmation that your duty to consult is meaningful comprehensive and take account the needs of local people.

The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council have consulted in line with the adopted SCI. The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The Borough Council has undertaken a number evidence base documents that informed the site selection. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, infrastructure was taken into account. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

05164

**Comment Ref:** U09139

**Customer Comment:** We are seeking confirmation that your duty to consult is meaningful comprehensive and take account the needs of local people.

The proposal to site a significant housing proposal at the end of Brookside is ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and even question access for emergency vehicles. The parking and layout is a threat to child safety and car damage. More housing would increase this. Concern about capacity of amenities and infrastructure, school and sewage.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council have consulted in line with the adopted SCI. The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. The Borough Council has undertaken a number evidence base documents that informed the site selection. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, infrastructure was taken into account. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

05204

**Comment Ref:** U09154

**Customer Comment:** Too many houses are proposed for Barlestone as there are problems with sewerage in the village, additional traffic will be generated, schools are already over capacity with mobile classrooms being used. Parking near the services is an issue. Policing is over stretched.

**Council's Response:** The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority, LEA and the Police are all being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

***Customer References:-***

05825

***Comment Ref:*** U09158

***Customer Comment:*** Use of Green Belt land for housing and Gypsy and traveller sites is adding to global warming more brownfield sites should be used for these uses.

***Council's Response:*** Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough has this designation.

Brownfield sites are being considered in the preparation of the site allocations not all brownfield sites are suitable for development and alternatives therefore must be identified.

***Customer References:-***

05825

***Comment Ref:*** U09182

***Customer Comment:*** The proposed low cost market housing will put a strain on the school which already has a mobile classroom which is taking up valuable playing fields. The additional development would put additional pressure on the sewerage.

***Council's Response:*** The scheme will be a mixture of open market housing and affordable housing to create a mixed and balance community.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse.

***Customer References:-***

05836

***Comment Ref:*** U09196

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the number of houses identified in Barlestone because there are flooding problems involving sewerage, increased traffic resulting in safety issues, highway issues, strain on services and amenities, building on Green Belt. There is no need for more housing as there has been an over provision in the last plan period and people can't afford the mortgages.

***Council's Response:*** As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the

Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

***Customer References:-***

08032

***Comment Ref:*** U09210

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the development on land east of brookside on the grounds of drainage capacity.

Suggest site for housing on Bagworth Road.

***Council's Response:*** As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Suggestion noted, this will be investigated further through the preparation of the submission DPD.

***Customer References:-***

05848

***Comment Ref:*** U09232

***Customer Comment:*** Why provide 642 more homes than the Government requires?

***Council's Response:*** This is a matter considered as part of the adopted Core Strategy. The purpose of allocating more housing sites than required by Government is to allow flexibility within the plan, as sites may not be developed within the plan period therefore it is necessary to have an over provision to account for these circumstances.

***Customer References:-***

05857

***Comment Ref:*** U09252

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the housing proposals on the following grounds; unsatisfactory sewerage system, poor parking within the village, over stretched school facilities, highway issues. Housing should be focussed on Carlton, Barton and Cadeby.

***Council's Response:*** As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the

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The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements.

***Customer References:-***

05879

***Comment Ref:*** U09256

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the housing proposals on the following grounds; unsatisfactory sewerage system, poor parking within the village, over stretched school facilities, highway issues. Housing should be focussed on Carlton, Barton and Cadeby.

***Council's Response:*** As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements.

***Customer References:-***

05880

***Comment Ref:*** U09414

***Customer Comment:*** The site has poor access from Brookside. The scale of development would negatively change the character of the present cul-de-sac in respect of traffic movement. The site is intensively farmed as arable land and would be a loss to the agricultural community.

***Council's Response:*** Noted.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

The sites current use for agricultural purposes has already been noted, nevertheless, the site is not Grade 2 Agricultural Land the classification that should be protected. Natural England retains records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document. Interest expressed for residential development.

***Customer References:-***

04255

***Comment Ref:*** U09835

***Customer Comment:*** The land is regularly flooded due to high water table. There should be a 400m cordon sanitaire around any sewage works. Historical sewage problems. Footpath runs diagonally across the land. Impact on wildlife. Highway issues.

***Council's Response:*** Note comments on flooding. The Environment Agency is a statutory consultee. The matter will be investigated further. Note comments on sewage works. As part of the

consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage and drainage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

### ***Customer References:-***

04521

***Comment Ref:*** U09990

***Customer Comment:*** Highway access and safety issues. Unsuitable access road and the prospective danger to the children in the area.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

### ***Customer References:-***

04548

***Comment Ref:*** U10129

***Customer Comment:*** There has already been considerable development in the village in recent years and this has caused a strain on services and facilities. There are no proposals to fund these amenities. The village will be required to pay for the improvements through increased taxes. The nature of the village will be altered as a result of this growth. There are already many vacant homes, why aren't these being used before further development? Commuting from Barlestone would increase.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. Funding streams for these proposals will be secured through a variety of options including developer contributions, and growth point funding. There is no evidence that council taxes will alter with specific reference to growth and is not a planning matter which can be commented on at this time. Design is a material planning consideration which will be applied to minimise impact. It is understood that there is a number of vacant properties and premises across the country. However, the Site Allocations and Development Control Policies DPD and other LDF documents are to provide for the future, not just the present. It is also a government requirement for all authorities across the country to provide new housing. There is an element of inevitability that people in rural areas will commute to larger towns for work and shopping etc, however by allocating land for employment and local services and amenities we will try to minimise this.

### ***Customer References:-***

03089

**Comment Ref:** U10500

**Customer Comment:** The Parish Council finds the proposal to provide land for 70 plus houses unacceptable although some further infilling may be possible. The village has had 45 plus houses built in the last year. No further large scale development is justifiable or needed and if the Brookside development went ahead it would further distance homes away from the traditional centre of the village, and its facilities and infrastructure. The Parish Council has had comments that the local sewage works is currently experiencing some difficulties due to the demands that are currently being placed on the facility. It is believed to be working out or near its planned capacity and it is doubtful if it could manage a further large development without significant modification and improvements. The question that keeps coming up is why more houses being provided than are set out in the Regional Plan.

**Council's Response:** The Adopted Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements and allocates a minimum of 40 dwellings. It does not allocate 70 dwellings. The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy. As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse. It is necessary to provide flexibility in the housing numbers as the Core Strategy sets out the long term vision for the Borough. It enables greater variance to react to changing market requirements, whilst providing the opportunity to allow for a range of different housing types and mix to meet the needs of the settlement inline with the latest Housing Market Area Assessment and local housing needs survey. The Adopted Core Strategy was found to be in general conformity with the Regional Plan.

**Customer References:-**

CU0019

**Comment Ref:** U11064

**Customer Comment:** Strongly object to the proposed housing allocation at Brookside, largely on grounds of access but also on the issue of suitability of the land for building. Houses backing onto Brookside were built on a concrete raft. Wimpey, (the Builders), has to dig out the foundations very deeply to avoid flooding, and to use timber framing for the buildings.

**Council's Response:** Should development take place here, conditions of the planning permission could include a more dedicated regard to the implementation of sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate against impact on surrounding areas. Such measures could have a beneficial effect on existing problems also. Local flood risk assessments would be a requirement if development were to go ahead.

**Customer References:-**

CU0596

**Comment Ref:** U11630

**Customer Comment:** Objections raised over need for additional housing, local infrastructure will be unable to cope with the proposed development, particularly highway access. The additional development will be out of character with the existing estate (Brookside).Need to consider alternative access if the site goes ahead. Concern over NSP07 and its potential impact.

**Council's Response:** The housing requirements for the Borough are extrapolated from national housing projections and have been agreed through the adopted Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands. The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape



constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. Nb NSP07 is a strategic access route not road comments made in respect of this policy have misinterpreted the fact it is a footpath not a road.

***Customer References:-***

04602

***Comment Ref:*** U11866

***Customer Comment:*** Housing development would put undue strain on an already crowded road. Access would be difficult with the number of parked cars.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

***Customer References:-***

04672

***Comment Ref:*** U12035

***Customer Comment:*** Object to BARL02 on the following grounds; Greenfield, agricultural land bordered by mature hedgerows, mature trees present which could be protected resulting in lower housing numbers, remote location away from local services resulting in car dependence, visually exposed, the location is not reflective of the village morphology contrary to stated assessment criteria.

Barlestone is identified in the Rural Housing Numbers assessment as having few facilities, no secondary school and low transport sustainability. The absence of a secondary school means that Barlestone cannot be considered as a sustainable location for addition development in that it is unable to support the educational needs of its community through to adulthood

We are unaware of any evidence having been produced relating to Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisal, Ecological Impacts or Transport Assessment for this site. In the absence of detailed and robust evidence of deliverability the site cannot be considered suitable for allocation.

The housing numbers at Barlestone should be redirected to the more sustainable SRC.

The site at Westfield Farm, Earl Shilton should be allocated for residential and associated mixed use development on the basis of the detailed evidence of deliverability previously submitted to the council through the consultation process. The site is identified within the SHLAA as developable, and the evidence previously submitted clearly demonstrates that the site is also achievable, suitable and available. The evidence has shown that all identified constraints can be readily mitigated. In particular the evidence demonstrates that the site can be accessed and developed without adverse impact on landscape character or local ecology.

In conclusion, the site at Westfield Farm would assist in meeting the housing targets and given that it has less than five years housing land supply, it is essential that deliverable sites are identified in the DPD, and not sites that may or may not come forward for development in the next 15 years. Without an available supply of deliverable sites the housing needs of the local community cannot be met.

***Council's Response:*** Your comments on the suitability and constraints of the allocated site will be considered further during the production of the Submission Version of this document.

The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the

level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

The adopted Core Strategy has identified the numbers required within each settlement in the borough to help sustain facilities and services within those locations whilst meeting the housing needs identified. Therefore the housing numbers cannot be re-allocated to Earl Shilton as this would be contrary to the adopted Core Strategy.

A site at Earl Shilton would not meet the needs of Barlestone, re-allocating Barlestone's numbers to Earl Shilton would be contrary to the adopted Core Strategy and would therefore be found unsound.

### ***Customer References:-***

CU0844

***Comment Ref:*** U12121

***Customer Comment:*** The Parish Council object to the allocation of 70+ houses, but would accept some infilling. The new houses are not needed as 45+ houses have been built in the last 3 years with further approvals being granted. The allocation BARL02 is too great a distance from the village centre, the sewerage capacity in that location is also an issue. Why are the Council planning to provide housing over the level required by the regional plan?

***Council's Response:*** The Adopted Core Strategy requires the allocation of 40 new homes in Barlestone upto 2026 which is a need identified through a Methodology Statement called Rural Housing Numbers, which looked at retaining population levels to 2004 levels and considered existing infrastructure, facilities and amenities.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse.

The Council are making provision for 664 houses over that required by the East Midlands Regional Plan. This over-provision is advised in case sites are not delivered within the timescales required.

### ***Customer References:-***

CU0019

***Comment Ref:*** U12438

***Customer Comment:*** This development would be within the cordon sanitaire surrounding the sewage works. This area has had and continues to have problems with sewage capacity. Building more dwellings in this location would exacerbate this. Concerns are raised regarding the capacity of Brookside and Meadow Road to accommodate additional traffic. Safety measures for pedestrians and road users would need to be considered. A well used footpath runs through this site. Existing hedgerows would be endangered, along with the wildlife. This site is regularly farmed for arable use. There are more suitable sites available. A high water table, underground spring and sandy soil mean that this site floods easily. Previous developers have faced issues when building in this area. Barlestone does not have the facilities to support this development.

***Council's Response:*** There is no cordon sanitaire in place surrounding the Barlestone sewage works.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

#### ***Customer References:-***

07122

***Comment Ref:*** U12441

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the allocation of 40 houses in Barlestone because it would change the character of the village and more facilities would be required and improvements to infrastructure.

***Council's Response:*** The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

#### ***Customer References:-***

08455

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***Total Comments of type Objection : 54***

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***Comment Type:*** Support

***Comment Ref:*** U10066

***Customer Comment:*** Crucially the access to this site will be safe for cars and pedestrians alike.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

***Customer References:-***

04572

***Comment Ref:*** U11216

***Customer Comment:*** Plans of proposals are attached to the representation. The land is in three ownerships but it has been confirmed that it is available and capable of development. Loss of views is a concern to local residents but it is the intention to work with locals during the design process. Public involvement is key and high quality design is also important.

The drainage and ground conditions are capable of development which can be confirmed by engineers.

