

LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2025 6pm

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Question from Mr M Elton

'C77 is owned by World Habitat formally known as East Midlands Housing so it is likely that any building is going to be social or affordable housing. Therefore it will be public money, funded by government grants, which will be used to build on this site. This steep valley has an underground stream, surface coal seams and underground gas. We have been advised by an ex developer that this site will be extremely expensive to develop. Do the Local Plan Committee, therefore feel that this would be a good use of public money to develop this site?'

Response from the Chair of the Local Plan Committee

'A decision as to whether or not it is appropriate to undertake development at site C77 having regard to costs alone is for East Midlands Housing as the prospective developer to determine, it is not for the Council to judge if it represents a good use of public money. The Local Plan is concerned with determining, from a planning perspective, whether it is appropriate for sites to be developed. In this instance it is considered that site C77 is appropriate.'