

## PAS LOCAL PLAN ROUTE MAPPER TOOLKIT PART 1: LOCAL PLAN REVIEW ASSESSMENT (as at May 2021)

### Why you should use this part of the toolkit

The following matrix will assist you in undertaking a review of policies within your plan to assess whether they need updating.

The matrix is intended to supplement the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) (paragraph 33 in particular) and the associated [National Planning Practice Guidance](#) on the review of policies within the plan. Completing the matrix will help you understand which policies may be out of date for the purposes of decision making or where circumstances may have changed and whether or not the policy / policies in the plan continue to be effective in addressing the specific local issues that are identified the plan. This in turn will then help you to focus on whether and to what extent, an update of your policies is required. We would recommend that you undertake this assessment even if your adopted local plan already contains a trigger for review which has already resulted in you knowing that it needs to be updated. This is because there may be other policies within the plan which should be, or would benefit from, being updated.

This part of the toolkit deals only with local plan review. Part 2 of the toolkit sets out the content requirements for a local plan as set out in the NPPF. Part 3 of the toolkit outlines the process requirements for plan preparation set out in legislation and the NPPF. Soundness and Plan Quality issues are dealt with in Part 4 of the toolkit.

### How to use this part of the toolkit

Before using this assessment tool it is important that you first consider your existing plan against the key requirements for the content of local plans which are included in the [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(as amended\)](#); [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(as amended\)](#) and the most up to date NPPF. To help you with this **Part 2 of the toolkit** provides a checklist which sets out the principal requirements for the content and form of local plans against the relevant paragraphs of the [NPPF](#). Completing **Part 2 of the toolkit** will help you determine the extent to which your current plan does or does not accord with relevant key requirements in national policy. This will assist you in completing question 1 in the assessment matrix provided below, and in deciding whether or not you need to update policies in your plan, and to what extent.

To use the matrix, consider each of the statements listed in the “requirements to consider” column against the content of your current plan. You will need to take into consideration policies in all development plan documents that make up your development plan, including any ‘made’ neighbourhood plans and/ or any adopted or emerging Strategic Development Strategy. For each statement decide whether you:

- Disagree (on the basis that your plan does not meet the requirement at all);
- Agree (on the basis that you are confident that your current plan will meet the requirement)

Some prompts are included to help you think through the issues and support your assessment. You may wish to add to these reflecting on your own context.

Complete all sections of the matrix as objectively and fully as possible. Provide justification for your conclusions with reference to relevant sources of evidence where appropriate. You will need an up to date Authority Monitoring Report, your latest Housing Delivery Test results, 5 year housing land supply position and the latest standard methodology housing needs information. You may also need to rely on or update other sources of evidence but take a proportionate approach to this. It should be noted that any decision not to update any policies in your local plan will need to be clearly evidenced and justified.

## How to use the results of this part of the toolkit

The completed assessment can also be used as the basis for, or as evidence to support, any formal decision of the council in accordance with its constitution or in the case of, for example, Joint Planning Committees, the relevant Terms of Reference in relation to the approach to formal decision-making, as to why an update to the local plan is or is not being pursued. This accords with national guidance and supports the principle of openness and transparency of decision making by public bodies.