In order to minimise the impact of the development a landscape buffer is proposed on land adjoining the site which is controlled, this would link into the existing mature trees and the sensitive wetland area.

The land off Spinney Drive is also controlled, this is a sensitive area requiring protection and where possible the existing wooded and "marshy" area enhanced with the existing flora and fauna protected and possibly enhanced. The wildlife habitats would be enhanced through additional planting and enclosure.

The landowner wishes to strengthen the tree / hedge barrier between the site and the sewerage works, tying this into the planting described above. It is confirmed that the land proposed for development is not within the cordon sanitaire.

As part of the proposal it has been suggested that contributions shall be made to the existing public open space off Ferrers Croft / Spinney Drive.

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted.

***Customer References:-***

CU0002

***Comment Ref:*** U12091

***Customer Comment:*** Support the allocation of 30 dwellings to the east of Brookside, Barlestone. However, additional information is required to demonstrate that the chosen site is developable in PPS3 terms, information supplied by the majority landowner has not been made available or referred to within Appendix 2.

The site is considered to be suitable, capable of accommodating 30 mixed type and tenure of dwellings. A masterplan has been submitted to demonstrate how this could be delivered and retain the existing public footpath. The site relates well to existing services, and public transport and lends itself to a natural extension to the village.

Through the residential development of the site a financial contribution for the improvement of existing open space in Barlestone will be made. The ground conditions are found to be suitable for development and no physical/topographical /flood risk / drainage issues have been identified. The site does not fall within any Cordon Sanitaire. The site does not fall within a sensitive landscape area and any development would be well screened utilising existing hedgerows and additional planting.

The site is available and documentation has been supplied confirming agreements are in place between the controlling landowners. There are no ransoms or tenancies on the land.

In terms of PPS3 the site is achievable, as the land could be sold to a developer to be built within 5 years, there aren't any abnormal development costs affecting viability and it is an attractive location.

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted

***Customer References:-***

04677

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**Total Comments of type Support : 3**

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**Allocation Preferred Options**

**BARL10**

**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** 12BA10

**Customer Comment:** I do not support BARL10. The proposed development at Nailstone Colliery will address local employment need. A site in Barlestone would detract from the Colliery site competing with similar industries.

**Council's Response:** Response to BARL10 Objection  
The Borough Council are carrying out a Review of the Employment Land and Premises Study to identify the employment needs of the Borough. This will investigate the viability of new employment within the rural areas and will inform the production of the submission document.

**Customer References:-**

15242

15161

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**Total Comments of type Objection : 9**

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**Barlestone**

**BARL10**

**Comment Type:** Comment

**Comment Ref:** U08052

**Customer Comment:** It is in Osbaston Parish.

**Council's Response:** Noted.

**Customer References:-**

15203

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**Total Comments of type Comment : 1**

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**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** 12BA10

**Customer Comment:** I do not support BARL10. The proposed development at Nailstone Colliery will address local employment need. A site in Barlestone would detract from the Colliery site competing with similar industries.

**Council's Response:** Response to BARL10 Objection  
The Borough Council are carrying out a Review of the Employment Land and Premises Study to identify the employment needs of the Borough. This will investigate the viability of new employment within the rural areas and will inform the production of the submission document.

**Customer References:-**

13920

**Comment Ref:** U08050

**Customer Comment:** There is a badgers set on the land. There are numerous offices to let in the surrounding area. There were several industrial units in the past in Barlestone that have been replaced by housing over the years. There is traffic calming as you enter Barlestone from Osbaston.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site. The Core Strategy states the requirement to ensure there are employment opportunities in Barlestone. The Employment Land Study will inform the preparation of the submission document in terms of employment needs within Barlestone and the surrounding area.

**Customer References:-**

15203

**Comment Ref:** U08269

**Customer Comment:** Building a factory will change the atmosphere with noise, pollution, vehicles and buildings. Factories have gone for residential use.

**Council's Response:** The employment allocation has been proposed to ensure there are employment opportunities within the rural areas. The Employment Land and Premises Study will inform the preparation of the DPD.

**Customer References:-**

03501

**Comment Ref:** U08306

**Customer Comment:** Good agricultural land and conflicts with current countryside policies. Noise and smells for the site. Increased traffic. Possible 24 hours of use. Is there a need? There is a badgers set in the field.

**Council's Response:** The Local Plan will be replaced by the documents that are contained in the LDF and these will replace current countryside policies. The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy. Issues such as noise, smell and opening hours are considered at the planning application stage in line with planning policy. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. The Employment Land and Premises Study informs the employment needs of the Borough. The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

**Customer References:-**

03625

**Comment Ref:** U08353

**Customer Comment:** The factory will add noise, strangers and pollution to the village.

**Council's Response:** Once a site is allocated it must go through the development control process. The planning application will be considered against planning policies that will provide requirements relating to the impact on the surrounding area.

**Customer References:-**

03702

**Comment Ref:** U08463

**Customer Comment:** This is a residential area, the village is situated off the A447 which already creates heavy traffic, why increase more traffic for the community. Concern over safety due to the increase of traffic

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

**Customer References:-**

03966

**Comment Ref:** U08517

**Customer Comment:** It is on fertile well used farm land and to change would be directly against countryside and environmental protection policies. Impact significantly on many environmental issues and wildlife. Increase traffic and heavy vehicles. Safety hazards. Additional noise, fumes/smells that will have a negative impact on residents. Many factories function 24 hours a day disrupting residential life. The village is not a suitable location. There are established industrial areas in surrounding areas.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy. Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document. The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. At the planning application stage it will be necessary to ensure that any development respects the privacy and amenity of nearby residents and occupiers of adjacent buildings including lighting, smell, noise and visual intrusion.

**Customer References:-**

04126

**Comment Ref:** U08529

**Customer Comment:** The exit from Gregory Road is unsafe. This is one reason why a factory should be not being built on this site. Other reasons are that it would be noisy, smelly, used 24 hours a day it would be a waste of tax payer's money.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. At the planning application stage it will be necessary to ensure that any development respects the privacy and amenity of nearby residents and occupiers of adjacent buildings including lighting, smell, noise and visual intrusion. It would not be the role of the Local Authority to build this development.

**Customer References:-**

04134

**Comment Ref:** U08607

**Customer Comment:** We object as more land is being taken up and is not environmentally friendly and will cause more traffic and pollution. Concern over highway safety. It can not take lorries.

**Council's Response:** The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

**Customer References:-**

03385

**Comment Ref:** U08846

**Customer Comment:** There are badger sets on this land. Lots of offices in the surrounding area. Additional traffic will be generated with extra traffic calming required.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

**Customer References:-**

08455

**Comment Ref:** U08892

**Customer Comment:** Object to the employment site on Greenfield land as there is a proposed brownfield site in the adjacent parish of Nailstone. Two factories have shut down in Barlestone because employment is not needed locally. Heavy goods vehicles near to the local school would not be appropriate and the junction at Barton Road / A447 is already at capacity.

**Council's Response:** The Core Strategy sets out the employment requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

**Customer References:-**

03043

**Comment Ref:** U08900

**Customer Comment:** Object to the Employment allocation on the following grounds; access is off a weight restricted road, heavy goods vehicles through a residential area, there are plenty of existing and proposed industrial sites in the area, and other brownfields site available which should be used, a vacant industrial site at T1 Tubes Desford, a proposal here



would destroy; green belt, flora and fauna, agricultural land, open space.

**Council's Response:** The Core Strategy sets out the employment requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

**Customer References:-**

04750

**Comment Ref:** U08903

**Customer Comment:** Object to the Employment allocation on the following grounds; access is off a weight restricted road, heavy goods vehicles through a residential area, there are plenty of existing and proposed industrial sites in the area, and other brownfields site available which should be used, a vacant industrial site at T1 Tubes Desford, a proposal here would destroy; green belt, flora and fauna, agricultural land, open space.

**Council's Response:** The Core Strategy sets out the employment requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

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Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

**Customer References:-**

04751

**Comment Ref:** U08924

**Customer Comment:** Object to employment, housing and traveller sites being allocated in Barlestone for the

following reasons;  
Poor existing infrastructure i.e. highways, sewerage disposal, and facilities and amenities which would all need improving.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority and service providers such as Severn Trent Water are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

When determining the level of development required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

04851

**Comment Ref:** U08927

**Customer Comment:** Object to employment, housing and traveller sites being allocated in Barlestone for the following reasons;  
Poor existing infrastructure i.e. highways, sewerage disposal, and facilities and amenities which would all need improving.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority and service providers such as Severn Trent Water are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

When determining the level of development required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

04852

**Comment Ref:** U08937

**Customer Comment:** Object to the cemetery, employment proposal and gypsy and traveller site on the following grounds; there are badgers on this land, and highway issues.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

Other comments were noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters.

**Customer References:-**

04857

**Comment Ref:** U09005

**Customer Comment:** This industrial use is not needed in Barlestone as there are a large number of empty units nearby.

This site would be appropriate for housing

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document

**Customer References:-**

07092

**Comment Ref:** U09010

**Customer Comment:** We are not convinced by the need for additional employment uses in Barlestone

This site would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement as it is flat land, would not effect wildlife, has better access and is closer to services.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07093

**Comment Ref:** U09014

**Customer Comment:** We are not convinced by the need for additional employment uses in Barlestone

This site would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement as it is flat land, would not effect wildlife, has better access and is closer to services.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07094

**Comment Ref:** U09019

**Customer Comment:** We are not convinced by the need for additional employment uses in Barlestone

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

**Customer References:-**

07116

**Comment Ref:** U09045

**Customer Comment:** The need for additional industrial units in this location is questioned

This site would be suitable to accommodate the 30 dwellings required in Barlestone

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07123

**Comment Ref:** U09051

**Customer Comment:** Object to the employment allocation on Barton Road for the following reasons; should be using brown sites not green areas, additional traffic would have safety implications, noise and air pollution, possibility of being used 24 hours a day, old industrial sites have been used for housing so is there a demand.

**Council's Response:** Brownfield sites are being considered in the preparation of the site allocations not all brownfield sites are suitable for development and alternatives therefore must be identified.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, the issues of noise and air pollution and hours of use of the facility will be addressed through the planning application process, for example detailed survey data will be required and proposals for suitable acoustic screening to reduce the impact to the neighbours, if required.

The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

**Customer References:-**

05156

**Comment Ref:** U09156

**Customer Comment:** Industrial use will cause crime

**Council's Response:** This can not be considered a planning matter as there is no evidence that this will occur.

**Customer References:-**

05825

**Comment Ref:** U09198

**Customer Comment:** The industrial allocation will increase crime.

**Council's Response:** Crime from industrial areas can not be considered as it isn't a planning matter as there is no evidence that this will occur. The allocation is for employment which doesn't necessarily mean industrial use.

**Customer References:-**

08032

**Comment Ref:** U09209

**Customer Comment:** Object to the proposal on the following grounds; agricultural land, no more growth in Barlestone, impact on property, noise and pollution effects, no evidence for need for business premises in this location, impact on health and upbringing of children, highway issues including safety.

**Council's Response:** Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

Noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters.

At the planning application stage it would be necessary for the applicant to demonstrate that the landscape and planting scheme is complimentary to the development and its surroundings to ensure it is inline with the Adopted Core Strategy.

The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

***Customer References:-***

05847

***Comment Ref:*** U09214

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the employment allocation off Barton Road on the following grounds; highways, including safety and volume, nuisance effects including pollution, noise and light, agricultural value of the land, conflict with countryside policies, use brownfield before greenfield.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

Considered and noted. The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy.

Brownfield sites are being considered in the preparation of the site allocations not all brownfield sites are suitable for development and alternatives therefore must be identified.

***Customer References:-***

05850

***Comment Ref:*** U09235

***Customer Comment:*** There is no demand for industrial land in this location.

***Council's Response:*** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

***Customer References:-***

05857

***Comment Ref:*** U09254

***Customer Comment:*** Too many industrial sites in the area.

Nailstone Colliery should be adequate for this area.

***Council's Response:*** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

***Customer References:-***

05879

***Comment Ref:*** U09258

***Customer Comment:*** Too many industrial sites in the area.

Nailstone Colliery should be adequate for this area.

***Council's Response:*** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the

Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

***Customer References:-***

05880

***Comment Ref:*** U09419

***Customer Comment:*** Employment facilities have historically closed and moved to more suitable locations.

***Council's Response:*** The Adopted Core Strategy supports additional employment provision to meet local needs in line with Policy 7.

