

COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025

ITEM 11 – PETITIONS

Petition Summary/Background

Draft NWL Local Plan 2020-2040 - We strongly oppose the proposal to build nearly 800 properties from Talbot Lane, Whitwick, through New Swannington into Coalville. Which will destroy our green space, and have a devastating impact on wildlife, our environment and on local resources. We also strongly oppose plans which will lead to Whitwick and Thringstone becoming part of Coalville Town, this will destroy our heritage, historical identity and communities.

Action petitioned for

We, the undersigned, are concerned residents who urge NWLDC to act now to build only our fair share of housing and commercial sites and ensure that proposals to build are designed to minimise the impact on the character of the villages and the facilities nearby. We would also urge that the Council take seriously their responsibilities to reduce building impact on climate change and build affordable housing close to areas of employment and current networks as a priority.

There are 225 valid signatures on the petition, which in accordance with the scheme is an 'ordinary petition'

Process at the meeting

The Council's Petition Scheme sets out the process to be followed at the Council meeting which is as follows:

- The Chair will invite the Petition Organiser to address Council for up to five minutes on the subject of the petition. If the petition organiser is not present at Council, the petition will fail and will not be considered.
- Members may question the petition organiser and make initial comments for five minutes in total.
- The relevant Portfolio Holder or Committee Chair may then address the meeting for up to five minutes.
- There shall be no vote taken on an ordinary petition. A Member may propose that the subject matter be placed on the next convenient ordinary meeting of the relevant Board or Committee. The motion shall be moved and seconded and put to the vote without discussion or debate.
- If no such motion is moved or carried then Council takes no further action with the petition. The petition will be referred to the relevant Director or Service Manager who will respond to the petition organiser in writing within 28 days to explain what happened at Council.