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A	<b>PLAN REVIEW FACTORS</b>		
A1.	<p><b>The plan policies still reflect current national planning policy requirements.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> As set out above in the introductory text, in providing your answer to this statement consider if the policies in your plan still meet the ‘content’ requirements of the current NPPF (completing Part 2 of the toolkit will help you determine the extent to which the policies in your plan accord with relevant key requirements in national policy).</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence):</b></p> <p>Local Plan policies continue to reflect NPPF 2019 overall. Some adjustment minor wording changes may be needed to some policies but the policies continue to support sustainable development across the District.</p>
A2.	<p><b>There has not been a <u>significant</u> change in local housing need numbers from that specified in your plan (accepting there will be some degree of flux).</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Look at whether your local housing need figure, using the standard methodology as a starting point, has gone up significantly (with the measure of significance based on a comparison with the housing requirement set out in your adopted local plan).</p> <p>Consider whether your local housing need figure has gone down significantly (with the measure of significance based on a comparison with the housing requirement set out in your adopted local plan). You will need to consider if there is robust evidence to demonstrate that your current housing requirement is deliverable in terms of market capacity or if it supports, for example, growth strategies such as Housing Deals, new strategic infrastructure investment or formal agreements to meet unmet need from neighbouring authority areas.</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>Harborough District’s latest housing need figure calculated using the standard method figure is 516dpa.</p> <p>The housing requirement set out in Local Plan (2019) is 557dpa.</p> <p>Latest standard method figure is 41dpa or 7.4% lower than housing requirement figure as set out in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Evidence suggests that 557dpa remains deliverable. Past 3 years have seen completions exceed the housing requirement figure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017/18: 580dpa</li> <li>• 2018/19: 729dpa</li> <li>• 2019/20: 906dpa</li> </ul> <p><b>L&amp;L Local Authorities Draft SOCG (March 2021)</b></p> <p>The L&amp;L local authorities have worked together to prepare a SOCG (March 2021) to support the submission and examination to the Draft Charnwood</p>

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			<p>Local Plan. This is currently going through each Council's internal governance processes for approval. As regards Harborough DC, the SOCG has been through Cabinet and will be going to Council for approval in June. It covers key strategic matters as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L&amp;L Housing and Employment Needs to 2036;</li> <li>• Unmet need to 2036; and</li> <li>• Process of apportioning unmet need to 2036.</li> </ul> <p>This SOCG sets out a programme of work which needs to be carried out in order to inform the apportionment of unmet need from the City to the L&amp;L Districts/Boroughs. This work is currently underway and will inform a new SOCG apportioning unmet need which is anticipated to be completed in Winter 2021/22. Should it propose a quantity of housing significantly greater than the housing requirement identified in the Local Plan, an update to the Local Plan would be triggered with the need to commence that update and carry out a Reg 18 consultation within 6 months of the Council's adoption of the SOCG.</p> <p><b>Policy IMR1: Monitoring and review of the Local Plan</b> Local Plan Policy IMR1 sets out specific local triggers which would require a full or partial update of the Local Plan. Based on current information, the criteria requiring a full or partial update of the Local Plan have not been triggered as set out below:</p> <p><b>Trigger (a): The adoption by Council of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) which proposes a quantity of housing or employment development to 2031 that is significantly greater than the housing requirement (557 dpa) or employment need identified in the Local Plan.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A referred to previously a SOCG apportioning unmet need (to which IMR1(2)(a) refers) has not been prepared the L&amp;L local authorities or adopted by the Council and therefore this criterion has not yet been triggered. Evidence to inform the preparation of a SOCG apportioning unmet need is underway, with completion of a SOCG anticipated in Winter 2021/22. The adoption by the Council of the SOCG at this time would</li> </ul>

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			<p>trigger the commencement of an update of the Local Plan within 6 months (i.e. requiring Reg 18 consultation during Summer 2022).</p> <p><b>Trigger (b): In the absence of an adopted MOU or SoCG, 12 months from the date of publication of a Local Plan for Leicester City (Reg 19) that includes satisfactory evidence of an unmet local housing need.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This criterion is only triggered if there is no SOCG apportioning unmet need in place. Leicester City has not yet consulted on its publication Local Plan (Reg 19). According to the City's current Local Development Scheme this is due to take place during July/August 2021. The criterion has not yet been triggered. If the Regulation 19 Publication Local Plan sets out satisfactory evidence of unmet need, then commencement of an update to the Harborough Local Plan would need to commence within 18 months (i.e. requiring Reg 18 consultation during Winter 22/23).</li> </ul> <p><b>Trigger (c): Conclusion of a review in response to specific trigger points as set out in the monitoring framework, including identification of significant and persistent shortfalls in the delivery or supply of housing against the housing requirement (557 dpa).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criterion c) is not triggered as regular monitoring has not identified any specific issues regarding specific trigger points as set out in the Local Plan (see <a href="#">Authority Monitoring Report 2019/20 (AMR)</a>). Importantly, no shortfalls in the delivery of housing against the housing requirement have been identified. Monitoring against specific trigger points will continue and be reported in future AMRs.</li> </ul> <p>An update to the Local Plan has not yet been triggered under Local Plan policy IMR1. However, the SOCG apportioning unmet need is on the horizon and evidence is currently being prepared to inform the process. This SOCG, expected towards the end of the year or early 2022, could apportion additional housing to the District on a scale which the current spatial strategy may struggle to accommodate.</p>
A3.	<p>You have a 5-year supply of housing land</p> <p>PROMPT:</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p><b>5 Year Housing Land Supply</b></p>

