

COUNCIL – 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM PAULA HAGGART TO COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN

‘Our district is already the only district in Leicestershire ear marked to lose significant rural land to HS2 despite being one of the few without access to a train station, any additional loss would be devastating so why is NWLDC being considered for such a disproportionately high ‘quota’ from Leicester City (an area with which we have no nexus).’

REPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN TO PAULA HAGGART

“As previously stated, 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.”