

MEETING OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2026

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PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM MS GAYLE BAKER

West Whitwick Broad Location C47 was previously classified as greenfield (undeveloped) land, not greyfield, before being included in the Draft Local Plans Strategy. This is supported by multiple references describing it as productive farmland, open countryside and part of a wider greenfield allocation.

If the Council now classes this site as a greyfield site, can you explain to me please how this decision was made.

RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

West Whitwick is a greenfield site and has always been identified by officers as such.

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QUESTION FROM MR CHRIS TAYLOR

Given the removal of the Norton Juxta / Norton Heath proposal, will North West Leicestershire District Council now review and potentially reconsider previously rejected or omitted development sites as part of meeting its updated housing requirement, especially where those previously removed sites may now be considered more viable and deliverable than some of the sites currently included in the emerging Local Plan?

RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

The Council has not assumed that housing from the Norton Juxta Twycross site would contribute towards its housing requirement for the Local Plan period. Based on the current evidence, the Council considers that sufficient sites have been identified to meet its housing needs. The Local Plan will continue to be progressed through its statutory stages, including consultation on the Regulation 19 plan and examination.

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UPDATE

Item 6 – Local Plan Policies Update

Appendix D of this report sets out proposed wording for the proposed Policy IFx – Long-term Management of Community Assets and Stewardship.

Following a further meeting with some Members yesterday, a refinement to criterion (2) of the policy is now proposed. The revised wording is shown below.

Policy IFx - Long-term Management of Community Assets and Stewardship.

1. Proposals for major development that include new open space, green or blue infrastructure, or community facilities (as required by Policy IF4) must secure appropriate long-term, sustainable management, maintenance and public access.
2. Developers should demonstrate (through a management or stewardship strategy or equivalent document) how they have engaged meaningfully with the relevant Council, Town and Parish Councils on the management and maintenance of qualifying assets. Through that engagement, Developers ~~are strongly encouraged to give the~~ **will give first** opportunity for the management and maintenance of assets to these organisations before use of other bodies such as management companies.
3. Developers will be expected to demonstrate that suitable funding mechanisms are in place to secure sustainable and resilient arrangements for management, maintenance and stewardship. Where facilities are to be adopted or maintained by the Council, Town or Parish Council, appropriate financial contributions will be secured.

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