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SUMMONS TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE
NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Time/Date 6.30 pm on THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2025
Location Forest Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN
Officer to contact Democratic Services (01530 454512)



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Chief Executive

AGENDA

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	PRAYERS	
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
	Under the Code of Conduct members are reminded that in declaring interests you should make clear the nature of that interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest, registerable interest or other interest	
3.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
4.	LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	Members are reminded that under paragraph 11.1 of part 3 of the Constitution, questions can be asked of the Leader and Cabinet Members without notice about any matter contained in any address. Questions shall be limited to five minutes in total for each announcement.	

5. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

To receive questions from members of the public under procedure rule no.10. The procedure rule provides that members of the public may ask members of the Cabinet any question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the District, provided that three clear days' notice in writing has been given to the Head of Legal and Support Services.

6. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

To receive members' questions under procedure rule no.11. The procedure rule provides that any member may ask the Chairman of a board or group any question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the District, provided that three clear days' notice in writing has been given to the Head of Legal and Support Services.

7. MOTIONS

To consider the following motion received from Councillor S Lambeth:

MOTION

I hereby move that C76 Meadow Lane be reinstated into the local plan. This motion is based upon the recommendation that was given by the planning officers and the thorough site assessment methodology that was provided by independent consultants.

CASE OF SITE ASSESSMENT C76 MEADOW LANE

In the case of site C76 - Meadow Lane, the assessment by officers noted that the site records one of the best scores in the Coalville Urban Area with, good access to services and facilities, and, after careful consideration, they reached a conclusion, that the site was placed first in the hierarchy for housing development in the area.

GUIDELINES AND OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Guide to Probity in Planning for Councillors and Officers, suggest that where advice and recommendation for acceptance are given by officers - then generally these recommendations should be followed. Where councillors decide to overturn the advice, then the decision and reasons need to be explained and documented.

APPEAL RISKS AND COSTS

It is important to recognize that non-inclusion in the local plan may result in an appeal to the planning inspectorate with the appeal being based on national and local planning policy guidance and in this instance, it is particularly relevant given that the officers have already concluded that the site meets the criteria.

A rejection increases the likelihood of the council losing the appeal, potentially, this could leave the Council in the position that the new local plan submission could be rejected, potentially leaving North West Leicestershire open to widespread development.

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<p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>Given that a strong recommendation was given by the planning officers, I strongly urge that we consider the matter of C76 Meadow Lane and that it be included in our Regulation 19 submission. This is particularly important especially given the risks associated with a rejection. It is important that proper consideration has been given and that we are certain that we have attained the best outcome for the entire community within the District.</p>	
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