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	Review your 5-year housing land supply in accordance with national guidance including planning practice guidance and the Housing Delivery Test measurement rule book		<p>The Local Plan sets out a housing requirement of 557 dpa. With the addition of a shortfall of 336 dwellings and a 5% buffer 'to enable choice and competition in the market for land' (NPPF para 73(a)), the annual requirement is 655 dpa for the next 5 years, a total 5 year requirement of 3,277 dwellings (as of 31 March 2020).</p> <p>For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, the Council could demonstrate a five year supply of 5,069 dwellings. This represents the projected housing supply from a range of development sites across the District including allocations sites, major sites with planning permission and the projected supply from small sites.</p> <p>As a result, Harborough has 7.74 years of housing land supply as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 (see <a href="#">5 Year Housing Land Supply 2019/20</a>).</p>
A4.	<p><b>You are meeting housing delivery targets</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Use the results of your most recent Housing Delivery Test, and if possible, try and forecast the outcome of future Housing Delivery Test findings. Consider whether these have/are likely to trigger the requirement for the development of an action plan or trigger the presumption in favour of sustainable development. Consider the reasons for this and whether you need to review the site allocations that your plan is reliant upon. In doing so you need to make a judgement as to whether updating your local plan will support delivery or whether there are other actions needed which are not dependent on changes to the local plan.</p>	Agree	<p>The MHCLG published official results in January 2021, for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020; based on the previous three years of housing delivery, and the housing requirements set out above in A3, the Housing Delivery Test score for Harborough District Council is 156%.</p> <p>Given the current rate of housing delivery and strategic allocations are coming forward to deliver as forecast, meeting housing delivery targets is not expected to be an issue. An action plan or presumption in favour of sustainable development highly unlikely to be triggered.</p>
A5.	<p><b>Your plan policies are on track to deliver other plan objectives including any (i) affordable housing targets; and (ii) commercial floorspace/jobs targets over the remaining plan period.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Use (or update) your Authority Monitoring Report to assess delivery.</p>		<p><u>Affordable homes:</u> There is a need for 179 new affordable units per annum (2017 – 2031) (LP para. 5.3.2).</p> <p>Completions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017/18: 124</li> <li>• 2018/19: 171 completions (90 rented/81 shared ownership)</li> <li>• 2019/20: 207 completions (87 rented/120 shared ownership)</li> <li>• 2020/21: 207 completions (137 rented, 70 shared ownership)</li> </ul>

