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Dear Inspector Housden and Inspector Baugh- Jones,

I am writing in response to the representations received to the Main Modifications consultation.

Specifically, I wish to draw attention to matters surrounding policies INF1 and INF2 and the relationship with the Leicestershire County Council Draft Transport Contributions Strategy (draft TCS) and the commitment the Borough Council has made to preparing a Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in the adopted Local Development Scheme (LDS).

As proposed to be modified, the draft Local Plan does not require the draft TCS to deliver policies INF1 and INF2. We understand the preparation of the draft TCS by Leicestershire County Council is intended to provide guidance to the development industry on the Local Highway Authority's application of INF2 and to help quantify and justify requests for sustainable travel contributions. The Planning Obligations SPD once adopted would then be used to support decision makers to prioritise planning obligations where there are viability concerns within the Development Management process.

However, the Borough Council has now had an opportunity to reflect on the consultation responses submitted to the County Council on its draft TCS and the draft Local Plan Main Modifications, including the two legal opinions submitted by Paul Tucker KC and James Corbet Burcher. The Council is now minded to prepare a Community Infrastructure Levy to secure contributions to mitigate the impact of growth in Charnwood, including transport contributions to mitigate cumulative transport growth. If the Inspectors conclude that this an acceptable way forward to achieving a sound Local Plan, the Borough Council would be pleased to update the Local Development Scheme (LDS) when it is reviewed in March 2025 to reflect this commitment.

Yours sincerely



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