

## **Local Plan Committee - Wednesday 21 June 2025**

### **QUESTION FROM MR C TAYLOR**

With regard to the West Whitwick Valley site, currently all of the closest Primary schools to the development have a total available capacity of 10 pupils and the closest secondary schools are currently over capacity by 93 pupils. These figures also include for schools that fall outside of the catchment area for Whitwick. I cannot see anything within the plan for any construction of additional Primary and Secondary schools to accommodate the additional demand created by the extra 550 houses to be constructed on the West Whitwick Valley site - also other close development sites will require additional places in schools. Can you tell me what plans are in place to start construction of these schools prior to any houses being built ?

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

An Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) identifies what additional infrastructure will be required to support new development and is informed by advice from infrastructure providers. In terms of education, that is Leicestershire County Council. In terms of primary education, it identifies that, at this time, it is anticipated that demand from development in the Coalville Urban Area (which includes the west of Whitwick site) can be met from spare capacity at existing or two new schools in the Coalville Urban Area. In terms of secondary education, the County Council will look at options to accommodate demand in the Coalville Urban Area through the expansion or reconfiguration of Castle Rock or Newbridge schools. The developer of this site would be required to make a financial contribution to any additional accommodation that is required, commensurate to their impact as required under the Community Infrastructure Levy regulations.