

LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2025

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Question from Mr M Elton

‘The West Whitwick area was historically an area of sheep farming, but I am not totally clear which particular part of the site was used for sheep dipping. Sheep dip sites lead to arsenic and organophosphate contamination, which is extremely hazardous to the health of builders and potential residents if the site is developed. I have researched Part 2A of the Environment Protection Act 1990 and understand that the Council should hold records about potential areas of contamination. What steps will the council take to ensure that homes are not built on contaminated soil in the area?’

Response from the Chair of the Local Plan Committee

‘The Council’s Environmental Protection Officer has advised that as the site is currently agricultural land and sheep dipping is an agricultural use, it wouldn’t be considered under Part 2A of the EPA 1990 so it would only be assessed if a change of use that would introduce new receptors was proposed. Furthermore, they have confirmed that farm sites would require land contamination risk assessments as part of any planning application process.’