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			<p>The affordable housing trajectory prepared for the Inspector during the Examination is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Business and employment:</b> In addition to commitments (9.9Ha @ 31/3/18) there is provision for a minimum of 59Ha of B1(a)(b), B1(c) and B8 (units&lt;9,000sqm) development (Policy BE1) in the period 2018-2031.</p> <p>Net Completions:  2018/19: 0.3Ha (Office: -0.42Ha, Industrial: 0.38Ha, Non-St S&amp;D: 0.36Ha)  2019/20: 3.3Ha (Office: 0.15 Ha, Industrial: 1.66 Ha, Non-St S&amp;D: 1.52 Ha)  2020/21: Not yet available</p> <p>The LP also makes provision (Policy BE2(2)) to deliver an additional 700,000sqm for non-rail served strategic storage and distribution B8 use (units&gt;9,000sqm) by 2031.</p> <p>Annual Net Completions:  2018/19: 0 sqm  2019/20: 100,244 sqm  2020/21: Not yet available</p>
A6.	<p><b>There have been no significant changes in economic conditions which could challenge the delivery of the Plan, including the policy requirements within it.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b>  A key employer has shut down or relocated out of the area.</p> <p>Up-to-date evidence suggests that jobs growth is likely to be significantly more or less than is currently being planned for.</p> <p>Consider if there is any evidence suggesting that large employment allocations will no longer be required or are no longer likely to be delivered.</p>		<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>Brexit: Impacts may emerge over time and will need to be taken into account in any update of the Local Plan should they need addressing through policy.</p> <p>COVID pandemic: There are likely to be implications particularly in relation to retail uses and how people use our town/village centres going forward. However, it is too early to predict the lasting impacts. It will be important for any future update of the Local Plan to consider these impacts and draw up an appropriate strategy.</p>

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	<p>You will need to consider whether such events impact on assumptions in your adopted local plan which have led to a higher housing requirement than your local housing need assessment indicates.</p> <p>Consider what the consequences could be for your local plan objectives such as the balance of in and out commuting and the resultant impact on proposed transport infrastructure provision (both capacity and viability), air quality or climate change considerations.</p>		<p>There is some early evidence relating to the economic impacts of Brexit and Covid on Leicester and Leicestershire available at: <a href="https://llep.org.uk">Leicester &amp; Leicestershire Economic Recovery Strategy – Evidence Review (llep.org.uk)</a></p> <p>Jobs growth: To date, there has been no loss or relocation of key employers, no unforeseen major employment proposals or planning approvals, or significant change in (long-term) economic conditions that could challenge the delivery of the requirements of the business and employment policies of the plan.</p> <p>No evidence to suggest that jobs growth is likely to be more / less than is currently being planned for.</p> <p>A Warehousing &amp; Logistics in L&amp;L Study (April 2021) forecasts additional floorspace need 2020 - 2041, its findings and recommendations indicate the importance of delivery to 2031 and that Policy BE2 (2) is up-to date.</p> <p>Large allocations: No evidence to suggest that large employment allocations will no longer be required or are unlikely to be delivered. The Local Plan contains 8 allocations for business and employment (Policy BE1) and a further allocation for strategic distribution (Policy BE2.2). There are also 3 allocations for employment in made Neighbourhood Plans. Of these 12 allocated sites, construction has started / continued during 2019/20 on 4 sites (i.e. Airfield Business Park, Compass Point Business Park, Magna Park – North, Estley Business Park), 3 more sites have outline planning consent (i.e. L2, F2, K1) and a further 3 sites had pending planning applications at 31/3/20 (i.e. L1e, L1f, BANP EMP1 (Broughton Astley)).</p>
A7.	<p><b>There have been no significant changes affecting viability of planned development.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> You may wish to look at the Building Cost Information Service (BCIS) All-in Tender Price Index, used for the indexation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), or other relevant indices to get a sense of market changes.</p>		<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>No policy related viability issues. Some site-specific factors uncovered during further work have created viability questions which are being addressed and assessed on a case-by-case basis in line with national and Local Plan policy and viability guidance.</p>



