

## **COUNCIL – 5 SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR T EYNON TO COUNCILLOR T SAFFELL**

“How does this authority intend to meet its statutory duty, under section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, to have special regard to the desirability of preserving not only the listed buildings of Snibston Colliery but its setting on Ashby Road which includes the former Coalville and Local Mines Fire Station, the Pithead Baths, Ebenezer Chapel, Deputies Row and the Snibstone New Inn?”

#### **REPOSENSE FROM COUNCILLOR T SAFFELL TO COUNCILLOR T EYNON**

“Under Section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 the Council has a “general duty as respects listed buildings” in the exercise of our planning functions. The Council fulfils its statutory duty under S66 when dealing with applications for planning permission that would affect listed buildings at Snibston Colliery, including the Grade 2 administrative offices, locomotive house and powder magazine, or their settings, by carefully considering the impact of any development proposals on the listed building or its setting. Applications will be assessed and considered by the Council’s Conservation Officer and their conclusions would be afforded considerable weight in the decision making process.

The headstocks and engine houses at Snibston Colliery are scheduled monuments, but there is no similar general duty as respects scheduled monuments. However, the Council ensures that any applications for planning permission conserve the scheduled monument and its setting in the same way by carefully considering the impact of any development proposals on monument or its setting. Applications will be assessed and considered by the Council’s Conservation Officer and Historic England and their conclusions would again be afforded considerable weight in the decision making process.

I can confirm that a recent planning application for a major development on Ashby Road was refused permission and one of the reasons for refusal was that the scale, layout and appearance of the proposed development would erode the setting which contributes positively to the significance of the scheduled ancient monuments that form part of Snibston Colliery.”