



HDC Scrutiny - Communities

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What is the Strategic Growth Plan?



- Non-statutory document to 2050
- Sovereignty of Local Plans remain

Why did we do the Strategic Growth Plan?



- Lack of investment – Public and Private
- Impact on existing towns and villages
- Protecting environmental, historic and other assets
- Significant and Sustained Growth in the long-term
- Need to plan at a larger than local level for the long-term

Challenges



- Leicester 'Central City' – A ring of market towns with strong physical functional ties to City - Extensive rural areas.
- Underpins our quality of life. The longstanding relationship that we want to enhance.
- Infrastructure – road & rail emphasis on north-south movement, difficult east-west. All routes are congested and few have capacity to support growth beyond 2031.
- Protecting our environmental assets – balancing need for growth with protection of assets has been critical. Unplanned growth can bring even more unacceptable consequences.

Approach



- Achieving a step change in the way growth is delivered – focussing more development in strategic locations and less in non strategic sites.
- Securing essential infrastructure – investment private & public that is needed.
- Maintaining the essential qualities of Leicester & Leicestershire and improving quality.

Spatial Strategy



- Leicester our Central City – develop the role of Leicester central city supporting the market towns and rural areas around it - accommodate homes in places that are well connected to it.
- Given the scale of housing and new jobs the City needs to grow - make full use of existing services and infrastructure in the City to relieve development pressures in other parts of the surrounding districts.
- The scale of development on the fringes of Leicester means that any growth needs to be supported by measures to increase capacity on radial roads and public transport, walking and cycling improvements.

