

Members of the NWLDC Local Plan Committee

Dear Councillors,

**Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - Items 10**

**Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) submission (Regulation 16) consultation.**

We are pleased to see that this item is progressing after a frustratingly long delay (since its submission to NWLDC on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025) over a possible conflict with one of the basic conditions.

We agree that most of the report presented to you details the issue correctly, but we note a key point that was not passed on to us. Item 3.13 states that: -

**“The response from the Parish Council would benefit from further explanation.”**

At NWLDC’s suggestion we obtained a legal opinion from a specialist planning barrister and passed on the summary of that advice. At no time have we been asked for ‘further explanation’ and we can justify our position to the Inspector should it be required.

Importantly during the delay from submission there have been three major developments locally that have now by-passed our NHP; two outline planning applications from MAG Group (now Prologis) and the Pegasus Group (Isley Woodhouse) as well as recent the acceptance of the Development Consent Order applied for by SEGRO (Freeport).

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**Local Plan – Potential Area of Separation, Diseworth**

We have had sight of the letter sent to you by Protect Diseworth in which they urge you to reject the Officer’s recommendation not to designate an Area of Separation around Diseworth. This is an opinion shared by Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Council (LWDPC), and in fact, has been our standpoint from day one of both the Isley Woodhouse and Freeport projects. Therefore, we echo the plea that you follow your own specialist consultant’s advice that a formal Area of Separation be designated.

You should be aware that Protect Diseworth and LWDPC are working closely to ensure that Diseworth, in particular, is given due consideration and is treated sympathetically, given the cumulative effect of the proposals that closely surround our conservation village.