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	<p>Consider evidence from recent planning decisions and appeal decisions to determine whether planning policy requirements, including affordable housing, are generally deliverable.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation and engagement with the development industry may highlight any significant challenges to delivery arising from changes in the economic climate.</p>		<p>Monitoring indicates affordable housing delivery is currently on track. During the 2019/20 monitoring period 207 affordable homes were completed 87 Rented and 120 Shared Ownership</p> <p>Discussions around planning application ongoing with progress being made on outstanding issues.</p> <p>Lutterworth East SDA delivery still on track for completions in 23/24.</p> <p>Completions strong 2019/20.</p> <p><b>Engagement with development industry:</b> Developers are routinely contacted as part of annual 5 Year Housing Land Supply position statement to inform forecast completions over the next 5 years. As part and parcel of compiling housing supply evidence for the 2019/20 5YHLS, developers were surveyed with regards to the impact of the Spring 2020 lockdown and the subsequent recovery period. In conjunction with this, Officers have maintained regular contact with developers actively working in the district in order to closely monitor site closures and re-openings. Indications at that time did not reveal a significant slow-down or loss of confidence in the market, across Harborough District. Site trajectories were based on the latest developer forecasts which, where necessary, have been adjusted by the Council to reflect any outstanding planning or site preparation requirements.</p> <p>The situation will be reassessed as part of the upcoming 2020/21 5YHLS position statement.</p>
A8.	<p><b>Key site allocations are delivering, or on course to deliver, in accordance the local plan policies meaning that the delivery of the spatial strategy is not at risk.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b></p> <p>Identify which sites are central to the delivery of your spatial strategy. Consider if there is evidence to suggest that lack of progress on these sites (individually or collectively) may prejudice the delivery of housing numbers,</p>		<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>All key allocations delivering strategic scale housing are progressing and have either started delivering or are expected to deliver housing within the next 3 years as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy L1 East of Lutterworth SDA: Outline planning permission granted (subject to signing of s106 agreement). Delivery expected to start from 22/23.</li> </ul>

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	key infrastructure or other spatial priorities. Sites may be deemed to be key by virtue of their scale, location or type.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy SC1 Scraftoft North SDA: Planning application currently pending consideration. Delivery expected to start from 23/24.</li> <li>• Policy MH1 Overstone Park, Market Harborough: Outline planning permission granted. Reserve matters application pending consideration. Delivery expected to start from 22/23.</li> <li>• Policy MH2 East of Blackberry Grange, Market Harborough: Full planning application currently pending consideration. Delivery expected to start from 22/23.</li> <li>• Policy MH3 Burnmill Farm, Market Harborough. Under construction.</li> <li>• Policy F1 South of Arnesby Road, Fleckney. Outline permission granted. Delivery expected to start 21/22.</li> </ul> <p>All Local Plan key employment allocations have outline planning consent, outline planning consent (subject to signing s106 agreement), full planning permission, or planning applications pending consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy BE2 Land to the North and West of Magna Park: A total of 100,244sq.m of additional floorspace (55.4ha) completed in 19/20 at Magna Park North.</li> <li>• Policy L1e and L1f East of Lutterworth SDA: Outline planning permission granted (subject to signing of s106 agreement).</li> <li>• Policy L2 Land south of Lutterworth Road/Coventry Road:</li> <li>• MH4 Land at Airfield Farm. Outline planning application currently pending consideration.</li> <li>• MH5 Airfield Business Park: Extant planning permission</li> <li>• MH6: Compass Point Business Park: Extant Business Park</li> <li>• F2 Land off Marlborough Drive, Fleckney: Outline planning permission granted in 2019.</li> <li>• Land south and west of Priory Business Park, The Kibworths: Reserve matters planning permission granted. Full planning application on part of site currently pending consideration.</li> </ul> <p>Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that allocations central to the delivery of the Local Plan's spatial strategy, either individually or cumulatively, are not progressing as envisaged. Progress will continue to be monitored as part of 5 Year Housing Land Supply work.</p>