***Customer References:-***

04255

***Comment Ref:*** U10127

***Customer Comment:*** The land is arable and development would conflict with countryside policies. There would be noise and smells emanating from the site. Traffic problems would be exacerbated by the increase lorries etc passing through the village. There may be possible 24 hour use of factories. Would spoil the village atmosphere. Is there a need? There is no guarantee that the factory units would indeed be rented out in the present climate and may just remain empty inviting vandalism. There is a badger sett in the fields.

***Council's Response:*** Natural England retains records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and is consulted as part of the preparation of the document. The role of the LDF is to review existing Local Plan policies to ensure conformity with national and regional guidance which has been published since the adoption of the local plan which sets current local countryside policy. In addition, the DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy. It is not established what employment use this site would be, however, the matter of noise and odour are material considerations for planning applications when considering employment premises, applicants would be required to minimise any impacts and this would be condition through the application process. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads. Aspects of operating hours are a matter which is dealt with at the application stage and officers will condition a permission to minimise impact on surrounding properties/residents. Design and screening are central to the application process and will be applied to minimise impact on the character of the village. The additional need for employment premises is a requirement of the council's Core Strategy and the Leicestershire Employment Study Land & Premises Study and the Site Allocations DPD must find the land to provide this. Whilst it is understood that the uptake of employment across the country has stagnated it is envisaged that eventually the country will recover from the economic downturn and when this happens vacant properties will be reclaimed and new developments needed to cope with the growing population that will inevitably occur with growing life expectancy and the like. The sites set out in the document will cover development and provision up until the very earliest of 2026 and is a significant long-term strategy. The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

***Customer References:-***

03089

***Comment Ref:*** U10227

***Customer Comment:*** RED sites are unsuitable and have serious highway problems. Not acceptable in principle on highway grounds. Allocation of this site would be contrary to Highway

Authority development control and access to highway network policies as contained in 'Htd'. The proposal is likely to lead to an increase of vehicles turning onto and off the A447 at the Toll Gate crossroad junction. Visibility will also be restricted by existing mature hedgerow, which would be retained.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted, the Borough Council will work alongside the Highways Authority in the preparation of the submission document to ensure that any sites taken forward are acceptable in highway terms and to identify any potential mitigation measures where applicable.

**Customer References:-**

CU0152

**Comment Ref:** U10496

**Customer Comment:** The site was proposed for industrial development over twenty years ago and was dropped in the face of many objections and the conservation of wildlife habitats. In the last two years the Council has granted outline planning permission to the south-west industrial properties to develop a country park and industrial units planned to provide up to 500 jobs, this is on the site at the old Nailstone Colliery. With such a major employment opportunity on our doorstep there is no need to plan for an industrial site adjacent to existing houses in Barlestone. You will also be aware that in the last few years two previous industrial sites within Barlestone have been granted planning permission for housing.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted, the employment land needs is informed by the Employment Land and Premises Study which is used as an evidence base document. The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site. The Nailstone Colliery site was won on appeal, the HMA Employment Land Study notes that this site may not meet market requirements as a rail link to the site is unviable and there are sites in the sub-region with easier access to the motorway network. In addition this site is for large warehousing units that may not meet local need.

**Customer References:-**

CU0019

**Comment Ref:** U11060

**Customer Comment:** Many residents from both Osbaston and Barlestone are asking why there is a need for an industrial site, BARL 10, when a much larger site on the Nailstone Colliery site will soon be available. Hinckley's own research identified the need for 25 hectares of industrial provision in the north of the Borough and this is accommodated within the Nailstone Colliery site. There is, therefore, no need for additional industrial space and this proposal should be withdrawn.

**Council's Response:** This allocation is in line with Policy 7 and 11 of the Core Strategy. Furthermore, despite a permission for Nailstone Colliery, no schemes have been formally submitted since and contingency must be considered to provide rural employment land to ensure sustainable access to employment throughout the borough.

**Customer References:-**

CU0596

**Comment Ref:** U11631

**Customer Comment:** If there is a need for additional housing this site would be more appropriate for housing.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

**Customer References:-**

04602

**Comment Ref:** U11890

**Customer Comment:** There is a badger set on the site. Two factory sites in Barlestone and a third if "Statham's Potatoes" off the Newbold Road have been sold off and in one case has already been developed for residential purposes. The other two have got planning permission for residential. As for the proposed cemetery Barlestone Parish Council are not in favour because it is under the control of Osbaston Council. The Parish Council would like to extend the existing cemetery.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

Noted and considered reference made to Barlestone Parish Council response.

**Customer References:-**

04706

**Comment Ref:** U11931

**Customer Comment:** Objects to the proposed plans for a factory estate on Barton Road. The factory up by the cemetery has just been sold for houses for a lack of interest. Highway issues.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

**Customer References:-**

04729

**Comment Ref:** U12119

**Customer Comment:** The site was previously dropped as an employment site due to wildlife habitats, there has been substantial provision for employment in Barlestone with the Nailstone Colliery, so no further provision should be needed. Employment sites have been redeveloped for housing so if these have been lost to housing there can't be a need.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

An employment land and premises study is currently underway to confirm the employment requirements across the borough.

**Customer References:-**

CU0019

**Comment Ref:** U12440

**Customer Comment:** The need for additional employment on this land is questioned

Barlestone does not have the roads to accommodate heavy lorries and delivery vehicles that would be associated with this site.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of



development and its effect on traffic and roads

***Customer References:-***

07122

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***Total Comments of type Objection : 39***

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***Comment Type:*** Support

***Comment Ref:*** U08166

***Customer Comment:*** This opportunity would be of benefit to the community.

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted.

***Customer References:-***

13992

***Comment Ref:*** U08864

***Customer Comment:*** Proposal would be a benefit to the community

***Council's Response:*** Noted

***Customer References:-***

10963

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***Total Comments of type Support : 2***

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***Allocation Preferred Options***

***BARL11***

***Comment Type:*** Objection

***Comment Ref:*** 12BA11

***Customer Comment:*** Object

***Council's Response:*** Response to BARL11 Objection  
Noted

***Customer References:-***

15243

15244

13992

15161

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15144

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***Total Comments of type Objection : 8***

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## **Barlestone**

## **BARL11**

**Comment Type:** Comment

**Comment Ref:** U08464

**Customer Comment:** Highway concerns

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

### **Customer References:-**

03966

**Comment Ref:** U11061

**Customer Comment:** The proposed cemetery, BARL 11, is also in Osbaston Parish but Barlestone Parish Council wishes an alternative site by extending the current cemetery to the north.

**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be considered during the revision process.

### **Customer References:-**

CU0596

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**Total Comments of type Comment : 2**

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**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** 12BA11

**Customer Comment:** Object

**Council's Response:** Response to BARL11 Objection  
Noted

### **Customer References:-**

13920

**Comment Ref:** U08307

**Customer Comment:** There is land at the rear of the present cemetery, which would reduce maintenance costs. It would also prevent a second access

**Council's Response:** Noted, this will be investigated further

### **Customer References:-**

03625

**Comment Ref:** U08518

**Customer Comment:** It is on fertile well used farm land and to change would be directly against countryside and environmental protection policies. Impact significantly on many environmental issues and wildlife. There is land behind the existing cemetery that could be used for overflow which would retain the cemetery facilities.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy. Natural

England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document. The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site. The extension to the existing cemetery will be investigated further.

***Customer References:-***

04126

***Comment Ref:*** U08530

***Customer Comment:*** It is some distance from the existing cemetery. There is land to the back of the cemetery that could be acquired.

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted, this will be investigated further.

***Customer References:-***

04134

***Comment Ref:*** U08866

***Customer Comment:*** Proposal for a cemetery should be extended northwards.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, this will be investigated further through the preparation of the submission DPD.

***Customer References:-***

10963

***Comment Ref:*** U08884

***Customer Comment:*** Land to the north of the existing cemetery could be offered as a cemetery instead of BARL11.

***Council's Response:*** Noted

***Customer References:-***

01530

***Comment Ref:*** U08893

***Customer Comment:*** The existing cemetery appears to have another 10-15 years remaining. The proposed area is inappropriate as it has poor drainage. The Gregory Road residents prefer the proposal of a cemetery more than industry.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, this will be investigated further through the preparation of the submission DPD.

***Customer References:-***

03043

***Comment Ref:*** U08902

***Customer Comment:*** Object to a Cemetery proposal on the following grounds; destruction of; green belt, flora and fauna, agricultural land, open space.

***Council's Response:*** Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations

various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

***Customer References:-***

04750

***Comment Ref:*** U08905

***Customer Comment:*** Object to a Cemetery proposal on the following grounds; destruction of; green belt, flora and fauna, agricultural land, open space.

***Council's Response:*** Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

***Customer References:-***

04751

***Comment Ref:*** U08938

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the cemetery, employment proposal and gypsy and traveller site on the following grounds; there are badgers on this land, and highway issues.

***Council's Response:*** The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

Other comments were noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters.

***Customer References:-***

04857

***Comment Ref:*** U09004

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the cemetery being moved to Osbaston

***Council's Response:*** The existing cemetery will not be moved. This is an additional cemetery.

***Customer References:-***

07092

***Comment Ref:*** U09215

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the cemetery allocation off Barton Road on the following grounds; the land at the rear of the existing cemetery is more appropriate, not appropriate to place a

cemetery adjacent to an industrial park.

**Council's Response:** Noted, this will be investigated further through the preparation of the submission DPD.

**Customer References:-**

05850

**Comment Ref:** U09234

**Customer Comment:** The cemetery is located outside Barlestone Parish boundary therefore it cannot be maintained by the Parish Council. Suggest extending the existing cemetery to avoid family burial problems.

**Council's Response:**

Site suggestion noted, this will be investigated further through the preparation of the submission DPD.

**Customer References:-**

05857

**Comment Ref:** U09417

**Customer Comment:** The proposal is 300 yards from the existing cemetery and would cause inconvenience to the majority of villagers.

**Council's Response:** Noted and considered.

**Customer References:-**

04255

**Comment Ref:** U10497

**Customer Comment:** If cemetery is sited as shown it would be in Osbaston and therefore out of the control of Barlestone Parish Council. The preferred option would be to extend the existing facility north providing the Parish Council is able to acquire the necessary land.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted.

**Customer References:-**

CU0019

**Comment Ref:** U11891

**Customer Comment:** There is a badger set on the site. Two factory sites in Barlestone and a third if "Statham's Potatoes" off the Newbold Road have been sold off and in one case has already been developed for residential purposes. The other two have got planning permission for residential. As for the proposed cemetery Barlestone Parish Council are not in favour because it is under the control of Osbaston Council. The Parish Council would like to extend the existing cemetery.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

The Borough Council has produced an Employment Land and Premises Study for the Borough this research informs the preparation of the site allocations.

Noted and considered reference made to Barlestone Parish Council response.

**Customer References:-**

04706

**Comment Ref:** U11932  
**Customer Comment:** There is spare land at the back of the existing cemetery which could be used.  
**Council's Response:** Noted and considered.

**Customer References:-**

04729

**Comment Ref:** U12120  
**Customer Comment:** The proposed cemetery site is located within Barlestone Parish and would therefore be out of the control of Barlestone Parish Council.

A more suitable solution would be to extend the existing facility to the north, but this would be subject to the Parish Council acquiring this land.

**Council's Response:** Alternative site noted, however the land ownership is unknown therefore is considered as being undeliverable, therefore cannot be included as an allocation. The comments shall be investigated further during the preparation of the Submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

CU0019

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 18**

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**Barlestone**

**BARL12**

**Comment Type:** Comment  
**Comment Ref:** U09418  
**Customer Comment:** Extend the existing cemetery at the rear.  
**Council's Response:** Noted.

**Customer References:-**

04255

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**Total Comments of type *Comment* : 1**

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**Comment Type:** Objection  
**Comment Ref:** U08849  
**Customer Comment:** Prefer to extend the existing facility, centrally located within the village and not split between Parishes.  
**Council's Response:** Noted, Parish boundaries are not a planning consideration

**Customer References:-**

08455

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 1**

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**Barlestone**

**BARL15**

**Comment Type:** Objection  
**Comment Ref:** U11059  
**Customer Comment:** Objection to the extension of the development boundary for Barlestone.  
**Council's Response:** Noted.

**Customer References:-**

CU0596

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 1**

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**Allocation Preferred Options *BARL16***

**Comment Type:** Comment  
**Comment Ref:** 12BA16  
**Customer Comment:** BARL16 - Comment  
I would support the extension to the existing Garland Lane site should there be a need for further gypsy and traveller accommodation within the direct area of Barlestone if the transit site near the A5 is not supported.  
**Council's Response:** Response to BARL16 Comment  
Considered and noted.

