

## **LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2025 6pm**

### **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

#### **Question from Mrs G Baker**

'I understand that HS2 safeguarding has now been lifted, a planning application for more than 4 ½ thousand properties at Isley Walton and 300 properties at Broomleys have been submitted and that part of the proposed Twycross new development will extend onto an area of NWLDC. You have also stated that you will continue to plan for 686 properties to be built within the district per year, while the impact of Local Government restructuring on requirements is unclear. From your report it appears that you have already decided that the proposal to build on Packington Nook has also been removed. Basic arithmetic would suggest that further sites will be removed. I am concerned that sites will be taken out of the plan based upon political influence rather than the viability of the site and impact upon the community. Could you explain to me please criteria for withdrawing sites from the New Local Plan?'

#### **Response from the Chair of the Local Plan Committee**

'The site at Packington Nook was identified as a reserve site in the event that the safeguarding for HS2 was not removed as it affected sites that already had planning permission. As the safeguarding has now been removed it follows that a reserve site is no longer required.

The remaining sites are all required in order to ensure that sufficient land is available to meet the identified needs.

Ongoing evidence work, particularly in respect of transport, infrastructure provision and viability will inform final officer recommendations as to whether the identified sites should continue to be included in the plan. The Local Plan Committee will have regard to officers recommendations, but may come to a different conclusion as they are entitled to do.'