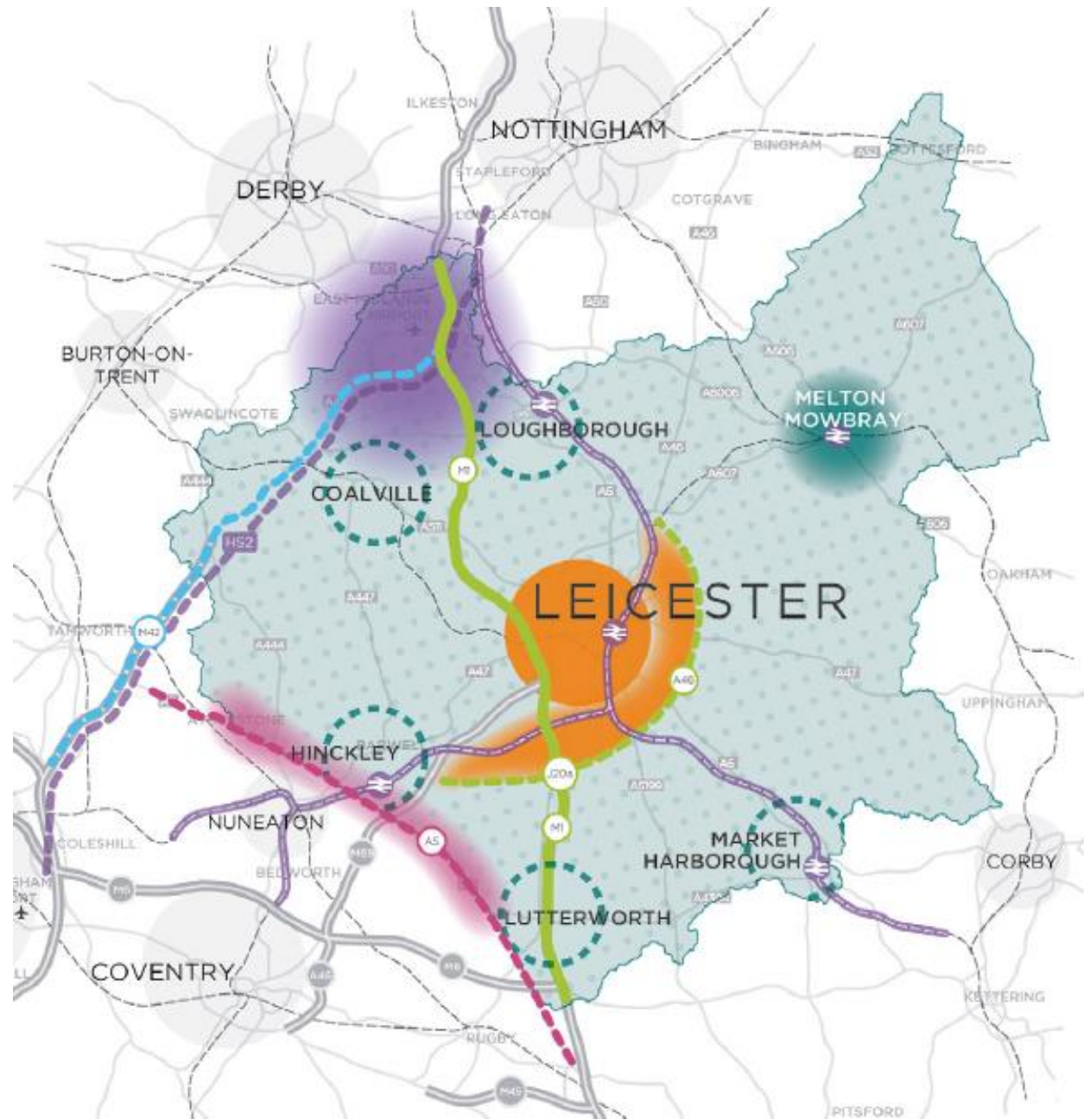


TABLE 4: NOTIONAL HOUSING NEED AND SUPPLY 2031-50

Authority	Notional Housing Needs 2031-50 ¹		Delivery on Non-Strategic Sites ⁴		Delivery on Strategic Sites	Total Delivery	
	dpa	Total	dpa	Total	Total	dpa	Total
Blaby DC	361	6,859	110	2,060 ³	15,500	924	17,560
Charnwood BC	994	18,886	470	8,890 ²	10,000	994	18,890
Harborough DC	514	9,766	150	2,930 ³	13,000	838	15,930
Hinckley & Bosworth BC	454	8,626	140	2,590 ³	7,500	531	10,090
Leicester City	1,668	31,692	550	10,450	0	550	10,450
Melton BC	170	3,230	80	1,520	3,800	280	5,320
North West Leicestershire DC	448	8,512	240	4,520 ²	5,200	512	9,720
Oadby & Wigston BC	155	2,945	60	1,140	1,500	139	2,640
Total (Leicester & Leicestershire) (%)	4,764	90,516	1,800	34,100 (38%)	56,500 (62%)	4,768	90,600

