

COUNCIL – 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM KEVIN ANDERSON TO COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN

“Why should NWLDC take any excess housing quota from the unitary authority of Leicester City as we are not geographically neighbouring nor do we have any connection in either classification or economy?”

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN TO KEVIN ANDERSON

“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. This includes the functional relationship of each authority area with Leicester City as well as 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.”