List of Evidence to support preparation of Neighbourhood Plans

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Purpose

This document lists the titles of various pieces of evidence relating to development plan making. A short summary is provided of what the evidence is about including a hyperlink to the relevant website.

The first part lists local pieces of evidence relating primarily to Hinckley and Bosworth; these are subdivided into environmental, economic, social and general themes. The second part lists pieces of evidence of regional significance.

The intention is to keep this as a live document and regularly re-circulate to neighbourhood plan groups.

Local Evidence of Interest

Environmental

- **Air Quality Annual Status Report 2020**
  Provides an overview of air quality in the Borough of Hinckley and Bosworth during 2019.

- **Biodiversity Assessment 2009**
  The Biodiversity Assessment provides a baseline assessment of the biodiversity and nature and conservation interest (including regional biodiversity targets) of the borough of Hinckley and Bosworth.

- **Biodiversity Net Gain**
  Where sites for development are being allocated, the metrics on the MHCLG website help plan for the proportion of the site required for natural habitat.

- **Bosworth Battlefield Conservation Plan**
  This document sets out a plan for the conservation of the historically significant battlefield area, whilst at the same time respecting the living landscape, the business needs of landowners and stakeholders, the tourism interest, and the planning policy and other statutory requirements. The Plan also identifies the significance of Bosworth Battlefield to aid in the determination of planning application

- **Brownfield Register**
  The Brownfield Land Register is a list of previously developed sites that may be suitable for residential development or are already under construction for residential development.

- **Conservation Areas: Appraisals and Management Plans**
  For each conservation area within the borough there is an accompanying appraisal and management plan. The appraisal includes a description of the historical development of the area identifying buildings and features of special interest. The management plan suggests policies and guidance to help preserve and enhance the special character of the area. The appraisals and management plans can be found on each conservation area webpage.

- **Good Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document 2020**
  The Good Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) aspires to substantially raise design quality in the borough of Hinckley and Bosworth whilst ensuring that the local identity and heritage of the borough is enhanced by providing a guide for all those involved in the planning process.

- **Green Infrastructure Strategy 2020**
  The Green Infrastructure Strategy looks at the network of green spaces, pathways, bridleways and wildlife corridors, how they link our towns and villages and how we can improve these connections for the benefit of wildlife and recreation. The strategy identifies gaps in the network of green infrastructure and opportunities for improvement.

- **Green Wedge Review 2020**
  An assessment by six Leicestershire councils in 2011 concluded with the establishment of two Green Wedges in the borough at Hinckley/Barwell/Earl Shilton and Burbage and at Rothley Brook Meadow. The boundaries were reviewed in 2020 with a small number of boundary changes recommended.

- **Habitat Survey 2020**
  An extended phase 1 habitat survey of a selection of sites submitted to the SHELAA was completed in 2020 to identify the significance and value of habitats and areas of biodiversity interest that would be affected by development of the identified sites.

- **Heritage Strategy**
  The document provides an overarching strategy to guide conservation and heritage activities within the borough over the period 2018 to 2023.

- **Hinckley and Bosworth Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan 2020-21**
  Under four themes of leadership, regulation, estate/operations and procurement/finance the strategy seeks to make HBBC carbon neutral by 2030. In particular there are commitments to work with parishes on their climate initiatives and to minimise the climate impact of new development through local plan policies.

- **Landscape Character Assessment 2017**
  Landscape Character Assessment is a process by which to define what makes one area of landscape distinct or different from another. The character areas cover the whole borough including rural (landscape) character areas and settlements (urban) character areas.

- **Landscape Sensitivity Study 2017**
  The Landscape Sensitivity Study 2017 is a supplementary document to the Landscape Character Assessment, and identifies key sensitivities in those assessment areas subject to development pressure, and how to achieve best integration of built development in those areas.

- **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2019 and 2020**
  The SFRA comprises a wider strategic assessment of flood risk across Hinckley and Bosworth and neighbouring local authorities (Part 1) and an assessment of the flood risk of development sites in the Borough (Part 2).

