

LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM MS G ARMSTON

'For clarity, I am specifically referring to the West Whitwick proposal to build 500 houses from New Swannington to Talbot Lane. SHELLAs states that C47 is undeliverable as it is landlocked at the Talbot Lane end and is hardly ideal at the Church Lane end with possibly another 1000+ vehicles using what is already a busy lane. In my opinion, C77 also has major issues like access, topography and subsidence to name a few. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to spend time and resources on finding sites that are deliverable and remove this from the local plan?'

REPOSENSE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

The Council's SHELAA was published in 2021. At that time site C47 was considered to be unachievable as access would be required via third party land. Since then, a site promoter has come forward who controls both C47, AND also C81 which is off Church Lane. Discussions are ongoing with the highway authority regarding access issues to these two parcels of land. In terms of site C77, there is a different potential developer who is interested in this site and who is aware of the challenges it poses but believes that a suitable development can be achieved.