



# Mansfield Local Plan Examination Hearing Papers

**Main Matter 7**

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## MANSFIELD LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

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#### **MAIN MATTER 7 – Whether or not the plan will contribute to the vitality and viability of Mansfield town centre, the District Centres and Local Centres**

- 1.0 It is considered that the policies in the Plan will contribute to the vitality and viability of the Town Centre and District Centre. However, the level of retail space to be provided at the local centres in the SUE's needs to be properly assessed, as the amount currently proposed is insufficient to deliver sustainable well planned developments for the benefit of local residents.

The Council's latest evidence-based document on retail need has concluded that this strategic site can support additional retail floorspace beyond that already committed, but not to the level currently proposed in the Plan. Therefore, to address the national and local retail and town centre requirements, the policy states that individual assessments are required to consider the sequential and impact tests.

This approach is supported by evidence provided by the Council and that conducted independently, which clearly demonstrates that additional, non-allocated retail floorspace can be provided in local centres such as at Berry Hill (SUE 3), without affecting the vitality and viability of Mansfield Town Centre and District Centres.