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<p><b>A9.</b></p>	<p><b>There have been no significant changes to the local environmental or heritage context which have implications for the local plan approach or policies.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> You may wish to review the indicators or monitoring associated with your Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) / Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).</p> <p>Identify if there have been any changes in Flood Risk Zones, including as a result of assessing the effects of climate change.</p> <p>Consider whether there have been any changes in air quality which has resulted in the designation of an Air Quality Management Area(s) or which could result in a likely significant effect on a European designated site which could impact on the ability to deliver housing or employment allocations.</p> <p>Consider whether there have been any changes to Zones of Influence / Impact Risk Zones for European sites and Sites of Special Scientific Interest or new issues in relation to, for example, water quality.</p> <p>Consider whether there have been any new environmental or heritage designations which could impact on the delivery of housing or employment / jobs requirements / targets.</p> <p>Consider any relevant concerns being raised by statutory consultees in your area in relation to the determination of individual planning applications or planning appeals which may impact upon your plan - either now or in the future.</p>		<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>There have been no changes to Flood Zones since SGP SFRA, including as a result of the predicted effects of climate change. However, the EA has informed the Council that it is in the process of updating the allowances for peak river flow and Flood risk assessments: climate change allowances following research completed in 2020. The new peak river flow allowances will be published in July 2021. Updates to peak rainfall allowances are also expected. The updates will inform any new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and site specific flood risk assessments.</p> <p>No new AQMAs have been designated. Given distances from any European designated sites, it is highly unlikely that any changes in air quality would have any impact. Therefore, the ability to deliver housing or employment allocations will not be impacted.</p> <p>No changes have been identified.</p> <p>The have been no new environmental or heritage designations that could impact on the delivery of housing or employment targets.</p> <p>Local Plan policies are working well and delivering effective planning decisions in accordance with the Local Plan with no significant problems in relation to applications or appeals. Minor wording improvements have been suggested for the next Local Plan, but currently nothing has been identified that would trigger a review of Local Plan policies.</p>

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<b>A10.</b>	<p><b>There are no new sites that have become available since the finalisation of the adopted local plan which require the spatial strategy to be re-evaluated.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b></p> <p>Consider if there have been any new sites that have become available, particularly those within public ownership which, if they were to come forward for development, could have an impact on the spatial strategy or could result in loss of employment and would have a significant effect on the quality of place if no new use were found for them.</p> <p>Consider whether any sites which have now become available within your area or neighbouring areas could contribute towards meeting any previously identified unmet needs.</p>		<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>No new brownfield sites in public ownership which would require re-evaluation of current strategy.</p> <p>A new Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment is currently underway with the recent Call for Sites ending on 4<sup>th</sup> June.</p>
<b>A11.</b>	<p><b>Key planned infrastructure projects critical to plan delivery are on track and have not stalled / failed and there are no new major infrastructure programmes with implications for the growth / spatial strategy set out in the plan.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b></p> <p>You may wish to review your Infrastructure Delivery Plan / Infrastructure Funding Statement, along with any periodic updates, the Capital and Investment programmes of your authority or infrastructure delivery partners and any other tool used to monitor and prioritise the need and delivery of infrastructure to support development.</p> <p>Check if there have been any delays in the delivery of critical infrastructure as a result of other processes such as for the Compulsory Purchase of necessary land.</p> <p>Identify whether any funding announcements or decisions have been made which materially impact upon the delivery of key planned infrastructure, and if so, will this impact upon the delivery of the Local Plan.</p>		<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>There is currently nothing to indicate any problems around the delivery of key infrastructure required to bring forward the SDAs or any significant concerns around delivery of other strategic site key infrastructure.</p> <p>No CPO involved in bringing forward allocations.</p>