The Harbrough Perspective

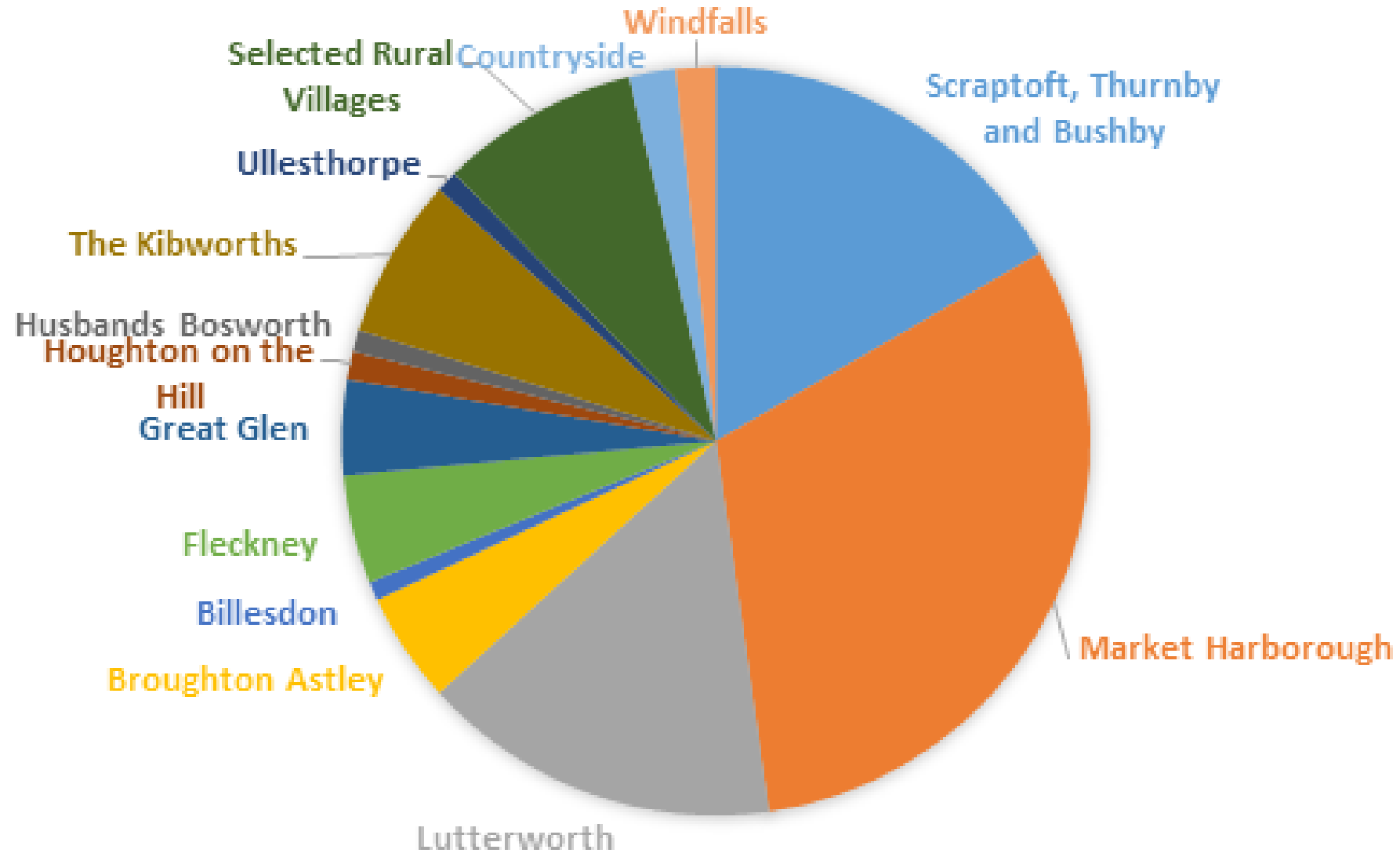


Context - Significant and sustained growth long-term:

