

## **LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2024**

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION**

#### **QUESTION FROM MR J PERRY**

'Following previous objections made re: the inclusion of West Whitwick Valley in the Local Plan, I have been researching the policy documents for the production of the Local Plan & note that the promoters for the land development have advised NWLDC in detail as to the formulation/structure of that plan. They also suggested various amendments to the plan which were subsequently adopted. I also note that the same promoters are also advising the various landowners for plots C47 and C77 as to how best to get their land included in the Local Plan.

Does this demonstrate sufficient independence, given the significance of these decisions? There appears to be a risk that there could be undue influence to include particular plots of land in the overall plan.'

#### **REPOSENSE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE**

'The role of Council officers is to advise members based on their professional knowledge and judgement. In terms of preparing a Local Plan this has to be based on good information. This requires liaising with a broad range of different people and organisations, both from within the public sector and the private sector. The latter includes landowners and others promoting sites for development.

It is the case that the site promoter has set out a number of comments on the draft Local Plan policies as they are entitled to do and as have others, whether they are supporting or opposing various aspects of the plan. The responses to all of these comments will be brought before future meetings of this Committee in due course.'