

Public Supplement Question and Answer from Council 18 September

1. Supplementary Question by Mr David Campbell Kelly

Can officers confirm my cynicism is unjustified?

Answer to supplementary question:

Yes, your cynicism is unjustified.

The report before Council relates to the Leicester and Leicestershire Statement of Common Ground – a discrete part of the Harborough Local Plan. As such, the two documents to which you refer are of limited relevance.

The evidence underpinning the distribution of unmet housing and employment needs is complete, published and available online and is why Council has been asked to consider signing the Statement of Common Ground as set out in the report (i.e. the Housing & Economic Needs Assessment (HENA), associated Housing and Employment Distribution papers and the Sustainability Appraisal which are available at the following link: [Publication of Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs - Strategic Growth Plan LCC | Strategic Growth Plan LCC \(llstrategicgrowthplan.org.uk\)](https://www.strategicgrowthplan.org.uk) The two documents to which you refer are currently in draft only. The Council cannot comment on the extent to which the draft documents may have been circulated by other councils; however, it will publish the documents once they are finalised and it is appropriate to do so in relation to the progression of the Council's local plan".

It is also important to note that the Strategic Transport Assessment and the Strategic Growth Options and Constraints Mapping take a longer-term perspective that will inform the next steps for the L&L Strategic Growth Plan to 2050. The studies have a longer time horizon to 2050 and are less significant in informing and shaping an appropriate distribution in the period to 2036. These issues have a long lead in time and as such have less of an impact on the distribution of homes and jobs in the period to 2036.