Economic

- **Car Parking Assessment of Hinckley Town Centre 2017**
  Assesses existing car park usage, and other car parking, in Hinckley Town Centre, forecast how car parking will change, and identify opportunities to improve the existing framework for parking in the centre.

- **Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)**
  The Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment is an assessment of potential development sites across the borough, submitted

through the Call for Sites. The study is produced to support the delivery of sufficient land and potential development sites in suitable locations.

- **Hinckley & Bosworth Town and District Centres Study 2017**
  The Town and District Centres Study 2017 provides an assessment of need for new floor space and a clear strategy for town and district centres to ensure that they remain attractive, vibrant centres over the course of the plan period.

- **Hinckley Town Centre Public Realm Strategy Masterplan 2021**
  Sets ambitions for improvements to the town centre with a costed programme of phased works.

- **Employment Land and Premises Review 2020**
  The Employment Land and Premises Review assesses need and demand for employment land and premises (the B use classes) and considers options for new employment sites in Hinckley and Bosworth.

- **Economic Regeneration Strategy 2021-2025**
  Sets out the vision and aims for ensuring the borough as a whole prospers from economic development. It includes initiatives for improving town and local centres, delivering land and premises for business needs and promoting businesses that reduce carbon emissions.

- **North Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Destination Management Plan**
  Provides a strategic framework for capitalising on the opportunities for tourism growth across the two areas over a five year period to 2022.

Social

- **Community, Cultural and Tourism Facilities Review 2013**
  The Community, Cultural and Tourism Facilities Review provides the latest evidence base about the community, and how culture and tourism is provided within the urban and rural areas of the borough. This document is currently being reviewed an updated version will be available later in 2021..

- **District, Local and Neighbourhood Centre Review 2015**
  The District, Local and Neighbourhood Centre Review is a document that identifies how local shopping is provided within the borough. This document is currently being reviewed an updated version will be available later in 2021.

- **Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby Community Safety Strategy 2020-23**
  Provides commitments from the partnership of H&B Council, Blaby District Council and the local Police and Fire departments to reduce crime and disorder and protect residents from harm, improve community confidence in public sector organisations and reduce rates of offending and reoffending.

- **Hinckley and Bosworth Community Plan 2018-2022**
  Sets out the long term vision for the Borough and priorities for improvement, including creating a thriving local economy, keeping everyone safe, enabling good health, giving children the best start, supporting those most in need and sustaining a vibrant voluntary and community sector.

- **Housing Needs Study November 2019**
  The Housing Needs Study sets out up to date evidence on the type, size and tenure of housing needed in the borough to 2036, including the need for affordable housing.

- **Housing Strategy 2018-23**
  Sets out the main housing issues facing the borough and commitments to address housing supply issues, to improve access to housing and to raise quality standards.

- **Housing Trajectory and Five Year Housing Land Supply** (Monitoring and land availability)
  An annual housing trajectory details past housing performance and projects future housing performance over the course of the plan period (2006 to 2026).

- **Open Space and Recreational Facilities Study - 2016**
  In 2016 an Open Space Sports and Recreational Facilities Study was prepared to update the 2011 study. The updated Open Space Sports and Recreational Facilities Study assesses open spaces within the borough by parish and includes an assessment of quality, quantity and accessibility. The document also outlines how the document should be used by Development Management when determining planning applications and planning policy recommendations. This document is currently being reviewed and an updated version will be available shortly.

- **Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) 2019**
  An assessment of the provision and quality of existing playing pitch facilities in the borough - across the sports of hockey, football, rugby, tennis, bowls and golf (some of which are beyond the normal scope of a playing pitch strategy)

- **Renewable Energy Capacity Study 2014**
  The Renewable Energy Capacity Study examines the potential for the deployment of renewable energy and low carbon technologies within the borough.

- **Residential and Employment Land Availability Monitoring Statement**
  The Residential and Employment Land Availability statements seek to identify the housing and employment land supply in the borough including allocations, commitments and take-up. Both statements are updated annually.