**Customer References:-**

15161  
15144  
15244  
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13992

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**Total Comments of type *Comment* : 8**

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**Comment Type:** Objection  
**Comment Ref:** 15BA16  
**Customer Comment:** BARL16 Objection  
We the undersigned object to the proposed extension to 'Garlands Lane' Gypsy/Traveller site by the suggested 5 pitches (up to 20 caravans) which was proposed by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council on 20th January 2009 as part of the Local Development Framework Preferred Options Consultation  
**Council's Response:** Response to BARL16 Objection  
Considered and noted.

**Customer References:-**

12681

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 2**


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**Barlestone****BARL16****Comment Type:** No Comment Type**Comment Ref:** U08077**Customer Comment:** The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. A range of evidence base documents have been produced in the preparation of the DPD. Leicestershire County Council produce Community Profiles that set out demographic information, as does the Rural Housing Methodology Statement for the Borough. A number of preferred and alternative options have been put forward as part of the preferred options consultation.**Customer References:-**

13904

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**Total Comments of type : 1**


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**Comment Type:** Comment**Comment Ref:** 12BA16**Customer Comment:** BARL16 - Comment  
I would support the extension to the existing Garland Lane site should there be a need for further gypsy and traveller accommodation within the direct area of Barlestone if the transit site near the A5 is not supported.**Council's Response:** Response to BARL16 Comment  
Considered and noted.**Customer References:-**

13920

**Comment Ref:** U09035**Customer Comment:** This site has poor drainage and could increase run-off into the brook at the bottom of the fields.

The site is on a narrow country lane making access dangerous

Excessive pressure would be put on local services if this site was extended.

However, if additional gypsy and traveller pitches are needed in Barlestone, this site would be preferable to other options in the village.

**Council's Response:** As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of



development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

***Customer References:-***

07121

***Comment Ref:*** U09411

***Customer Comment:*** The distribution and concentration of gypsy and traveller sites across the Borough. The unfair number of pitches in the Hinckley and Bosworth area compared to the rest of Leicestershire. Social problems between the settled and traveller community. Crime. The urban areas of Hinckley, Earl Shilton, Barwell and Burbage are suggested as better locations for allocating gypsy and traveller sites.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. HBBC have not been required to provide the highest provision requirements within Leicestershire.

When allocating sites the Local Authority will only take into consideration planning matters. The non-planning Gypsies and Travellers: Facts and Figures document (DCLG, 2004) states that the local authority and police have powers to tackle illegal and anti-social behaviour whether in the settled or gypsy and traveller community. All laws apply equally to everyone, including gypsies and travellers. Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population.

***Customer References:-***

04255

***Comment Ref:*** U09991

***Customer Comment:*** The concentration of Gypsy and Traveller sites is unfair on Barletstone. Non-planning matters are then subsequently raised - crime.

***Council's Response:*** Noted and considered. Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

When allocating sites the Local Authority will only take into consideration planning matters. The Gypsies and Travellers: Facts and Figures document (DCLG, 2004) states that the local authority and police have powers to tackle illegal and anti-social behaviour whether in the settled or gypsy and traveller community. All laws apply equally to everyone, including gypsies and travellers. Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population.

***Customer References:-***

04548

***Comment Ref:*** U10069

**Customer Comment:** Agrees - additional pitches should occur to form an extension off the Garlands Lane site and not at the Brookside site. This would suit both local residents and travellers alike.

**Council's Response:** Noted.

**Customer References:-**

04572

**Comment Ref:** U10228

**Customer Comment:** AMBER sites are partially suitable, and have some highway problems which can be overcome. This is an existing gypsy and traveller site, and there are no known highway issues with it. However, the proposed allocation would give a potential 50% increase in size and the additional associated traffic movement would be of concern. In the circumstances the allocation may be difficult to resist. The GTAA recommends extensions to some of the smaller family sites but as this site already has 10 pitches it is questionable whether this qualifies. The site is not within or adjacent to any settlement boundary and would require a significant upgrade to the highway access.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted, the Borough Council will work alongside the Highways Authority in the preparation of the submission document to ensure that any sites taken forward are acceptable in highway terms and to identify any potential mitigation measures where applicable.

**Customer References:-**

CU0152

**Comment Ref:** U11222

**Customer Comment:** Constituents feel this is too near to the existing Costalot site in Bagworth.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted.

**Customer References:-**

06205

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**Total Comments of type Comment : 7**

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**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U07865

**Customer Comment:** Road access. Lack of amenities. Detrimental to the environment. Special needs. Crime and Anti-social Behaviour.

**Council's Response:** Exploring the potential to extend existing sites was the first stage in the methodology used for identifying potential gypsy and traveller sites. Both the Highways and Education Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage. Crime and anti-social behaviour cannot be considered as a planning matter as there is no evidence that this will occur. Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population. In terms of amenities, this site is in accordance with Policy 18 of the Hinckley and Bosworth Submission Core Strategy as it is located within a reasonable distance of the Borough's key rural centres. Allocating designated sites is believed to bring about better site management and design compared to unauthorised developments. At the planning application stage it would be necessary for the applicant to demonstrate that the landscape and planting scheme is complimentary to the development and its surroundings to ensure it is inline with the Submission Core Strategy.

**Customer References:-**

04672

**Comment Ref:** U07939

**Customer Comment:** We the undersigned object to the proposed extension to Garlands Lane Traveller/Gypsy site by the suggested 5 pitches (up to 20 vans) which was proposed by the Borough Council on 20 January 2009 as part of the Local Development Framework Preferred Options consultation.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. There is no set definition for a Gypsy and Traveller residential pitch. In the same way as the settled community, gypsies and travellers require various accommodation sizes, depending on the number of family members.

'Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites: Good Practice Guide' (CLG, 2008) does however state that: "As a general guide, it is possible to specify that an average family pitch must be capable of accommodating an amenity building, a large trailer and touring caravan, (or two trailers) drying space for clothes, a lockable shed (for bicycles, wheelchair storage etc), parking space for two vehicles and a small garden area. Smaller pitches must be able to accommodate at least an amenity building, a large trailer, drying space for clothes and parking for at least one vehicle). Where space permits the inclusion of a garden or play space on each pitch is recommended. (pp. 40-41).

**Customer References:-**

14059

**Comment Ref:** U07940

**Customer Comment:** We the undersigned object to the proposed extension to Garlands Lane Traveller/Gypsy site by the suggested 5 pitches (up to 20 vans) which was proposed by the Borough Council on 20 January 2009 as part of the Local Development Framework Preferred Options consultation.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. There is no set definition for a Gypsy and Traveller residential pitch. In the same way as the settled community, gypsies and travellers require various accommodation sizes, depending on the number of family members.

'Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites: Good Practice Guide' (CLG, 2008) does however state that: "As a general guide, it is possible to specify that an average family pitch must be capable of accommodating an amenity building, a large trailer and touring caravan, (or two trailers) drying space for clothes, a lockable shed (for bicycles, wheelchair storage etc), parking space for two vehicles and a small garden area. Smaller pitches must be able to accommodate at least an amenity building, a large trailer, drying space for clothes and parking for at least one vehicle). Where space permits the inclusion of a garden or play space on each pitch is recommended. (pp. 40-41).

**Customer References:-**

14060

**Comment Ref:** U07941

**Customer Comment:** We the undersigned object to the proposed extension to Garlands Lane Traveller/Gypsy site by the suggested 5 pitches (up to 20 vans) which was proposed by the Borough Council on 20 January 2009 as part of the Local Development Framework Preferred Options consultation.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. There is no set definition for a Gypsy and Traveller residential pitch. In the same way as the settled community, gypsies and travellers require various accommodation sizes, depending on the number of family members.

'Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites: Good Practice Guide' (CLG, 2008) does however state that: "As a general guide, it is possible to specify that an average family pitch must be capable of accommodating an amenity building, a large trailer and touring caravan, (or two trailers) drying space for clothes, a lockable shed (for bicycles, wheelchair storage etc), parking space for two vehicles and a small garden area. Smaller pitches must be able to accommodate at least an amenity building, a large trailer, drying space for clothes and parking for at least one vehicle). Where space permits the inclusion of a garden or play space on each pitch is recommended. (pp. 40-41).

**Customer References:-**

14061

**Comment Ref:** U07942

**Customer Comment:** We the undersigned object to the proposed extension to Garlands Lane Traveller/Gypsy site by the suggested 5 pitches (up to 20 vans) which was proposed by the Borough Council on 20 January 2009 as part of the Local Development Framework Preferred Options consultation.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. There is no set definition for a Gypsy and Traveller residential pitch. In the same way as the settled community, gypsies and travellers require various accommodation sizes, depending on the number of family members.

'Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites: Good Practice Guide' (CLG, 2008) does however state that: "As a general guide, it is possible to specify that an average family pitch must be capable of accommodating an amenity building, a large trailer and touring caravan, (or two trailers) drying space for clothes, a lockable shed (for bicycles, wheelchair storage etc), parking space for two vehicles and a small garden area. Smaller pitches must be able to accommodate at least an amenity building, a large trailer, drying space for clothes and parking for at least one vehicle). Where space permits the inclusion of a garden or play space on each pitch is recommended. (pp. 40-41).

**Customer References:-**

14062

**Comment Ref:** U08049

**Customer Comment:** The site is surrounded by arable land and conflicts with countryside policy. It is accessed via narrow lanes with limited visibility. Travellers need good road networks and roads. There is no drainage near the site. This would mean the use of more septic tanks, the site currently has numerous septic tanks and the sloping nature of the site means that water run off will and does already enter the brook at the bottom of the fields. Local services are already stretched and there are already five sites within a two mile radius. Amenities are not within walking distance. Public transport is not accessible. There is no mention of consultation with the police.

**Council's Response:** The area is identified as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan, the DPD forms part of the LDF that will replace Local Plan policies. As a result the countryside policy is to be reviewed through the LDF process. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. The Police are a statutory consultee in the production of the LDF.

**Customer References:-**

15203

**Comment Ref:** U08100

**Customer Comment:** object as it has recently been allowed to increase in size. Although this was allowed as it was suppose to allow Heath Road residents to use these pitches they have apparently preferred not to do this. No other traveller pitches should be allowed I the Parish of Bagworth and Thornton as there are already a number in the area. This would result in 46 pitches in Bagworth giving a ratio of 1:7. There are insufficient facilities within the village; there is no shop or post office, no NHS or private dentist, no GP surgery or chemist. Sites should be closer to towns (i.e. Hinckley) where facilities and amenities are available.

**Council's Response:** Noted the Council's Core Strategy sets out an Infrastructure Plan for development across the Borough and outlines the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are subsequently made will only be done when the pressure on local services are adequately considered.

**Customer References:-**

13924

**Comment Ref:** U08105

**Customer Comment:** I object as it has recently been allowed to increase in size. Although this was allowed as it was suppose to allow Heath Road residents to use these pitches they have apparently preferred not to do this. No other traveller pitches should be allowed I the Parish of Bagworth and Thornton as there are already a number in the area. This would result in 46 pitches in Bagworth giving a ratio of 1:7. There are insufficient facilities within the village; there is no shop or post office, no NHS or private dentist, no GP surgery or chemist. Sites should be closer to towns (i.e. Hinckley) where facilities and amenities are available.

**Council's Response:** Noted the Council's Core Strategy sets out an Infrastructure Plan for development across the Borough and outlines the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are subsequently made will only be done when the pressure on local services are adequately considered.

**Customer References:-**

13924

**Comment Ref:** U08115

**Customer Comment:** I object as it has recently been allowed to increase in size. Although this was allowed as it was suppose to allow Heath Road residents to use these pitches they have apparently preferred not to do this. No other traveller pitches should be allowed I the Parish of Bagworth and Thornton as there are already a number in the area. This would result in 46 pitches in Bagworth giving a ratio of 1:7. There are insufficient facilities within the village; there is no shop or post office, no NHS or private dentist, no GP surgery or chemist. Sites should be closer to towns (i.e. Hinckley) where facilities and amenities are available.

**Council's Response:** Noted, When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams. Any allocations which are subsequently made will only be done when the pressure on local services are adequately considered.

**Customer References:-**

13925

**Comment Ref:** U08169

**Customer Comment:** Barlestone traveller provision has already increased substantially over the past 25 years. Hinckley and Bosworth Council have far on excess the number of such pitches that those in other local councils in Leicestershire and in the interests of fairness the government need should be re-addressed county-wide.

