

LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2024

QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM MR J PERRY

'In view of the importance of the decisions that may be taken as regards the number of additional properties to be built in North West Leicestershire, and in particular approx. 800 new houses proposed in the West Whitwick plan, would it be advisable to delay/postpone any & all decisions to a later date?

I ask this question following the recent change of Government & with reference to possible new legislation that has been trailed in the media. Any decisions taken now in haste without knowing the full scope of future legislation could be disastrous for local communities.'

REPOSENSE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

Officers are giving consideration to what these changes may mean for the preparation of the Local Plan. However, it is important that the Council gets a new Local Plan in place as soon as possible to ensure that it remains up to date. Without an up-to-date plan, the Council will be vulnerable to planning applications which may be submitted. Therefore, it will be important to maintain progress on a new Local Plan, whilst taking account of changes announced by the government.