- **Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register**
  This act places a duty on local authorities to keep a register of individuals and associations of individuals who wish to acquire serviced plots of land to bring forward self-build and custom house-building projects, to enable HBBC to incorporate the need for such plots into the Local Plan process. Data on the

quantity of people on the register and type of plots that they are seeking and where in the Borough is set out in the latest AMR.

General

- **Authority Monitoring Report**
  The AMR contains information on the progress and effectiveness of the Local Plan and the extent to which the planning policies set out in local development documents are being achieved. The AMR is updated annually.

- **Infrastructure Capacity Study Phase 1 Baseline Capacity 2020**
  The Infrastructure Capacity Study Phase 1 Baseline Capacity Assessment provides the baseline context for existing infrastructure capacity in Hinckley & Bosworth. It provides an understanding of infrastructure services, networks and facilities in the borough, and identifies existing capacity surpluses and deficits on a borough-wide and, where possible, on a settlement-by-settlement basis. Phase 2 (underway) will provide a schedule of improvements needed to support growth.

- **Sustainability Appraisal (SA)**
  An appraisal of the economic, environmental and social effects of the Local Plan from the outset of the preparation process, to allow decisions to be made that accord with sustainable development

Regional Evidence of Interest

- **The A5 Partnership Strategy 2018-31**
  The Partnership comprises 16 councils and other agencies interested in the stretch of the A5 Trunk road through the Midlands. The strategy is designed to help unlock economic growth along the corridor, provide network resilience, facilitate increased capacity, deliver sustainable transport, identify priority improvements and minimise the impact of strategic traffic on local roads and communities.

- **Leicestershire County Council Environmental Policies and Reports**
  The Environment Strategy 2018-30 seeks to improve the wider environment through local action including protection and enhancement, sustainability and climate change.

- **Leicestershire Highways Design Guide**
  The guide provides advice on requirements for highway layout, design and car parking for new development in areas where Leicestershire County Council is the highway authority (all of Hinckley and Bosworth).

- **Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Transport Priorities 2020-50**
  The LLSTP sets out the transport priorities to meet housing/employment growth in the county, underlining the need for infrastructure improvement and establishment of a framework for investment.

- **Midlands Connect**
  Midlands Connect researches, develops and recommends transport projects which will provide the biggest possible economic and social benefits for the Midlands and the rest of the UK. The Midlands Connect Strategy was published in 2017 setting out a 25 year strategic plan for road and rail investment priorities.

- **Midlands Rural Housing**
  Offers a range of services to promote sustainable and affordable housing in the Midlands, including housing need surveys for rural settlements.

- **Leicester and Leicestershire Tourism Growth Plan**
  The Plan provides a framework for the city and county's efforts to attract an increasing number of both leisure and business visitors to the area – while encouraging those visitors to stay longer and spend more.

- **6 Cs Green Infrastructure Strategy**
  The strategy provides an overarching strategic framework to 2026 for Green Infrastructure (GI) planning, investment and delivery throughout the six midlands counties across the environmental, economic and social sectors.

- **Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan**
  The Strategic Growth Plan has been developed by a partnership made up of Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, the seven local borough and district authorities and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP). It is a non-statutory plan that sets out the overarching aspirational strategy for delivering housing, economic and infrastructure growth in Leicester and Leicestershire up to 2050.

- **Leicestershire County Council Planning Obligations Policy July 2019**
  This document explains the requirements for the type and level of infrastructure the County Council will seek through planning obligations relating to planning applications. It covers the following types of infrastructure: schools, roads/transportation, social care, libraries and waste management.

- **Severn Trent Water Resources Management Plan**
  The plan demonstrates that the long-term plans are in place to accommodate the impacts of population growth, drought, environmental obligations and climate change uncertainty in order to balance supply and demand. It includes 25 year forecasts of demand and supply and an assessment of options.

- **Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Local Plan**
  This plan replaced a number of minerals and waste plans in 2019 when it was adopted. It sets out vision, strategic objectives and policies to guide the future winning and working of minerals and waste management in the county up to 2031