**Council's Response:** The East Midlands Regional Plans sets out the number of pitches that must be provided it states that we must provide 26 permanent residential pitches (plus 5 transit pitches and 2 plots for showpeople) from 2007 to 2012. This figure was derived from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment (GTAA) (2007) that identified that we must provide 42 permanent residential pitches and 10 pitches for a transit site and these are reflected in the Submission Core Strategy. The GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. HBBC have not been required to provide the highest provision requirements within Leicestershire.

**Customer References:-**

13992

**Comment Ref:** U08232

**Customer Comment:** The proposal for more travellers in Bagworth and Barlestone needs to be considered. Has a community impact assessment been carried out? Has an appraisal of

demographics been carried out?

**Council's Response:** The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

**Customer References:-**

15144

**Comment Ref:** U08245

**Customer Comment:** The proposal for more travellers in Bagworth and Barlestone needs to be considered. Has a community impact assessment been carried out? Has an appraisal of demographics been carried out?

**Council's Response:** The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out the mechanism for identifying the level of housing for the rural areas. This included population projection assessments, transport sustainability, access to services, local landscape constraints, capability of local infrastructure the local housing need (including current mix and affordability). All these factors have been taken into account in informing the final distribution of housing contained in the Core Strategy.

**Customer References:-**

15161

**Comment Ref:** U08246

**Customer Comment:** We have a lot more sites than others in the County.

**Council's Response:** Noted.

**Customer References:-**

03385

**Comment Ref:** U08305

**Customer Comment:** Serviced by a narrow lane. Farmed arable land which conflicts with countryside policy. No main drainage and will cause the stream to be polluted. There are already 5 sites within 2 miles of Barlestone. There is little policing. The village school is at capacity. Good Agricultural land.

**Council's Response:** Noted.

**Customer References:-**

03625

**Comment Ref:** U08320

**Customer Comment:** I urge HBBC to consider brownfield sites and reject these sites for traveller allocation.

**Council's Response:** Noted.

**Customer References:-**

03669

**Comment Ref:** U08380

**Customer Comment:** The Council should not carry these sites forward.

**Council's Response:** Noted.

**Customer References:-**

03669

**Comment Ref:**

U08515

**Customer Comment:**

Arable land and would conflict with countryside policy. Serviced by a narrow lane, highway safety concerns. No mains drainage, topography of site slopes. Water run off. Local services are stretched and some distance from the development. More appropriate to locate in Hinckley, Barwell and Earl Shilton due to the level of services. Extend the site on the A5.

**Council's Response:**

It is the role of the DPD to review all land allocations. Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

**Customer References:-**

03984

**Comment Ref:**

U08541

**Customer Comment:**

It is on farm land and conflicts with current countryside policies. Accessed via a narrow road and increase in traffic would be dangerous. Sewage is also a problem as there is no main drainage. Local services are already overstretched. Barlestone school is overstretched. Policing is limited in the rural area.

**Council's Response:**

It is the role of the LDF to review current policy. As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

**Customer References:-**

04138

**Comment Ref:**

U08636

**Customer Comment:**

The site entrance is a blind spot as it is. Additional pitches here would make this worse. The surrounding roads are not suitable.

The sewerage becomes noticeable at times which is off-putting.

**Council's Response:**

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

**Customer References:-**

06211

**Comment Ref:** U08680

**Customer Comment:** The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. A range of evidence base documents have been produced in the preparation of the DPD. Leicestershire County Council produce Community Profiles that set out demographic information, as does the Rural Housing Methodology Statement for the Borough. A number of preferred and alternative options have been put forward as part of the preferred options consultation.

**Customer References:-**

06241

**Comment Ref:** U08695

**Customer Comment:** There are already 3 travellers sites in this location, and 7 within a 2 mile radius. These are all close to a dangerous right angle bend and junction. There is inadequate visibility. Horses and ponies tethered along grass verges are also potential traffic hazards

Sewerage and foul water disposal systems are provided by septic tanks which are likely to already be already exceeding capacity

Additional pitches in this location will create a precedent for more pitches and will exacerbate the detrimental effect on the countryside. The number of site is disproportionate to the surrounding area.

The location of additional pitches in this location would be unsustainable as it would force the residents to commute to employment

Planning policy should determine the exact dimensions of each pitch to limit the number of caravans and other vehicles that can be accommodated

Disposal of refuse at the existing sites is inadequate

The visual impact of the existing sites is incongruous, landscaping should be taken into account

The Borough already has a high percentage of gypsy and traveller pitches in Leicestershire. There is no justification to increase the number of pitches in this area merely because travellers have already settled in the area

This proposal would involve the development of Greenfield land which is against countryside policies

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

The provision of facilities for any planning application for housing or gypsy and traveller sites would be considered at the planning application stage.

The Borough Council must identify sufficient land to meet Gypsy and Traveller requirements and is a government requirement. Gypsy and Traveller sites will be granted planning permission on allocated sites and for a certain number of pitches to manage and control growth; this will be enforced through the application process. The Borough Council are required to provide sufficient land for up to 10 caravans to be used for transit caravans; this will enable unauthorised encampments to be moved on more quickly.

Noted.



There is no set definition for a Gypsy and Traveller residential pitch. In the same way as the settled community, gypsies and travellers require various accommodation sizes, depending on the number of family members. 'Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites: Good Practice Guide' (CLG, 2008) does however state that: "As a general guide, it is possible to specify that an average family pitch must be capable of accommodating an amenity building, a large trailer and touring caravan, (or two trailers) drying space for clothes, a lockable shed (for bicycles, wheelchair storage etc), parking space for two vehicles and a small garden area. Smaller pitches must be able to accommodate at least an amenity building, a large trailer, drying space for clothes and parking for at least one vehicle). Where space permits the inclusion of a garden or play space on each pitch is recommended." (pp. 40-41)

Noted. The disposal of refuse from sites would be considered as part of any planning application for the development of this site.

Noted, however it should be considered that in all and any development landscaping and screening are a material consideration for the assessment of planning applications and all site which are developed would be subject to these policies. Any insufficiencies with the existing landscaping would be considered at this point.

Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of existing gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

Considered and noted. The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy

#### ***Customer References:-***

CU0398

#### ***Comment Ref:***

U08704

#### ***Customer Comment:***

The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

#### ***Council's Response:***

Considered and noted. A range of evidence base documents have been produced in the preparation of the DPD. Leicestershire County Council produce Community Profiles that set out demographic information, as does the Rural Housing Methodology Statement for the Borough. A number of preferred and alternative options have been put forward as part of the preferred options consultation.

#### ***Customer References:-***

06260

#### ***Comment Ref:***

U08711

#### ***Customer Comment:***

The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around

Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. A range of evidence base documents have been produced in the preparation of the DPD. Leicestershire County Council produce Community Profiles that set out demographic information, as does the Rural Housing Methodology Statement for the Borough. A number of preferred and alternative options have been put forward as part of the preferred options consultation.

**Customer References:-**

06265

**Comment Ref:** U08731

**Customer Comment:** The whole site is within farmable land and development would conflict with countryside policies

Any increase in traffic on this narrow country lane would be dangerous to road users

Sewerage would be problematic as the existing water run off is contaminating the brook at the bottom of the adjacent fields

Local services, shops, amenities and schools are already stretched to the limit

Local policing is limited and is struggling to cope

There is currently a disproportionate number of travellers to residents in the area

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc. It will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

This is not a planning matter, however, Leicestershire Constabulary are being consulted during the preparation of this document.

**Customer References:-**

06299

**Comment Ref:** U08811

**Customer Comment:** The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site

add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. A range of evidence base documents have been produced in the preparation of the DPD. Leicestershire County Council produce Community Profiles that set out demographic information, as does the Rural Housing Methodology Statement for the Borough. A number of preferred and alternative options have been put forward as part of the preferred options consultation.

**Customer References:-**

06351

**Comment Ref:** U08845

**Customer Comment:** Object to the allocation of an extension to the existing Gypsy and traveller site as it is land classified as open countryside. There are highway issues due to the nature of the surrounding road network. There is no main drainage near the site which would mean septic tanks and increased surface water run-off into the Brook. Local services are already stretched. Many of the key services are not within walking distance of the site and public transport is not accessible from the site. Keep sites small and well dispersed around the County.

**Council's Response:** A research document was prepared which highlights the methodology used for identifying potential gypsy and traveller sites. Exploring the potential to extend existing sites was the first stage in this methodology. There has been a historic interest in the extension of this site in order to satisfy need in the area. Within the existing local plan the land is within the open countryside, however the Local Plan is to be replaced by the Local Development Framework. The documents contained within the LDF will form the planning policy for the Borough and therefore current planning policy is being reviewed as part of this process.

Extension of this site would be dependent on the provision of appropriate highway access to accommodate the additional vehicular movements, as highlighted within policy 18 of the Hinckley and Bosworth Adopted Core Strategy.

In terms of location and access to services and facilities, this site is in accordance with Policy 18 of the Hinckley and Bosworth Adopted Core Strategy as it is located within a reasonable distance of those available within a number of the Borough's key rural centres.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Noted.

**Customer References:-**

08455

**Comment Ref:** U08867

**Customer Comment:** Traveller provision has already increased substantially over the past 25 years. HBBC have more pitches than many other Leicestershire authorities, this needs to be re-dressed.

**Council's Response:** The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. HBBC have not been required to provide the highest provision requirements within Leicestershire.

**Customer References:-**

10963

**Comment Ref:** U08901

**Customer Comment:** Object to a traveller site on the following grounds; a vacant industrial site at TI Tubes Desford, a proposal here would destroy; green belt, flora and fauna, agricultural land, open space. Hinckley and Bosworth already accommodate 67% of the County's travelling community, the balance needs to be re-addressed.

**Council's Response:** Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

### **Customer References:-**

04750

**Comment Ref:** U08904

**Customer Comment:** Object to a traveller site on the following grounds; a vacant industrial site at TI Tubes Desford, a proposal here would destroy; green belt, flora and fauna, agricultural land, open space. Hinckley and Bosworth already accommodate 67% of the County's travelling community, the balance needs to be re-addressed.

**Council's Response:** Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

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Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

### **Customer References:-**

04751

**Comment Ref:** U08917

**Customer Comment:** The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site

add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. A range of evidence base documents have been produced in the preparation of the DPD. Leicestershire County Council produce Community Profiles that set out demographic information, as does the Rural Housing Methodology Statement for the Borough. A number of preferred and alternative options have been put forward as part of the preferred options consultation.

**Customer References:-**

04823

**Comment Ref:** U08925

**Customer Comment:** Object to employment, housing and traveller sites being allocated in Barlestone for the following reasons;  
Poor existing infrastructure i.e. highways, sewerage disposal, and facilities and amenities which would all need improving.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority and service providers such as Severn Trent Water are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

When determining the level of development required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

04851

**Comment Ref:** U08926

**Customer Comment:** Object to employment, housing and traveller sites being allocated in Barlestone for the following reasons;  
Poor existing infrastructure i.e. highways, sewerage disposal, and facilities and amenities which would all need improving.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority and service providers such as Severn Trent Water are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

When determining the level of development required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

04852

**Comment Ref:** U08936

**Customer Comment:** Object to the cemetery, employment proposal and gypsy and traveller site on the following grounds; there are badgers on this land, and highway issues.

**Council's Response:** The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

Other comments were noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters.

***Customer References:-***

04857

***Comment Ref:*** U08942

***Customer Comment:*** The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted. A range of evidence base documents have been produced in the preparation of the DPD. Leicestershire County Council produce Community Profiles that set out demographic information, as does the Rural Housing Methodology Statement for the Borough. A number of preferred and alternative options have been put forward as part of the preferred options consultation.

***Customer References:-***

04864

***Comment Ref:*** U08944

***Customer Comment:*** The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

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***Customer References:-***

04867

***Comment Ref:*** U08951

***Customer Comment:*** There are 70+ pitches within a 2 mile radius of Barlestone, sites should be spread more evenly across the Borough. Suggest site at Stoke Road, Hinckley.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

***Customer References:-***

04917

**Comment Ref:** U08996

**Customer Comment:** Object to the traveller proposals on the grounds of highway safety, wildlife impact, and concentration of sites in one area.

**Council's Response:** Noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

**Customer References:-**

CU0223

**Comment Ref:** U09054

**Customer Comment:** Object to the traveller site on the following grounds; it is first class agricultural land, sewerage capacity, impact upon the existing services and facilities, and highway issues.

