

**Safeguards linked to reports to Council 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023: meeting reconvened 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**SAFEGUARDS LINKED TO HARBOROUGH LOCAL PLAN – LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND RELATING TO HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT NEEDS REPORT**

That Council agrees to sign the statement of common ground subject to the following:

1. If as part of Leicester City Council's local plan examination government appointed inspectors conclude more homes can be delivered and their unmet housing need drops significantly, then we would expect Harborough District's apportionment to drop pro-rata.
2. If future Government changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) mean Harborough District do not need to take any of Leicester City's unmet housing need to get our new Local Plan adopted, then we reserve the right to withdraw from this Statement of Common Ground.
3. If the impending release of the NPPF includes guarantees that the district will be protected from unwanted speculative development under the new planning system, whilst not increasing the current proposed housing target, then a further report will be brought back for Council's consideration.

**SAFEGUARD LINKED TO THE LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION REPORT**

**None required at present.**

**SAFEGUARD LINKED TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME UPDATE REPORT**

That Council support:

4. If factors outside of our control result in the submission date being at risk, then representations will be made to the Department for Levelling up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and ministers to seek an extension of time to the current deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## **SAFEGUARD LINKED TO THE NEW LOCAL PLAN RESOURCES REPORT**

That Council notes:

5. Where opportunities present themselves to minimise the use of resources through the plan-making process such as deadlines being extended or joint work with other local authorities then these will be implemented.

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