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<b>A12.</b>	<p><b>All policies in the plan are achievable and effective including for the purpose of decision-making.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Consider if these are strategic policies or those, such as Development Management policies, which do not necessarily go to the heart of delivering the Plan's strategy.</p> <p>Identify if there has been a significant increase in appeals that have been allowed and /or appeals related to a specific policy area that suggest a policy or policies should be reviewed.</p> <p>Consider whether there has been feedback from Development Management colleagues, members of the planning committee, or applicants that policies cannot be effectively applied and / or understood.</p>		<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>Local Plan policies are working well with no significant problems in relation to applications or appeals. Minor wording improvements have been suggested for the next Local Plan, but currently nothing has been identified that would trigger a review of Local Plan policies.</p>
<b>A13.</b>	<p><b>There are no recent or forthcoming changes to another authority's development plan or planning context which would have a material impact on your plan / planning context for the area covered by your local plan.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> In making this assessment you may wish to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review emerging and adopted neighbouring authority development plans and their planning context.</li> <li>● Review any emerging and adopted higher level strategic plans including, where relevant, mayoral/ combined authority Spatial Development Strategies e.g. The London Plan.</li> <li>● Review any relevant neighbourhood plans</li> <li>● Consider whether any of the matters highlighted in statements A1- A12 for their plan may impact on your plan - discuss this with the relevant authorities.</li> <li>● Consider any key topic areas or requests that have arisen through Duty to Cooperate or strategic planning discussions with your neighbours or stakeholders - particularly relating to meeting future development and /or infrastructure needs.</li> </ul>	Disagree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>As regards emerging Local Plans in the L&amp;L HMA the following issues are likely to have a material impact on any update of the Harborough Local Plan:</p> <p><b>Leicester City:</b> As already discussed, work on establishing Leicester's unmet housing need is ongoing. Once known, the apportionment of Leicester City's unmet need across the L&amp;L LPAs will be agreed through a SOCG. Joint evidence to inform the distribution of unmet need is currently underway, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strategic Sites Assessment and Constraints;</li> <li>● Housing and Employment Study; and</li> <li>● Strategic Transport Assessment</li> </ul> <p>The quantification of Leicester City's unmet need as part of the preparation of their Local Plan and the apportionment of the unmet through the agreeing of a SOCG (expected late 2020/2021), may impact upon the strategic planning context for Harborough and necessitate an update of the Local Plan to address the issues.</p>

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			The progress of emerging Local Plans within the HMA will be monitored closely, particularly in respect of consultations carried out and examinations taking place.
A14.	<p><b>There are no local political changes or a revised / new corporate strategy which would require a change to the approach set out in the current plan.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> In making this assessment you may wish to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review any manifesto commitments and review the corporate and business plan.</li> <li>• Engage with your senior management team and undertake appropriate engagement with senior politicians in your authority.</li> <li>• Consider other plans or strategies being produced across the Council or by partners which may impact on the appropriateness of your current plan and the strategy that underpins it, for instance, Growth Deals, economic growth plans, local industrial strategies produced by the Local Economic Partnership, housing/ regeneration strategies and so on.</li> </ul>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>None that require an immediate change to the approach set out in the Local Plan.</p> <p>New and emerging strategies will inform a future update of the Local Plan.</p>
	<b>ASSESSING WHETHER OR NOT TO UPDATE YOUR PLAN POLICIES</b>	<b>YES/NO (please indicate below)</b>	
A15.	<b>You AGREE with <u>all</u> of the statements above</b>	No	<p><b>If no go to question A16.</b></p> <p><b>If yes, you have come to the end of the assessment. However, you must be confident that you are able to demonstrate and fully justify that your existing plan policies / planning position clearly meets the requirements in the statements above and that you have evidence to support your position.</b></p> <p><b>Based on the answers you have given above please provide clear explanation and justification in section A17 below of why you have concluded that an update is not necessary including references to evidence or data sources that</b></p>

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			you have referenced above. Remember you are required to publish the decision not to update your local plan policies. In reaching the conclusion that an update is not necessary the explanation and justification for your decision must be clear, intelligible and able to withstand scrutiny.
A16.	You <b>DISAGREE</b> with one or more of the statements above and the issue can be addressed by an update of local plan policies	Yes	If yes, based on the above provide a summary of the key reasons <u>why</u> an update to plan policies is necessary in section A17 below and complete Section B below.
A17.	<p><b><u>Decision:</u> Update plan policies</b></p> <p><b>Reasons for decision to update plan policies (clear evidence and justification will be required where a decision not to update has been reached):</b></p> <p>The Council can currently demonstrate a robust 5YHLS and Housing Delivery Test result as set out in A3 and A4 above. There is no reason to expect this situation will change in the short term given Local Plan allocations are coming forward as expected. However, Leicester City has a substantial level of unmet need, the precise scale of which is as yet to be quantified. The L&amp;L local authorities are working together on evidence to inform the apportionment of Leicester City’s unmet need through a SOCG. This SOCG is expected to complete by the end of the year or early in 2022. At this point it is likely Harborough’s share of unmet need, taken together with its own needs, will require alternative spatial strategies to be considered to accommodate the increased level of growth. Identifying the most appropriate and sustainable locations for this potential additional development, while at the same time protecting the District’s natural and historic environment, would require Local Plan policies to be updated. Early consideration of a timetable to update the Local Plan would put the Council on the front foot in responding to this likely increase in the housing requirement resulting from the apportioning process.</p> <p><b>Other actions that may be required in addition to or in place of an update of plan policies</b></p>		

