

COUNCIL – 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM SIMON HAGGART TO COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN

“If the housing need proposed for Leicester City is to address the expected population increase in Leicester City residents, how will this population be best served by housing them in a rural environment, lacking all urban amenities and disconnected entirely from Leicester City? (They won’t want to live there and we don’t want the housing here, destroying yet more Countryside)”

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN TO SIMON HAGGART

“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. The distribution proposed in the Statement of Common Ground achieves this. The proposed distribution has regard to a whole range of factors, including not just the functional relationship of each authority area with Leicester City, but also the balance of jobs and homes in each authority area and deliverability of the distribution of development. It is the balance between jobs and homes that has driven the figure for North West Leicestershire rather than the functional relationship with the City.

The failure to agree a redistribution represents a significant risk to the Council’s local plan which in turn would leave the district vulnerable to unwanted planning applications.”