

**From:** Paul Herbert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 August 2024 13:05  
**To:** localplans@charnwood.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Re: Charnwood Local Plan Examination Main Modification Consultation

**Importance:** High

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to comment on the latest schedule of proposed modifications to the local plan.

1. The housing allocation for HA48 has continued to be increased, and you are now suggesting a primary school be built on the site also. The primary school was previously planned for site HA49. Please can you explain why the proposed site of the school was changed, and why the proposed housing allocation of site HA48 continues to increase?
2. I strongly object to the addition of the inaccurate 'limits to development' lines added to the policy maps around Barrow upon Soar. As you are no doubt aware, the developments you have chosen to site in Barrow are outside of the existing limits to development detailed in the Neighbourhood plan, passed by the democratic mandate of local residents. Unilaterally updating these lines around your proposed developments is disingenuous and misleading in the extreme.
3. The egregious and disproportionate number of developments assigned to Barrow (compared to Quorn, Mountsorrel, Sileby, Rothley) was previously justified as requiring critical mass to support a new single-form primary school, as it was claimed that Hall Orchard Primary School had no capacity to accommodate a more proportional development allocation. This is manifestly untrue, as Hall Orchard have recently had to combine year 5 and 6 classes due to a fall in pupil numbers: "A fall in our roll (from 535 to 519), which unfortunately is a national picture at the moment, alongside increasing pressure on our school budget means that the school is no longer in a position to financially support the 3-form entry model we have enjoyed until now across all year groups." This clearly makes the assumptions and justifications used to unfairly target Barrow with excessive new housing developments, unsafe.
4. There is still no detailed and coherent transport policy published to explain how Barrow will be able to cope with an extra +1,000 cars from the planned developments. I asked this question specifically at a previous meeting and the answer given was that transport matters would be covered at the planning stage for each development. I don't understand how the local plan can be considered safe and deliverable if these matters are not dealt with prior to detailed planning. As has been mentioned previously by many residents, there are two routes to the A6, the main transport route used by residents. One is the single lane, traffic signal controlled, bridge at Bridge Street which has significant congestion at all times. The other is via Slash Lane (and another single lane bridge to access the A6). Slash Lane floods so regularly that warning signs have been installed in the village to report the depth of flood water on that road. Indeed, even Bridge Street flooded earlier this year meaning the entire village was effectively cut-off. These matters are being ignored, or at best deferred, to meet the disproportionate house numbers you have decided to inflict upon Barrow.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of these comments?

Many thanks

Paul Herbert

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**From:** localplans@charnwood.gov.uk <localplans@charnwood.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 17 July 2024 12:44

**Subject:** Charnwood Local Plan Examination Main Modification Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

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

The Pre-Submission Charnwood Local Plan 2021 – 2037 was submitted to the Secretary of State in December 2021 for Examination in Public pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended. Examination Hearing Sessions were held in June 2022, October 2022, February 2023 and February 2024.

The Inspectors undertaking the Examination, Sarah Housden BA (Hons) MRTPI and Hayden Baugh-Jones BA(Hons) DipLA MA CMLI, have identified where changes (main modifications) are necessary to make the Local Plan sound and legally compliant. These are included in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications which will be published for a seven-week period of consultation commencing on **Wednesday 17th July and ending at 5pm on Wednesday 4th September**. There are three elements to the consultation, and these are explained in more detail below:

### ***1. Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications***

The consultation invites comments on the following main modification documents:

- EXAM 81: Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications
- EXAM 82: Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to Local Plan Diagrams
- EXAM 83: Sustainability Appraisal of Main Modifications to the Local Plan.

### ***2. Updated Housing Land Supply Position***

The Council has updated its housing land supply position to the end of March 2024 and has produced a number of documents to support this position as part of the Proposed Main Modifications to the plan. The Council is inviting representations on the following documents:

- EXAM 58J: Housing Trajectory Update 2024
- EXAM 58K: Housing Trajectory Update Notes May 2024
- EXAM 58L: Update to Five Year Supply on Adoption May 2024
- EXAM 58M: Updated Housing Land Supply Site List April 2024.

### ***3. Schedule of Proposed Changes to Policies Map 1 and 2***

The Policies Maps do not form part of the development plan itself therefore the Council is proposing a number of changes to them rather than main modifications. This is to ensure that they are factually correct and provide an accurate representation of the Local Plan policies. The Council is inviting comments on the following document:

- EXAM 84: Schedule of Proposed Changes to Policies Maps 1 and 2.

[How to view the documents](#)

The documents described in sections 1, 2 and 3 above are available for inspection at the following locations:

Charnwood Borough Council's Examination webpage at:

[Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37 Examination - Charnwood Borough Council](#)

and

Charnwood Borough Council Offices, Southfield Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 2TN - open Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 5pm and Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm.

### How to comment on the documents

We recommend that you use the relevant part of the Representation Form when responding to section 1 Schedule of Proposed Modifications and 2 Updated Housing Land Supply Position and the Comment Form for responding to section 3 Schedule of Proposed Changes to Policies Maps 1 and 2. The Representations Form and Comments Form can be found on the Council's Examination webpage at:

[https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/main\\_modifications](https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/main_modifications)

Comments can also be emailed to [localplans@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:localplans@charnwood.gov.uk)

Or made in writing to: Local Plans Team, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfield Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 2TN.

Please note that representations must be received by **5pm on Wednesday 4th September**.

Comments should only be made in relation to the documents outlined in sections 1, 2 and 3 above. This consultation is not an opportunity to repeat or raise further representations about the Local Plan or to seek further changes to it. We have prepared a Guidance Note which provides further detail on how to make comments.

All representations received will be taken into consideration by the Inspectors when preparing their report to Charnwood Borough Council.

Yours faithfully



Richard Bennett  
Head of Planning and Growth

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