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	<b>B. POLICY UPDATE FACTORS</b>	<b>YES/NO (please indicate below)</b>	<b>Provide details explaining your answer in the context of your plan / local authority area</b>
<b>B1</b>	<b>Your policies update is likely to lead to a material change in the housing requirement which in turn has implications for other plan requirements / the overall evidence base.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>Given the potential scale of Leicester City's unmet need, it is possible that the SOCG apportioning this unmet need will identify a quantity of housing that exceeds the current housing requirement identified in the Local Plan.</p> <p>As a result, an update of the Local Plan will be needed in order to identify a spatial strategy capable of accommodating Harborough's housing need and its share of Leicester City's unmet need. Whilst none of the triggers in IMR1 have yet been met, it is possible that the agreement of a SOCG (late 2021/early 2022) or Leicester City's Reg 19 consultation (evidencing the scale of their unmet need) will trigger an update to the Local Plan. Therefore, it would be prudent to consider preparing a Local Development Scheme for the preparation of an update to the Local Plan to ensure that work on evidence gathering/assessment begins to take place.</p>
<b>B2</b>	<b>The growth strategy and / or spatial distribution of growth set out in the current plan is not fit for purpose and your policies update is likely to involve a change to this.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>It is possible that the distribution of Leicester City's unmet need (as set out in a SOCG) will result in additional housing being apportioned to the District. This additional housing (in addition to Harborough's own housing need) could be of a scale that the current Local Plan spatial strategy is unable to accommodate. Commencing a Local Plan update would allow for potential appropriate spatial strategies to be considered and for work to commence on assessing and identifying locations for growth.</p>
<b>B3</b>	<b>Your policies update is likely to affect more than a single strategic site or one or more strategic policies that will have consequential impacts on other policies of the plan.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>A Local Plan update will need to accommodate not only Harborough's development needs but also Harborough's apportionment of Leicester City's unmet need. As a consequence, a Local Plan update is likely to require a change to the existing spatial strategy and the identification of additional strategic site allocations to accommodate the new housing requirement, supporting development and ensure necessary infrastructure provision.</p>



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	<p>You have answered yes to one or more questions above.</p>		<p>You are likely to need to undertake a full update of your spatial strategy and strategic policies (and potentially non-strategic policies). Use your responses above to complete Section B4.</p>
	<p>You have said no to <u>all</u> questions (B1 to B3) above</p>		<p>If you are confident that the update can be undertaken without impacting on your spatial strategy and other elements of the Plan, you are likely to only need to undertake a partial update of policies. Complete Section B4 to indicate the specific parts / policies of the plan that are likely to require updating based on the answers you have given above.</p>
<p><b>B4</b></p>	<p><b>Decision: Full Update of Plan Policies</b></p> <p><b>Reasons for scope of review:</b>                      The potential scale of Leicester’s unmet need and the subsequent apportionment of that unmet across the Leicestershire local authorities through a SOCG, could have a significant impact on the District’s housing requirement. It is possible that the current spatial strategy will be unable to accommodate the potential scale of growth envisaged. Therefore, any update involving a potential change to the spatial strategy is likely to call for new and amended policies to ensure that development continues to be located within the sustainable locations while at the same time protecting the natural and historic environment of the District. While it is possible that some development management policies may not need to be amended to any great extent, only a full update will give the flexibility to ensure that all policies are as effective as possible in supporting a new spatial strategy that delivers the development needed, adequate supporting infrastructure, and environmental protections.</p>		

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