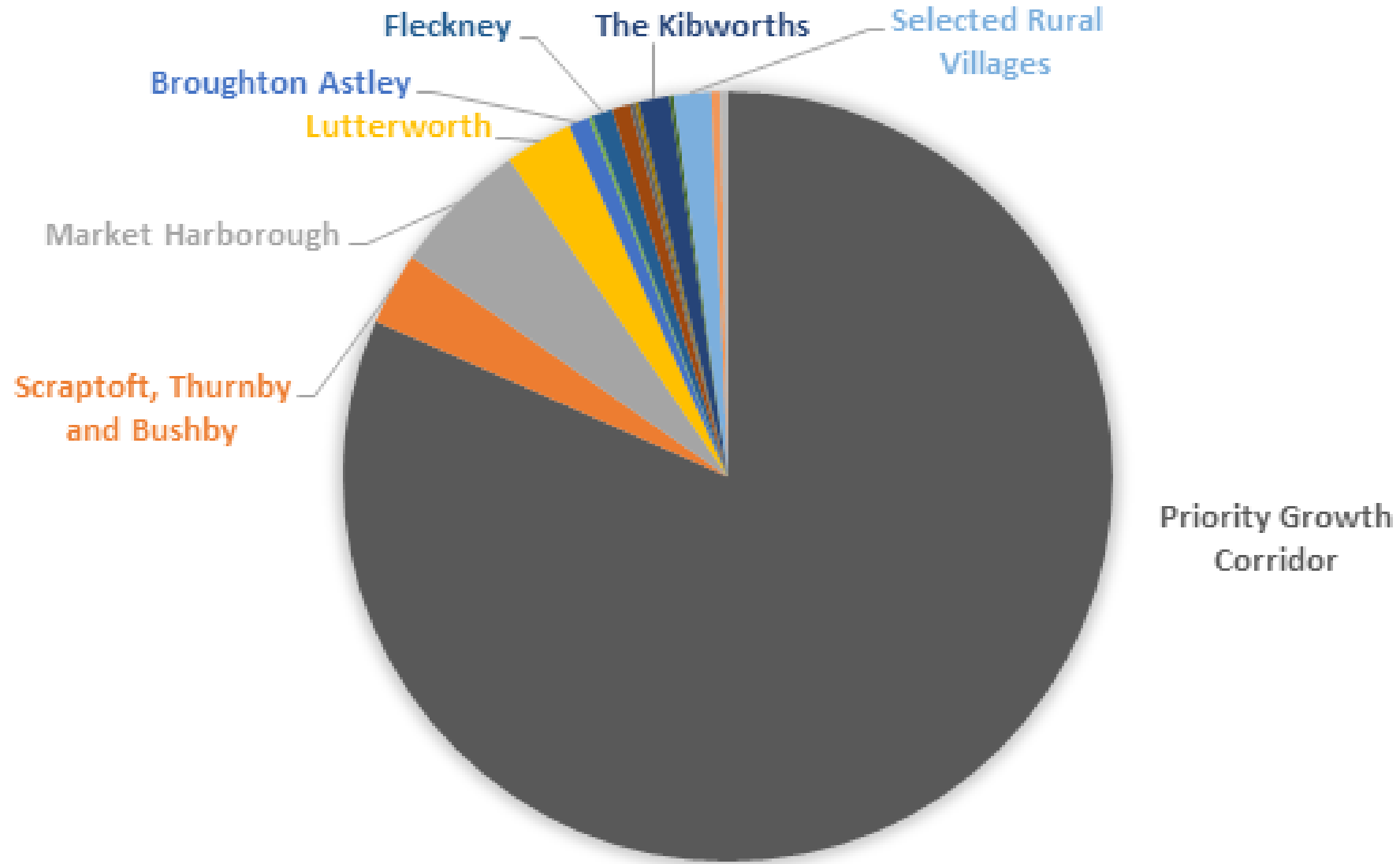
- 60% increase in housing requirement since Core Strategy was adopted in 2011
- Unmet need in Leicester
- All 3 major parties want to build more homes
- Government target 300,000 homes per year by mid 2020s
- Significant pressure on existing Towns and Villages, often with limited infrastructure.
- LP 72% on non-strategic sites (under 750 homes) vs. 18% indicated in SGP

