Chapter 9: Infrastructure and Delivery

Road Transport

9.1 We will coordinate and plan the delivery of infrastructure by working in partnership with providers and delivery agencies to assess requirements and ensure that all development proposals are supported by appropriate infrastructure provided in a timely manner with on-site and off-site mitigation measures. The local plan provides the opportunity to plan for infrastructure in an integrated manner and to ensure that individual sites can be linked together through a strategic approach to infrastructure provision.

9.2 We interpret the definition of infrastructure in a broad manner to include all of the services and facilities that are necessary for economic and social activity, including roads, schools, health facilities, waste management facilities, electricity, gas, water and telecommunications.

9.3 Transport plays an important role in allowing our local communities to access jobs and services and should be considered in the earliest stages of development proposals. Transport is important to supporting growth, but we need to manage growth in a way which secures improvements but does not compromise the efficiency and effectiveness of our existing transport network.

9.4 Over the plan period the number of journeys being made is likely to increase so we need to ensure that our transport network is able to cope. The starting point for this will be to improve the sustainable transport offer in our Borough by encouraging more journeys to be made by sustainable transport modes.

9.5 Our evidence tells us that nearly 64% of people who live in Charnwood make their journey to work by private car. Our priority is to improve the sustainable transport offer in our Borough; however, we know that our local communities will still need to make some journeys by car.

9.6 The proximity to the M1 motorway and the A46 enhances the Borough's accessibility to the strategic highway network. In addition the A6 runs through the centre of the Borough providing access to destinations north and south. These key routes benefit the local economy; however, congestion along these roads impacts on business efficiency and reduces the attractiveness of the Borough for inward investment.

9.7 The Strategic Growth Plan for Leicester and Leicestershire identifies the importance of

key transport corridors, particularly the A46 Corridor which is also identified as a strategic
priority by Midlands Connect, the transport arm of the Midlands Engine, a coalition of councils, local enterprise partnerships, universities and businesses working across the Midlands. Works to improve the A46 will improve business growth and competitiveness, widening access to jobs, and facilitating housing development. Aligning growth and transport infrastructure will be an important strategic priority and the Borough Council is supporting a partnership agreement to ensure a coordinated approach.

9.8 We would expect the growth delivered by our strategy to manage the impact of traffic in order to avoid further congestion, increased emissions and poorer accessibility. Development should not have an unacceptable impact on highway safety or residual cumulative impacts which would be severe. We will work with key stakeholders including Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council and Highways England to maximise the delivery of transport infrastructure.

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Local and Strategic Road Network
We will reduce congestion and improve the efficiency of our local and strategic road
network by:
requiring that sustainable transport proposals are considered first before any improvements to the local and strategic road network;
ensuring that all developments mitigate the impact of their proposals on the road
network including any residual cumulative impact;
ensuring that any road improvements are supported by a robust transport assessment; and
requiring other network improvements as identified by appropriate transport assessments.

