

COUNCIL – 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM GERALD PALMER TO COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN

“In light of the conflict in Ukraine exasperating the issue, how will Britain ever be able to be sustainable for grain production if all our fields are built on?”

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN TO GERALD PALMER

“The District Council is required by government policy to work with the other authorities in Leicestershire to ensure that all of the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area housing needs are met. This includes agreeing how the unmet need in Leicester City can be accommodated elsewhere. A failure to do so represents a significant risk to the Council’s local plan which in turn would leave the district vulnerable to unwanted planning applications. Even without the unmet need, it is inevitable that some agricultural land will need to be released for development. The amount of land that this entails represents only a very small proportion of the district.”