**Council's Response:** Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

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Noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters

**Customer References:-**

05157

**Comment Ref:** U09056

**Customer Comment:** The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic

compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. A range of evidence base documents have been produced in the preparation of the DPD. Leicestershire County Council produce Community Profiles that set out demographic information, as does the Rural Housing Methodology Statement for the Borough. A number of preferred and alternative options have been put forward as part of the preferred options consultation.

**Customer References:-**

05158

**Comment Ref:** U09063

**Customer Comment:** The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

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**Customer References:-**

05164

**Comment Ref:** U09140

**Customer Comment:** The proposal for more traveller pitches in Bagworth and Barlestone needs serious and careful challenge so as not to destroy the character, confidence and basis of existing community. The siting of gypsy and travellers away from settled communities seems the favoured approach by all.

Has a community impact appraisal been carried out? How do the demographic compare to other communities in the County? Would the siting of a further traveller site add to or undermine Barlestone village life? Is it fair or appropriate to site around Bagworth and Barlestone or are there other locations able to accommodate the pitches without the adverse impact?

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. A range of evidence base documents have been produced in the preparation of the DPD. Leicestershire County Council produce Community Profiles that set out demographic information, as does the Rural Housing Methodology Statement for the Borough. A number of preferred and alternative options have been put forward as part of the preferred options consultation.

**Customer References:-**

05204

**Comment Ref:** U09159

**Customer Comment:** Use of Green Belt land for housing and Gypsy and traveller sites is adding to global warming more brownfield sites should be used for these uses.

**Council's Response:** Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough has this designation.

Brownfield sites are being considered in the preparation of the site allocations not all brownfield sites are suitable for development and alternatives therefore must be



identified.

***Customer References:-***

05825

***Comment Ref:*** U09161

***Customer Comment:*** An extension to the Gypsy site will only put more strain on services, facilities and the road network.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

***Customer References:-***

05825

***Comment Ref:*** U09180

***Customer Comment:*** Object on the grounds of highway safety and pressure on services and facilities.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

***Customer References:-***

05836

***Comment Ref:*** U09212

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the traveller site in Barlestone on the following grounds; high proportion already within close proximity to Barlestone, increased traffic, highway safety and capacity, crime.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population.

Noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters

***Customer References:-***

05849

**Comment Ref:** U09230

**Customer Comment:** The Garlands Lane traveller proposal would mean an increase of 25 Caravans in the site, where there is no mains sewerage which is not satisfactory.

**Council's Response:** There is no set definition for a Gypsy and Traveller residential pitch. In the same way as the settled community, gypsies and travellers require various accommodation sizes, depending on the number of family members.

'Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites: Good Practice Guide' (CLG, 2008) does however state that: "As a general guide, it is possible to specify that an average family pitch must be capable of accommodating an amenity building, a large trailer and touring caravan, (or two trailers) drying space for clothes, a lockable shed (for bicycles, wheelchair storage etc), parking space for two vehicles and a small garden area. Smaller pitches must be able to accommodate at least an amenity building, a large trailer, drying space for clothes and parking for at least one vehicle). Where space permits the inclusion of a garden or play space on each pitch is recommended." (pp. 40-41)

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

**Customer References:-**

05857

**Comment Ref:** U09251

**Customer Comment:** There is an over saturation of gypsy sites in this area.

**Council's Response:** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

**Customer References:-**

05879

**Comment Ref:** U09255

**Customer Comment:** There is an over saturation of gypsy sites in this area.

**Council's Response:** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

**Customer References:-**

05880

**Comment Ref:** U09314

**Customer Comment:** Object to the extension to Garlands Lane as the existing site already poses problems for services such as schools, shops, post office.

There are highway constraints and no mains sewerage requiring septic tanks. There is an issue with surface water run off.

It will also be development in the open countryside and a loss of agricultural land.

Distribution around the Borough is balanced more towards the northern parishes.

**Council's Response:** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an

Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Environment Agency are also statutory consultee and will comment on surface water run off issues where applicable.

Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

### ***Customer References:-***

CU0756

***Comment Ref:*** U09357

***Customer Comment:*** The site is unsuitable for Gypsies and travellers for the following reasons; dense concentration of sites in this area of the borough, access issues along country lanes, local infrastructure is only accessible by private vehicle and education facilities are struggling to cope. Barlestone has the same problems with over stretch facilities and access issues, drainage issues, increase in crime in the area, comments regarding management of sites and enforcement controls of the borough council

The proposal would constitute development in the open countryside and use of good agricultural land.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

The Local Plan is to be replaced by the Local Development Framework. The documents contained within the LDF will form the planning policy for the Borough and therefore current planning policy is being reviewed as part of this process.

Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document.

### ***Customer References:-***

**Comment Ref:** U09392

**Customer Comment:** This site falls within the countryside and would be inappropriate for housing development. The road system is unsuitable and access would be too close to a blind bend. There are no sewerage facilities, and local services will be put under undue pressure, children generally need special educational needs. Non-planning matters raised. Absence of site layout and design. Critical commentary on the distribution of sites across the Borough.

**Council's Response:** Noted. Paragraph 54 of Circular 01/06 states 'rural settings, where not subject to special planning constraints, are acceptable in principle'.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted the additional pressure on local services and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. The Educational Authorities are also consulted and will deal with any special educational needs travellers may have.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse. Families pay council tax and license fees on settled sites.

When allocating sites the Local Planning Authority will only take into consideration planning matters. The Gypsies and Travellers: Facts and Figures document (DCLG, 2004) states that the Local Authority and Police have powers to tackle illegal and anti-social behaviour whether in the settled or gypsy and traveller community. All laws apply equally to everyone, including gypsies and travellers. Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population.

The actual design and layout of sites will be considered in detail at the planning application stage.

### **Customer References:-**

04238

**Comment Ref:** U09534

**Customer Comment:** Comments on highway issues and distance to services. Hinckley and Bosworth already supports 67% of Leicestershire's travellers. Crime and policing.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Adopted Core Strategy Policy 18 states the requirements for the location of Gypsy and Traveller sites.

The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. HBBC have not been required to provide the highest provision requirements within Leicestershire.

Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of

crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population. Policing is not a planning matter in allocating sites.

***Customer References:-***

04465

***Comment Ref:*** U09553

***Customer Comment:*** Inadequate infrastructure.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

***Customer References:-***

04470

***Comment Ref:*** U09558

***Customer Comment:*** Inadequate infrastructure.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

***Customer References:-***

04472

***Comment Ref:*** U09575

***Customer Comment:*** Non-planning related comments made on crime, council tax and house prices. Clean up and maintenance of sites. The size and distribution of sites across parts of the Borough i.e. smaller sites should be spread across the rural villages.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, the Local Authority will only take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters. Crime can not be considered a planning matter as there is no evidence that this will occur. Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority in proportion to the wider population. The Gypsies and Travellers: Facts and Figures document (DCLG, 2004) states that the Local Authority and Police have powers to tackle illegal and anti-social behaviour whether in the settled or gypsy and traveller community. All laws apply equally to everyone, including gypsies and travellers.

Gypsy and traveller families pay council tax and license fees on settled sites. Paragraph 5.22 of Designing Gypsy And Traveller Sites (DCLG, 2008) states that residents of Gypsy and Traveller sites should receive the same waste disposal arrangements at their home as any other member of the community.

There is no evidence regarding the effect of permanent or transit sites on property prices. An independent study in Scotland by the Planning Exchange and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that although there were some claims that house prices would be affected, these proved hard to establish. The study said a new home being built within 50m of the boundary of one site suggested the impact on the local housing market had been minimal. Experiences in Leicestershire and other local authority areas do not evidence a reduction in property values.

Note the request for smaller sites to be spread across the rural villages. The Council is identifying suitable sites across the borough.

***Customer References:-***

04479

***Comment Ref:*** U09644

***Customer Comment:*** Concentration of Gypsy and Traveller sites in the surrounding area.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

***Customer References:-***

04501

***Comment Ref:*** U09695

***Customer Comment:*** Issues relating to policing raised. It is on arable land contrary to current countryside policies. Narrow country lane, limited visibility. Would need a septic tank as no mains drainage. Site slopes so would run into brook. Local services as are stretched including schools. Have travellers been consulted? Issues relating to cost of the establishment of the site.

***Council's Response:*** Policing is not a planning matter. However, Leicestershire Constabulary are a statutory consultee in the LDF process and are consulted on the allocations. The LDF will replace the Local Plan and therefore policies within the current plan are being reviewed. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, existing infrastructure was taken into account. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. The Leicester and Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Group have been consulted as part of this process. In addition, there are a number of organisations who are consulted in the preparation of the LDF who represent travellers. The Council have made a commitment that there will not be compulsory purchase.

***Customer References:-***

02946

***Comment Ref:*** U09847

***Customer Comment:*** The site is on arable land and will conflict with countryside policies. The proposed access would be insufficient. The site has no mains drainage and measures would be need to taken to overcome this. Local services are stretched to breaking point further extension will exacerbate this.

***Council's Response:*** It is the role of the LDF to review current planning policy. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. The matter of local services has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. Please note the Local Authority will only take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters.

***Customer References:-***

02732

***Comment Ref:*** U10050

***Customer Comment:*** The width and suitability of both Bagworth Road and Main Street to be used as a major thoroughfare. Highway issues. The impact of extra people on schools.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads. The Educational Authority is also consulted as part of the Local Development Framework process.

***Customer References:-***

04566

***Comment Ref:*** U10126

***Customer Comment:*** There could be traffic hazards from the narrowness of the lane. The land is arable and development would conflict with countryside policies good agricultural land will be lost. There are no mains utilities connections and the run off from the site would pollute the stream. There are already 5 sites within 2 miles of Barlestone. There is insufficient policing of these sites. The village school is near capacity.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads. Natural England retains records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and is consulted as part of the preparation of the document. The role of the LDF is to review existing Local Plan policies to ensure conformity with national and regional guidance which has been published since the adoption of the local plan which sets current local countryside policy. In addition, the DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy. As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. In the creation of this document effects on watercourses was a key consideration throughout and both the environment agency and British Waterways were consulted and asked to comment on any sites that they felt would be unsuitable for development. The Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Core Strategy sets out the number of pitches that must be provided. It states that we must provide 42 permanent residential pitches (plus space for 10 transit caravans and 3 plots for showpeople) from 2007 to 2017. This figure was derived from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment (GTAA) (2007) which was used as an evidence base document for the production of the adopted East Midlands Regional Plan. The GTAA makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site. Policing is not a planning matter. However, Leicestershire Constabulary are a statutory consultee in the LDF process and are consulted on the allocations contained within the document.

***Customer References:-***

03089

***Comment Ref:*** U10495

***Customer Comment:*** The Parish Council would urge that no further sites are allocated in the area. The following points are relevant: To get from the existing sites to facilities offered in this village involves using a narrow twisting country lane negotiated by all kinds of vehicles,

some of which are horse drawn. The conditions are hazardous especially for pedestrians. The other villages i.e. Bagworth and Thornton near to existing sites do not have the facilities that Barlestone has to offer. There is no Community in the Borough that wants sites; the answer is small well dispersed provision. Concern over capacity of facilities.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted, the Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

CU0019

**Comment Ref:** U10834

**Customer Comment:** I object to the proposals for further traveller sites in the area.

**Council's Response:** Noted. Officers are unable to comment further on any matters which are not planning in nature.

**Customer References:-**

03353

**Comment Ref:** U11312

**Customer Comment:** Non-planning matters. Crime and anti-social behaviour.

**Council's Response:** Noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters.

When allocating sites the Local Authority will only take into consideration planning matters. The Gypsies and Travellers: Facts and Figures (DCLG, 2004) document states that the Local Authority and Police have powers to tackle illegal and anti-social behaviour whether in the settled or gypsy and traveller community. All laws apply equally to everyone, including gypsies and travellers. Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population.

**Customer References:-**

01677

**Comment Ref:** U11394

**Customer Comment:** The concentration of gypsy and travellers in this part of the Borough. Insufficient services and infrastructure. The enforcement of illegal sites and planning law.

**Council's Response:** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.



The Borough Council must identify sufficient land to meet Gypsy and Traveller requirements and is a government requirement. Gypsy and Traveller sites will be granted planning permission on allocated sites and for a certain number of pitches to manage and control growth; this will be enforced through the application process. The Borough Council are required to provide sufficient land for up to 10 caravans to be used for transit caravans; this will enable unauthorised encampments to be moved on more quickly. Enforcement action will be taken on unauthorised encampments.