SCENARIO 1: HDC LOCAL PLAN SUPPLY PROPORTIONS

2011-31



SCENARIO 2: POTENTIAL SGP PROPORTIONS 2031-2050

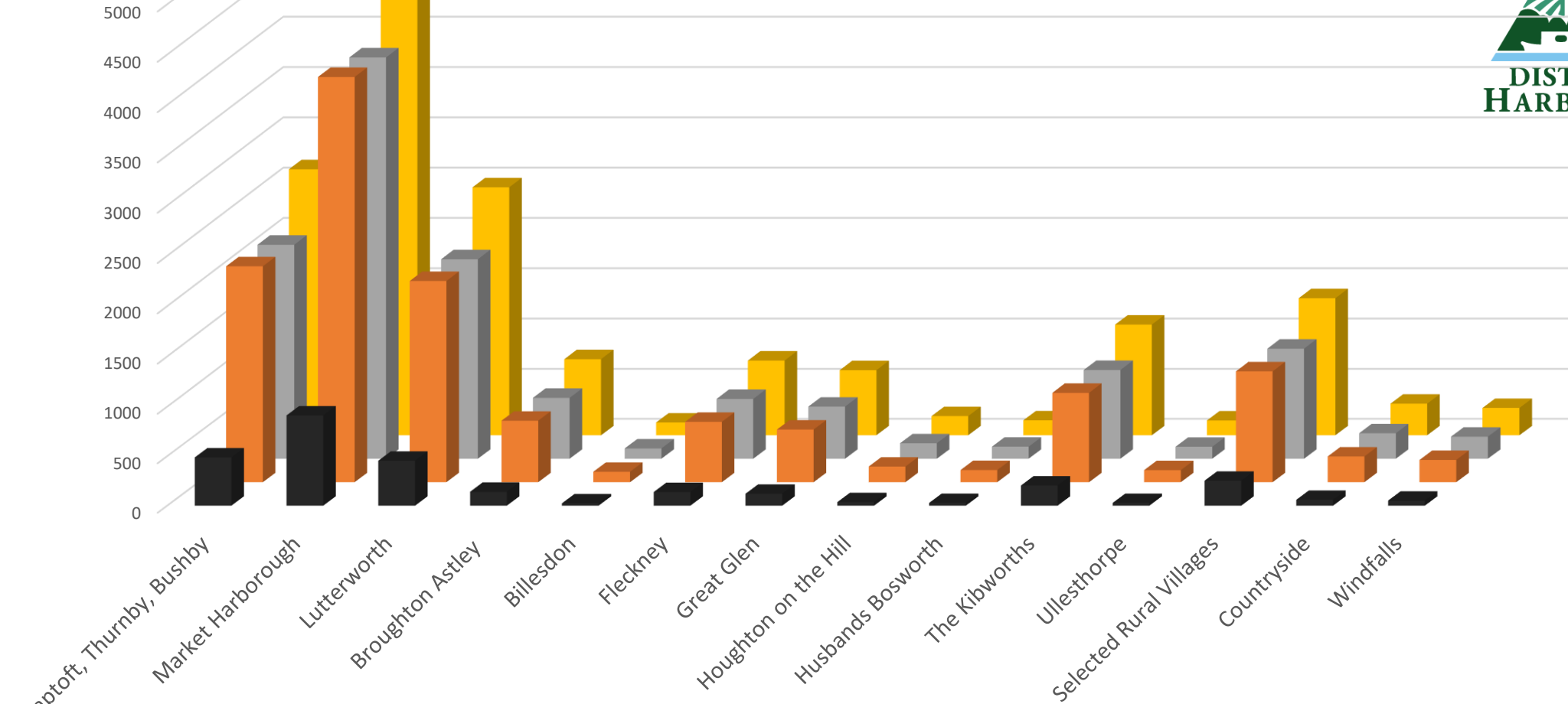


Potential Growth Options



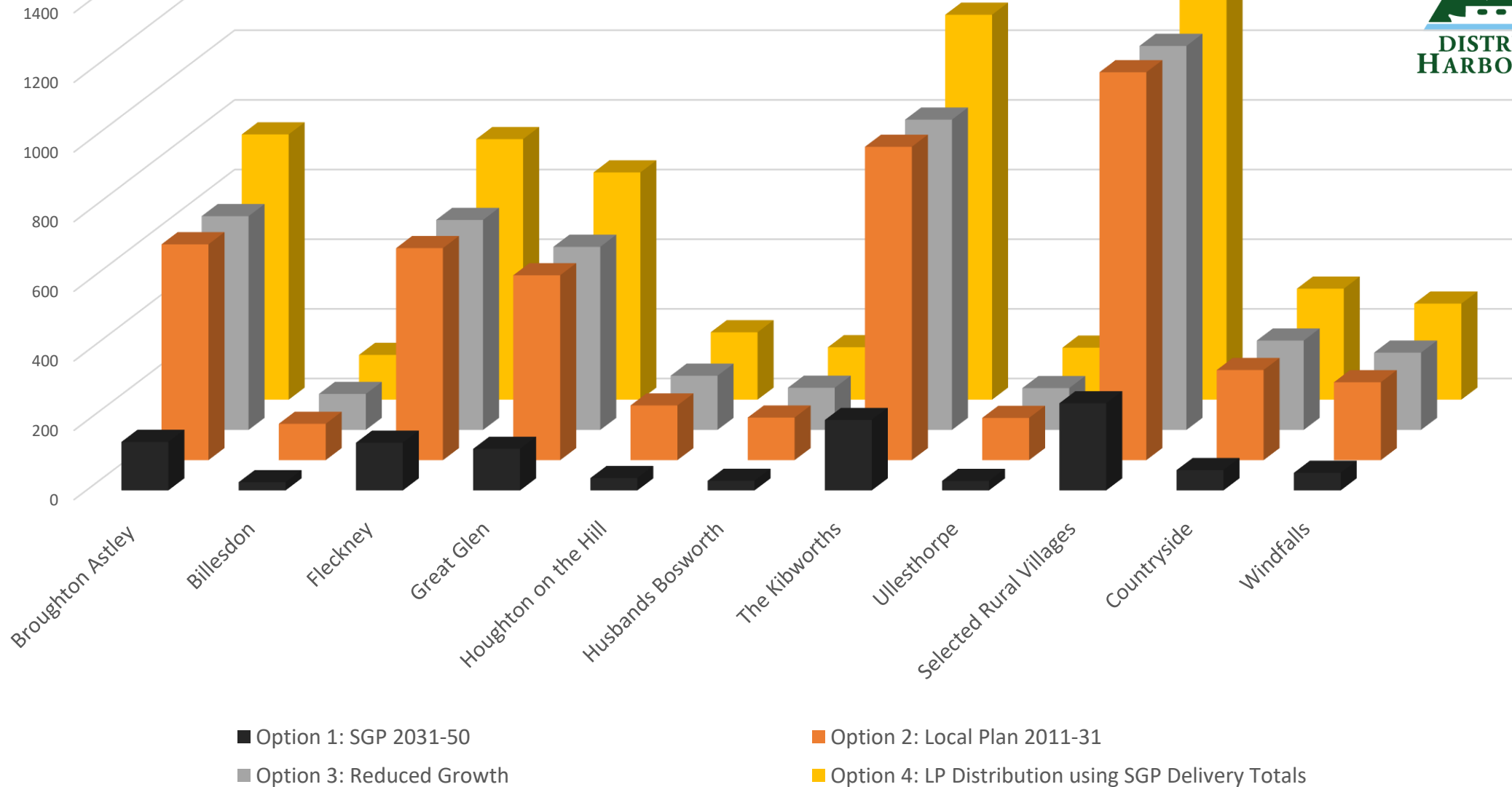
- Option 1 – Strategic Growth Plan
- Option 2 - The Harborough Local Plan (2011-2031)
- Option 3 – Reduced Growth
- Option 4 - Development focussed on Existing Towns & Villages

Potential amount of housing in existing towns and villages



- Option 1: SGP 2031-50
- Option 2: Local Plan 2011-31
- Option 3: Reduced Growth
- Option 4: LP Distribution using SGP Delivery Totals

Potential amount of houses in existing towns and villages (excluding Scraptoft, Thurnby, Bushby, Market Harborough & Lutterworth)



Recommendations (1)

- That the Communities Scrutiny Panel notes that the Harborough District needs to accommodate significant and sustained growth in the long-term with or without the Strategic Growth Plan. The long-term growth challenge facing Harborough does not stem directly from the Strategic Growth Plan itself.
- That the Communities Scrutiny Panel notes the amount of housing in existing towns and villages of Harborough District could be substantially lower in the longer term (2031-2050) if the aspirations of the Strategic Growth Plan are realised.
- That there has been a lack of investment in infrastructure across Harborough District and the Strategic Growth Plan offers an opportunity to work with partners to increase infrastructure investment into the area and relieve pressure on existing towns and villages. This opportunity should be explored, including consideration of the principal radial routes into and out of Leicester such as the A426, A5199, A6 and the A47.

Recommendations (2)

- That HDC puts on record that alternatives to the spatial strategy in the Strategic Growth Plan will be considered through its next Local Plan (based on up-to-date detailed evidence at the time) to ensure; detailed consideration of development opportunities; further public consultation; and that development is accommodated in an appropriate way for the Harborough District.
- HDC should contact Midlands Connect to seek clarification that alternatives to A46 Expressway South and East of Leicester are being considered and also to emphasize the importance of improving the A5 corridor.
- That if the route of the A46 Expressway as envisaged in the Strategic Growth Plan (i.e. around the South and East of Leicester) cannot be delivered, then a review of the housing distribution should be instigated.
- That the Council Resolution of 10th December 2018 to approve the Strategic Growth Plan, which includes informative caveats, is reiterated to Members Advisory Group (MAG).



Any Questions ?