Appendix C: Policies Map 2

KEY

☐ CHARNWOOD BOROUGH BOUNDARY
☐ LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT
▨ SUITABLE WIND ENERGY LOCATIONS
■ SUITABLE SOLAR ENERGY LOCATIONS
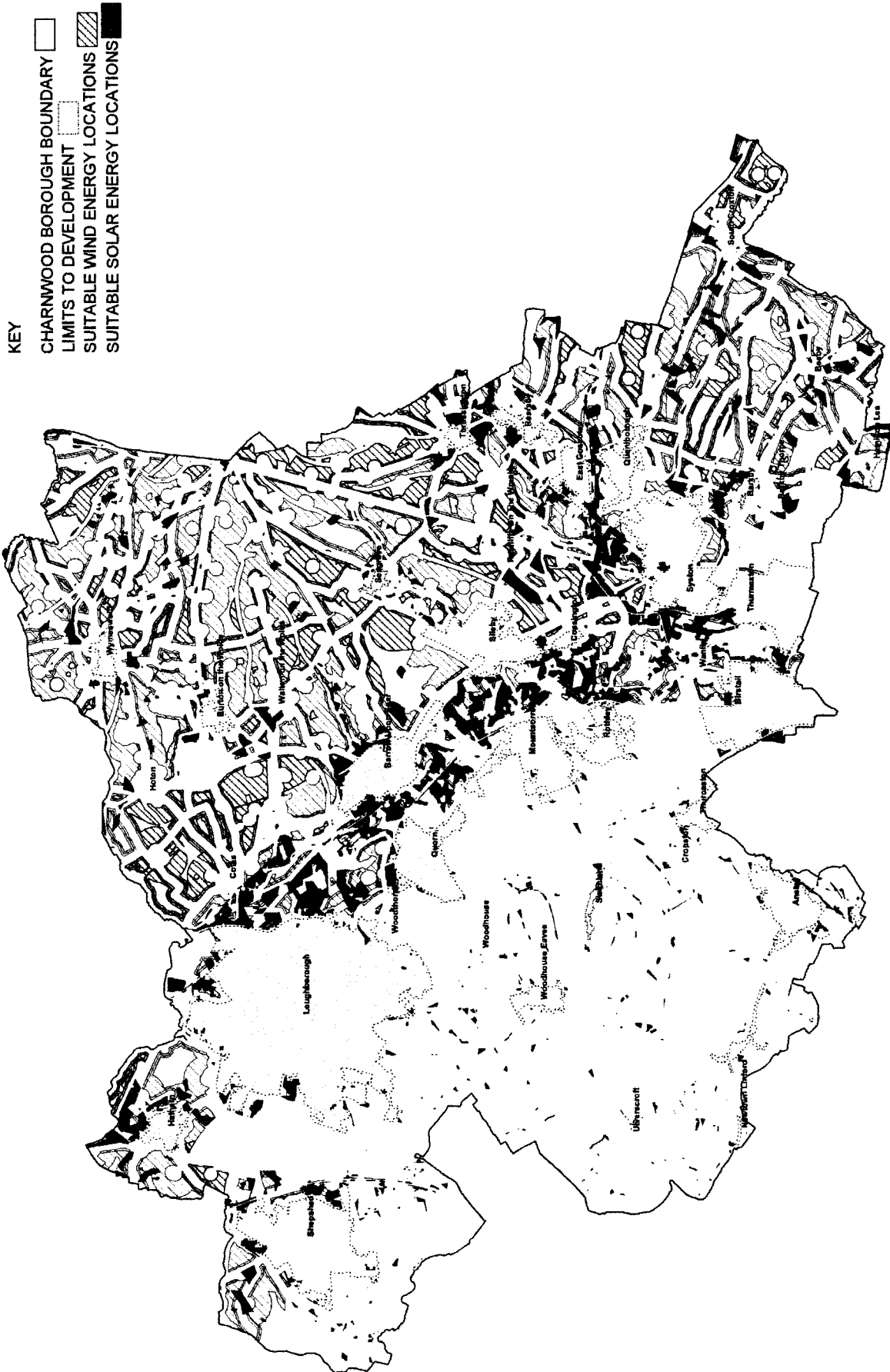
Appendix B: Policies Map 1

KEY
Charnwood Borough Boundary
Limits to Development including commitments
Countryside
Areas of Local Separation
Green Wedge
Open Space / Outdoor Sports Pitches
National Forest
Charnwood Forest Regional Park
New Burial Space
Commited Sustainable Urban Extension Site Boundaries
Allocated Sustainable Urban Extension Site Boundary
Commited Sustainable Urban Extension Housing Areas
Proposed Housing Allocations
Strategic Landscaping/Openspace within proposed Allocations
New Schools
Proposed Employment Allocations
Commited Employment Sites
Protected Employment Areas
Watermead Regeneration Corridor
Loughborough Town Centre Boundary
Loughborough Primary Shopping Area Boundary
Proposed Loughborough Town Centre Retail Allocation
Sustainable Urban Extension Retail Allocation
Local Centres
District Centres