***Customer References:-***

02011

***Comment Ref:*** U11415

***Customer Comment:*** The concentration of gypsy and travellers in this part of the Borough. Insufficient services and infrastructure. The enforcement of illegal sites and planning law.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Borough Council must identify sufficient land to meet Gypsy and Traveller requirements and is a government requirement. Gypsy and Traveller sites will be granted planning permission on allocated sites and for a certain number of pitches to manage and control growth; this will be enforced through the application process. The Borough Council are required to provide sufficient land for up to 10 caravans to be used for transit caravans; this will enable unauthorised encampments to be moved on more quickly. Enforcement action will be taken on unauthorised encampments.

***Customer References:-***

02066

***Comment Ref:*** U11481

***Customer Comment:*** The concentration of gypsy and travellers in this part of the Borough. Insufficient services and infrastructure. The enforcement of illegal sites and planning law.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Borough Council must identify sufficient land to meet Gypsy and Traveller requirements and is a government requirement. Gypsy and Traveller sites will be granted planning permission on allocated sites and for a certain number of pitches to manage and control growth; this will be enforced through the application process. The Borough Council are required to provide sufficient land for up to 10 caravans to be used for transit caravans; this will enable unauthorised encampments to be moved on more quickly. Enforcement action is taken on illegal encampments.

***Customer References:-***

02169

***Comment Ref:*** U11491

***Customer Comment:*** The concentration of Gypsy and Travellers in this part of the Borough. Insufficient services and infrastructure. The enforcement of illegal sites and planning law.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Borough Council must identify sufficient land to meet Gypsy and Traveller requirements and is a government requirement. Gypsy and Traveller sites will be granted planning permission on allocated sites and for a certain number of pitches to manage and control growth; this will be enforced through the application process. The Borough Council are required to provide sufficient land for up to 10 caravans to be used for transit caravans; this will enable unauthorised encampments to be moved on more quickly. Enforcement action is taken on illegal sites.

***Customer References:-***

02170

***Comment Ref:*** U11864

***Customer Comment:*** Opposes site proposal because of poor road access, the lack of amenities and detriment to the environment. Proposed site is wholly contained within arable land and development would conflict with countryside policies as development in open countryside. Educational needs of gypsy and traveller children. Policing issues.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

With regard to current open countryside policies, note the Local Plan is to be replaced by the Local Development Framework. The documents contained within the LDF will form the planning policy for the Borough and therefore current planning policy is being reviewed as part of this process.

When allocating sites the Local Planning Authority will only take into consideration planning matters. The Gypsies and Travellers: Facts and Figures document (DCLG, 2004) states that the Local Authority and Police have powers to tackle illegal and anti-social behaviour whether in the settled or gypsy and traveller community. All laws apply equally to everyone, including gypsies and travellers. Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population.

The Government's policies on Gypsy and Traveller accommodation and enforcement are set within a framework of rights and responsibilities, in which everyone's rights must

be respected where, at the same time, equal standards of behaviour are expected from all.

***Customer References:-***

04672

***Comment Ref:*** U11889

***Customer Comment:*** Objects to the proposals because of highway issues. Junction of Bagworth Road and the B585 (a link road to the B582) because of bends, speed and traffic. 90 degrees bend at Garlands Lane. Any increase in traveller's sites on the B582 whether it is anywhere along that road, especially at Garlands Lane, will mean an increase of traffic from there and will make an extremely dangerous road even more dangerous.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

***Customer References:-***

04706

***Comment Ref:*** U12118

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the Gypsy and traveller site on the following grounds; there are 70+ pitches within 2 miles of Barlestone village centre. Access to facilities is via narrow country lanes, sites should be well dispersed throughout the borough, the existing facilities and amenities are already at capacity.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Pressure on local services has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

***Customer References:-***

CU0019

***Comment Ref:*** U12334

***Customer Comment:*** High proportion of traveller sites within the Borough and North West Leicestershire. There should be an equal distribution across the County. Site is on arable land and any development will conflict with countryside policy and would class as development within the countryside. Serviced by a narrow country lane, an increase in traffic would be dangerous to road users. The proposed position also has limited visibility and is a designated lorry route. The site would need to use a septic tank as there is no mains drainage. Giving the sloping nature of the site and the other two adjacent sites water will run off and already enters the brook at the bottom of the fields resulting in contamination/pollution. Local services are at breaking point. There are already 5 sites within a 2 mile radius of Barlestone. Policing is limited.

***Council's Response:*** The Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Core Strategy sets out the number of pitches that must be provided. It states that we must provide 42 permanent residential pitches (plus space for 10 transit caravans and 3 plots for showpeople) from 2007 to 2017. This figure was derived from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Gypsy and

Traveller Needs Assessment (GTAA) (2007) which was used as an evidence base document for the production of the adopted East Midlands Regional Plan. The GTAA makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly. HBBC have not been required to provide the highest provision requirements within Leicestershire. Natural England retain records on the agricultural land quality throughout the country and are consulted as part of the preparation of the document. The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads. As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water and British Gas who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, electrical connection etc it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage. Connection and installation will be paid for by the landowner/developer of the site not the public purse. Pressure on local services has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. Policing is not a planning matter.

#### ***Customer References:-***

02500

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***Total Comments of type Objection : 71***

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***Comment Type:*** Support

***Comment Ref:*** U10011

***Customer Comment:*** We support the Borough Councils preferred options for site allocations for gypsy/traveller sites which are either new sites outside existing settlements, or extensions of existing sites. Existing site.

***Council's Response:*** Noted.

#### ***Customer References:-***

04553

***Comment Ref:*** U10772

***Customer Comment:*** The Parish Council therefore supports the preferred options for site allocations for gypsy/traveller sites as follows: (1) New sites at GRO28, HIN84, and THO10 are outside existing settlements, close to easily accessible roads, not far away from facilities (2) Extensions to existing sites at BARL16, HIG11, MARK20, RAT20 and STG15.

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted.

#### ***Customer References:-***

CU0206

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***Total Comments of type Support : 2***

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### ***Barlestone***

### ***BARL18***

***Comment Type:*** Comment

**Comment Ref:** U08465

**Customer Comment:** Highway concerns.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

**Customer References:-**

03966

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**Total Comments of type Comment : 1**

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**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** U08268

**Customer Comment:** Object: Loss of security to cars; and increase in on street parking on an already congested road. One of the garages in the site has been retained by the Council as it has main access to the sewers serving the Council properties and cannot be obstructed.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. Noted, this will be investigated further through the preparation of the submission DPD.

**Customer References:-**

CU0756

**Comment Ref:** U08848

**Customer Comment:** Site is currently garages for Curtis Way residents, where there is parking problems, and the route used to be a bus route which has been temporarily suspended. This site should be used for overspill parking for the nearby residents.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

**Customer References:-**

08455

**Comment Ref:** U08894

**Customer Comment:** The site is currently 11 garages, the loss of which would have a detrimental effect on the nearby senior citizen bungalows as more parking on Curtis Way would cause problems.

The site is not practical as sewers and drains run beneath the site.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

**Customer References:-**

03043

**Comment Ref:** U09052

**Customer Comment:** Object to this site being used for housing because of the impact on parking in the area.

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

***Customer References:-***

05156

***Comment Ref:*** U09153

***Customer Comment:*** Too many houses are proposed for Barlestone as there are problems with sewerage in the village, additional traffic will be generated, schools are already over capacity with mobile classrooms being used. Parking near the services is an issue. Policing is over stretched.

***Council's Response:*** The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority, LEA and the Police are all being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document.

***Customer References:-***

05825

***Comment Ref:*** U09160

***Customer Comment:*** Use of Green Belt land for housing and Gypsy and traveller sites is adding to global warming more brownfield sites should be used for these uses.

***Council's Response:*** Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough has this designation.

Brownfield sites are being considered in the preparation of the site allocations not all brownfield sites are suitable for development and alternatives therefore must be identified.

***Customer References:-***

05825

***Comment Ref:*** U09197

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the number of houses identified in Barlestone because there are flooding problems involving sewerage, increased traffic resulting in safety issues, highway issues, strain on services and amenities, building on Green Belt. There is no need for more housing as there has been an over provision in the last plan period and people can't afford the mortgages.

***Council's Response:*** As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development

Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirements for settlements. It is the role of the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD to identify land to meet this need. Where it can not be accommodated on brownfield land within the settlement boundary it must be identified on suitable land outside the existing boundary. The settlement boundary will be extended to incorporate these new allocations and development must occur within this revised boundary.

***Customer References:-***

08032

***Comment Ref:*** U10103

***Customer Comment:*** Will cause more cars to park on the road and exacerbate parking problems. The street is occupied by many elderly and disabled residents in bungalows, the building of a house or two is out of keeping with this. It could mean people and families with children moving in causing unacceptable noise. The proposed area is currently used for deliveries to the properties which cannot accept bulky items through the front doors of existing bungalows and this facility will be lost.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads. Design of properties is a fundamental and material condition in planning applications; the design of such development would be assessed at this stage. The remainder of your comments do not constitute planning matters and can therefore not be commented upon.

***Customer References:-***

03075

***Comment Ref:*** U10130

***Customer Comment:*** There has already been considerable development in the village in recent years and this has caused a strain on services and facilities. There are no proposals to fund these amenities. The village will be required to pay for the improvements through increased taxes. The nature of the village will be altered as a result of this growth. There are already many vacant homes, why aren't these being used before further development? Commuting from Barlestone would increase.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD. Funding streams for these proposals will be secured through a variety of options including developer contributions, and growth point funding. There is no evidence that council taxes will alter with specific reference to growth and is not a planning matter which can be commented on at this time. Design is a material planning consideration which will be applied to minimise impact. It is understood that there is a number of vacant properties and premises across the country. However, the Site Allocations and Development Control Policies DPD and other LDF documents are to provide for the future, not just the present. It is also a government requirement for all authorities across the country to provide new housing. There is an element of inevitability that people in rural areas will commute to larger towns for work and shopping etc, however by allocating land for employment and local services and amenities we will try to minimise this.

***Customer References:-***

03089

***Comment Ref:*** U11062

***Customer Comment:*** BARL 18, listed for residential, is occupied by garages and apparently has the sewage and drainage systems for Curtis Way located in the site, making it impractical for

residential development.

**Council's Response:** Applications on all sites are assessed in line with statutory consultees including severn trent water. Potential unmitigatable problems should b highlighted through the joint work and the consultation process.

**Customer References:-**

CU0596

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 10**

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**Allocation Preferred Options**

***BARL19ALT***

**Comment Type:** Objection

**Comment Ref:** 12BA19

**Customer Comment:** BARL19 - Objection  
I have been advised that within a 2 mile radius of Barlestone there are 5 existing Gypsy and Traveller Sites, equating to 63% within this area and 87 pitches are already allocated within the Borough. I object to a transit site as there is a disproportionate number of travellers within the Borough compared to the rest of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Paragraph 3.7 of 'Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites: A good practice guidance (CLG 2008) states that both communities indicate preference for travellers pitches to be developed a little distance from residential development. I agree with this statement and therefore object to the alternative option.

**Council's Response:** Response to BARL19ALT Objection  
The Borough Council undertake a bi-annual caravan count which has informed the pitch count. The Parish of Barlestone and Ward of Barlestone, Nailstone and Osbaston contains 20 pitches; the Leicestershire Administrative Boundary known as Market Bosworth contains 25 pitches. Paragraph 3.7 of 'Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites: A good practice guidance (CLG 2008) does not state what is quoted in your response it states 'Where possible, sites should be developed near to housing for the settled community as part of mainstream residential developments.' It continues to state that evidence from the Select Committee shows that in Ireland 'they are placed on proper positioned land, bang within the middle of a settled community, and they are working'; your statement therefore is contested. The reason behind this option being included as an alternative within the Preferred Options Paper is because both communities have expressed concern about being located adjacent to settlement boundaries. However, as Government guidance (paragraph 3.7 stated above) advises that sites should be adjacent to the settled community this option was included for discussion.

**Customer References:-**

15245

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**Total Comments of type *Objection* : 8**

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## **Barlestone**

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### **Customer References:-**

13920

**Comment Ref:** U07997

**Customer Comment:** Object, the proposal seems ill considered. The access road is already congested, narrow and questionable for the ability of emergency vehicle to gain access. The parking layout is a threat to children. Increase in traffic will aggravate this. Concern over capacity if village amenities, infrastructure, school and sewage. The village plan and aspiration of communities is very much based on stronger neighbourhoods, healthy prosperous community and cohesion.

The siting of travellers away from settled communities appear to the favoured for all.

