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Dear Planners,

## **Charnwood Local Plan Examination Main Modification Consultation**

See below BABTAG's comments on the new policies maps EXAM 84

1 BABTAG is alarmed by the changes in the new policies map Exam 84 page 18 which appear to show that areas of separation and green wedges have been more than halved from the previous map.

### **South of HA1**

The map shows a substantial loss of protected land to the area separating the new extension to Syston from the village of Barkby. Such a substantial loss degrades the rural setting of Barkby.

### **HA1 and Thorpebury**

The new map appears to eliminate all the "green" areas that are in the plans for the HA1 development notably a substantial area on either side of Barkby Brook.

In Thorpebury the wedge either side of Barkby Thorpe Road south of Barkby Thorpe itself, the wide area alongside the Melton Brook and the area immediately to the west of Barkby south of Barkby Lane are no longer on the map. BABTAG notes that the new maps have been made "to ensure that they are factually correct and provide an accurate representation of the Local Plan policies" and therefore seeks assurance that these "green" areas are not under threat from development despite not being shown on the policies map.

2 The new map by showing the full extent of the proposed new urban areas underlines the urban encroachment on Barkby and Barkby Thorpe bringing with it enormous strain on local infrastructure. BABTAG is disappointed that despite its representations over a number of years developments of more than 1500 new houses in HA1, HA2, HA3, HA7 and HA8 will now be added to the 4500 of Thorpebury.

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