

## Major Changes made to the Draft Local Plan Part 1

### Chapter 4: Strategy for Growth

- Part of the Strategy for Sustainable Growth and Regeneration policy (S1) has been removed to form a strategic retail policy (S7)
- A Strategic employment land policy has been inserted in in the 'Plan for Growth' (Chapter 4). This comprises text formerly in Policy E1
- A Strategic Accessibility policy has been added in the 'Plan for Growth' chapter. This comprises text taken form Policy I2
- Green Belt (S8 previously S5) reflects better the principle of the permanence of Green Belt and to improve public access which better reflect the NPPF. Also, clarifies that small scale amendments will be made to the Green Belt to pick up on past anomalies.
- Energy Efficiency and Zero Carbon Development (former Policy SD1 has had requirements removed related to energy and zero carbon homes in response to the Government's housing standards review which indicates that this is no longer a matter for Planning Policies. A new policy has been included at Policy S3 to support the government's move towards zero carbon development policy through the inclusion of new standards in the NPPF

### Chapter 5: Housing

- Settlement Hierarchy (now H1) has been revised to better take account of the NPPF by looking at the employment facilities located within 2km of the settlement. The basis on which we have assessed the settlements has been more clearly defined and only settlements that have more than 25 dwellings in a compact manner have been considered in the first four tiers of the hierarchy.
- All of the individual housing policies (H2– H19) have been reviewed to reflect local constraints and opportunities on site
- Reserve Site Policy (formerly H21) has been deleted.
- Policy H20: Housing Balance (Formerly H22) policy clarifies that viability will be considered in the determination of a housing scheme.
- Policy H22: Gypsy and Traveller (formerly H24) revised to better reflect the Planning Policy for traveller sites guidance.

### Chapter 6: Employment

- Policy E1 Strategic Employment Land Allocation policy (E1) now includes Draft Plan policy Small Business Space (E4)
- Policy E6 (Woodville Regeneration Area) formerly policy (SD9) has been amended and inserted into the Employment Chapter as E6. Amendments state employment led development is required. Policy states that up to 150 homes and 12ha of employment land would be located on the site subject viability and 3<sup>rd</sup> party funding for the Swadlincote Regeneration Route and that North West Leicestershire would be involved with the development of this site.

## Chapter 7: Sustainable Development

- Policy SD1 (formerly SD8) name change from Amenity to Amenity and Environmental Quality. This policy now reference for the need for development to protect the integrity of flood works moved into policy SD2 – Flood Risk.
- Former Policy SD1 (Energy Efficiency and Zero Carbon Development) has had requirements removed related to energy and zero carbon homes in response to the Government's housing standards review which indicates that this is no longer a matter for Planning Policies. (A new policy has been included at Policy S3 to support the government's move towards zero carbon development policy through the inclusion of new standards in the NPPF).
- Former Policy SD2- Deleted: Environmental performance in new homes and other new buildings policy has had requirements removed related to the Code for Sustainable Homes and BREEAM in response to the Government's housing standards review which indicates that local Authorities should not set bespoke standards.
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## Chapter 8: Built and Natural Environment

- Policy BNE1: Design Excellence (formerly BNL1) has a greater emphasis on resource use and waste.
- Policy BNE2: Heritage Assets (previously BNL2) removed the reference to superseding existing Development Management polices as listed in appendix 1.
- Policy BNE3: Landscape and Local Distinctiveness (previously BNL3) amended to include protection of Best and Most Versatile land consistent with NPPF requirements.

## Chapter 9: Infrastructure

- Policy INF1 Infrastructure and Developer Contributions (previously I1) has had a reference added to the consideration of viability
- Policy INF2 Sustainable Transport (previously I2) refers to the potential for a railway station at Stenson Fields.
- Policy INF3 Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (previously I3) clarifies the need for appropriate design, sustainable transport and a required appraisal for utilising waste heat opportunities.
- Policy INF6: Community Facilities (previously I6) changed to allow for community facilities to be provided on site and not just via contributions. Also added that the Council would facilitate the upkeep of multipurpose community facilities.
- Policy INF7 (previously I7) Derby Sandiacre Canal added as a Key Strategic Green Infrastructure Corridor in the policy
- Policy INF10 New permanent self-catering accommodation (previously I10) now has a reference to all tourist development particularly that within rural areas.
- Policy INF8 (previously I8). The National Forest Explanatory text updated to reflect viability tensions and introduce flexibility to decision making

- Policy INF9. Open space, sport and recreation policy (previously I9) makes clear that the District has a deficit in respect of sports provision and exports much of its needs. The policy has been worded to encourage further sports provision and readdress the current imbalance.

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