Has a community impact assessment been completed to ensure health, education economic (house values) and a sense of security for the existing community. Having carried out the appraisal how do the demographics compare to other areas?

**Council's Response:** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document. When determining the level of housing required in settlements, infrastructure was taken into account. The Submission Core Strategy sets out an Infrastructure plan that outlines how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams. The Rural Housing Methodology Statement sets out an assessment of the rural villages to identify the level of housing provision for each settlement.

### **Customer References:-**

15192

**Comment Ref:** U08519

**Customer Comment:** Existing sites should be expanded rather than additional sites

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted. This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option

**Customer References:-**

04126

**Comment Ref:** U08812

**Customer Comment:** There is a well walked footpath going diagonally through this site

This land floods easily and on a regular basis

Existing trees and hedgerows would be adversely affected which would endanger wildlife

The access road is not sufficient to take any more traffic. Emergency service vehicles would struggle to access the area as the road is not wide enough

The village has had problems with sewerage in the past

This site would be detrimental to property values in the close vicinity

**Council's Response:** At the planning application stage the local authority will consider the Highways, Development and Transport Guidance that states 'You cannot obstruct or divert an existing right of way without obtaining the Rights of Way Authority's consent (even if planning permission has been granted). You should accommodate an existing footpath on its existing right of way wherever possible. If, however, the Rights of Way Authority agrees in principle to a diversion, you will need a diversion order. The planning authority usually processes applications to divert rights of way using powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990'.

Noted. This will be investigated further during the development of the submission version of this document.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

There is no evidence regarding the effect of permanent or transit sites on property prices. An independent study in Scotland by the Planning Exchange and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that although there were some claims that house prices would be affected, these proved hard to establish. The study said a new home being built within 50m of the boundary of one site suggested the impact on the local housing market had been minimal. Experiences in Leicestershire and other local authority areas do not evidence a reduction in property values

**Customer References:-**

06359

**Comment Ref:** U08950

**Customer Comment:** Questioned mixing dwellings with travellers.

**Council's Response:** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

Paragraph 65 of Circular 01/06 states that 'In deciding where to provide for gypsy and traveller sites, local planning authorities should first consider locations in or near existing settlements with access to local services. Paragraph 3.7 of 'Designing Gypsy

and Traveller Sites: A Good Practice Guidance' (CLG 2008) provides additional guidance on this.

***Customer References:-***

04917

***Comment Ref:*** U09003

***Customer Comment:*** There are already a large number of gypsy and traveller pitches close to Barlestone.

The local doctors would not be able to cope with additional residents

The local sewage works would not be able to cope without significant modifications and improvements.

***Council's Response:*** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

As part of the consultation process all major utility companies are consulted including Severn Trent Water who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity. This will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

***Customer References:-***

07092

***Comment Ref:*** U09057

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the alternative proposal of a traveller site within the housing site in Brookside for the following reasons; high concentration of travellers in the area, impact upon village infrastructure, highway issues

***Council's Response:*** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

Considered and noted. The DPD must go through an examination in public, and an Inspector will examine the soundness of the document. One of the tests of soundness is: 'It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the region or the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) if in London, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas'. The DPD must therefore be in general conformity with national and regional policy.

The distribution of proposed additional pitches is derived from the GTAA that makes an assessment of unmet need and proposes figures accordingly

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters.

***Customer References:-***

05159

***Comment Ref:*** U09199

***Customer Comment:*** Traveller sites increase traffic in an the area where there is a concentration of sites. New sites will put a strain on services, amenities and sewer capacity, highway suitability is also an issue. Concerns raised on the impact on the environment by building on green belt land, use brownfield land to avoid destroying wildlife.

***Council's Response:*** The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Noted, and this matter has been considered throughout the preferred options processes. However it should also be noted that the Council is due to prepare an Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document for development across the Borough which will outline the infrastructure which may be required to support all and any development in each settlement. Any allocations which are made will be in line with the Adopted Core Strategy which considered existing infrastructure and services when identifying the distribution of development across the Borough. Additional infrastructure requirements will be identified within the Infrastructure Plan SPD.

Green Belt is a national designation and no land in the entire borough bestows this therefore, the site is not within a Green Belt however the site is currently designated as countryside in the Adopted Local Plan. The Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD forms part of the Local Development Framework and this will replace the Local Plan designations.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

The Borough Council has produced a Biodiversity Assessment that informs the preparation of the site allocations. As part of the preparation of the site allocations various environmental groups are consulted. At the planning application stage the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland biodiversity 'trigger list' identifies whether a biodiversity assessment is required on a site.

***Customer References:-***

08032

***Comment Ref:*** U09211

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the traveller site on the grounds of drainage issues.

***Council's Response:*** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters.

***Customer References:-***

05848

***Comment Ref:*** U09213

***Customer Comment:*** Object to the traveller site in Barlestone on the following grounds; high proportion already within close proximity to Barlestone, increased traffic, highway safety and capacity, crime.

**Council's Response:** Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site

The Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads.

Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population.

Noted, the Local Authority will take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters

**Customer References:-**

05849

**Comment Ref:** U09216

**Customer Comment:** Object to traveller alternative option on the grounds of crime, concentration in the area, problems selling houses.

**Council's Response:** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population.

Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site

There is no evidence regarding the effect of permanent or transit sites on property prices. An independent study in Scotland by the Planning Exchange and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that although there were some claims that house prices would be affected, these proved hard to establish. The study said a new home being built within 50m of the boundary of one site suggested the impact on the local housing market had been minimal. Experiences in Leicestershire and other local authority areas do not evidence a reduction in property values.

**Customer References:-**

05850

**Comment Ref:** U09231

**Customer Comment:** Site is located within 400m of a sewerage work, and the system has insufficient capacity. There is already a high concentration of travellers in the area.

**Council's Response:** The site is not within a cordon sanitaire.

As part of the consultation process Severn Trent Water are a statutory consultee who will advise on matters relating to sewage capacity, it will also be investigated further at the planning application stage.

Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

**Customer References:-**

05857

**Comment Ref:** U09412

**Customer Comment:** The distribution and concentration of gypsy and traveller sites across the Borough. The unfair number of pitches in the Hinckley and Bosworth area compared to the rest of Leicestershire. Social problems between the settled and traveller community. Crime. The urban areas of Hinckley, Earl Shilton, Barwell and Burbage are suggested as better locations for allocating gypsy and traveller sites.

**Council's Response:** Noted. This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

**Customer References:-**

04255

**Comment Ref:** U09574

**Customer Comment:** Non-planning related comments made on crime, council tax and house prices. Clean up and maintenance of sites. The size and distribution of sites across parts of the Borough i.e. smaller sites should be spread across the rural villages.

**Council's Response:** Noted, the Local Authority will only take into consideration any responses that contain planning matters. Crime can not be considered a planning matter as there is no evidence that this will occur. Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but this is a minority in proportion to the wider population. The Gypsies and Travellers: Facts and Figures document (DCLG, 2004) states that the Local Authority and Police have powers to tackle illegal and anti-social behaviour whether in the settled or gypsy and traveller community. All laws apply equally to everyone, including gypsies and travellers.

Gypsy and traveller families pay council tax and license fees on settled sites. Paragraph 5.22 of Designing Gypsy And Traveller Sites (DCLG, 2008) states that residents of Gypsy and Traveller sites should receive the same waste disposal arrangements at their home as any other member of the community.

There is no evidence regarding the effect of permanent or transit sites on property prices. An independent study in Scotland by the Planning Exchange and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that although there were some claims that house prices would be affected, these proved hard to establish. The study said a new home being built within 50m of the boundary of one site suggested the impact on the local housing market had been minimal. Experiences in Leicestershire and other local authority areas do not evidence a reduction in property values.

Note the request for smaller sites to be spread across the rural villages. The Council is identifying suitable sites across the borough.

**Customer References:-**

04479

**Comment Ref:** U09992

**Customer Comment:** The concentration of Gypsy and Traveller sites is unfair on Barletstone. Non-planning matters are then subsequently raised - crime.

**Council's Response:** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

Noted and considered. Following consultation with the Leicester and Leicestershire Multi-Agency Travellers Unit on the Preferred Options document, it is considered that the presence of exiting gypsy and traveller sites in an area is not a legitimate reason to discount a suitable new site.

When allocating sites the Local Planning Authority will only take into consideration planning matters. The Gypsies and Travellers: Facts and Figures document (DCLG, 2004) states that the local authority and police have powers to tackle illegal and anti-social behaviour whether in the settled or gypsy and traveller community. All laws apply equally to everyone, including gypsies and travellers. Figures from Leicestershire constabulary do not suggest any change in the reports of crime around new and established sites, there may well be a criminal element to the Travelling population but

this is a minority which is in proportion to the wider population.

**Customer References:-**

04548

**Comment Ref:** U10494

**Customer Comment:** The Parish Council would urge that no further sites are allocated in the area. The following points are relevant: To get from the existing sites to facilities offered in this village involves using a narrow twisting country lane negotiated by all kinds of vehicles, some of which are horse drawn. The conditions are hazardous especially for pedestrians. The other villages i.e. Bagworth and Thornton near to existing sites do not have the facilities that Barlestone has to offer. There is no Community in the Borough that wants sites; the answer is small well dispersed provision. Concern over capacity of facilities.

**Council's Response:** Considered and noted, the Highways Authority are being consulted as part of the preparation of the document, this will inform the next stage of the document with regard to the implications of development and its effect on traffic and roads. An Infrastructure Plan Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council which will outline how the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure is provided to support the existing and new communities. This can be achieved through a variety of measures including developer contributions, Hinckley and Bosworth Council Funding, New Growth Point Initiative Funding and other general funding streams.

**Customer References:-**

CU0019

**Comment Ref:** U11063

**Customer Comment:** Barlestone is the last place to propose to locate Traveller Pitches, as has been suggested for the Brookside area, and this should be immediately removed, even as an alternative option, from the Site Allocations document.

**Council's Response:** Noted. This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

**Customer References:-**

CU0596

**Comment Ref:** U11632

**Customer Comment:** Objection raised over the impact of this site on the existing settlement.

**Council's Response:** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

**Customer References:-**

04602

**Comment Ref:** U11865

**Customer Comment:** This site for gypsy and traveller use would reduce the value of houses in the village and would also negate the need for the proposed new housing.

**Council's Response:** This representation has been considered as an objection to this site becoming a preferred option.

Note the negative portrayal of sites on investment. There is no evidence regarding the effect of permanent or transit sites on property prices. An independent study in Scotland by the Planning Exchange and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that although there were some claims that house prices would be affected, these proved hard to establish. The study said a new home being built within 50m of the boundary of

one site suggested the impact on the local housing market had been minimal. Experiences in Leicestershire and other local authority areas do not evidence a reduction in property values.

Both land requirements are being equally considered in line with the Adopted Core Strategy.

***Customer References:-***

04672

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***Total Comments of type Objection : 19***

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***Barlestone***

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***Comment Type:*** Comment

***Comment Ref:*** U08053

***Customer Comment:*** Extend the existing facility in Barlestone to keep the cemetery in the middle of the village.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, this will be investigated further through the preparation of the submission DPD.

***Customer References:-***

15203

***Comment Ref:*** U08168

***Customer Comment:*** Proposed the existing site is extended northwards.

***Council's Response:*** Noted, this will be investigated further through the preparation of the submission DPD.

***Customer References:-***

13992

***Comment Ref:*** U10498

***Customer Comment:*** If cemetery is sited as shown it would be in Osbaston and therefore out of the control of Barlestone Parish Council. The preferred option would be to extend the existing facility north providing the Parish Council is able to acquire the necessary land.

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted, this will be investigated further.

***Customer References:-***

CU0019

***Comment Ref:*** U12439

***Customer Comment:*** Statham Shed and Land along Bagworth road more appropriate

***Council's Response:*** Considered and noted.

***Customer References:-***

07122

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***Total Comments of type Comment : 4***

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***Comment Type:*** Support



**Comment Ref:** U11838  
**Customer Comment:** Land at Statham Shed would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement  
**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07117

**Comment Ref:** U11839  
**Customer Comment:** Land at Baxters Field would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement  
**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07117

**Comment Ref:** U11840  
**Customer Comment:** Land at Bosworth Road would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement  
**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07117

**Comment Ref:** U11841  
**Customer Comment:** Land behind Cunnery Close would be suitable for the provision of Barlestone's housing requirement  
**Council's Response:** Noted. This will be investigated further during the production of the submission version of this document.

**Customer References:-**

07117

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**Total Comments of type Support : 4**

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**Total No. of Generic Comments: 386**