

Local Plan Committee – Wednesday, 18 March 2026

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM MR ROY TODD

For EMP97 (land south of the Kegworth bypass), please identify, by document title, date and paragraph number, what documentary evidence, if any, was before the Committee in support of the officer recommendation that the allocation is “effective” and deliverable over the plan period with a realistic prospect of delivery under NPPF paragraph 36(c), notwithstanding Sarah Lee’s email of 14 November 2025 recording that:

“To date, we do not have confirmation from LCC Highways that acceptable access arrangements can be achieved”,

that Leicestershire County Council Highways had advised:

“Safe and suitable access unlikely to be achievable... Proposed junction 2 is outside of the red line... there are pressures at M1 J24 therefore advice should be sought from National Highways”,

and that:

“The proposed allocation is at risk if this issue cannot be resolved”,

together with the published site assessment stating that LCC Highways had “concerns about the achievability of acceptable access arrangements” and that Strategic Road Network capacity was “currently unknown”, including any documentary evidence of written agreement in principle from the highway authorities and any evidence of land control or agreements required to deliver access or junction works outside the site boundary.

RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

Paragraph 4.12 of the strategic warehousing report considered by Local Plan Committee on the 19 November 2025 set out the highways-related concerns in respect of site EMP97.

Paragraph 4.13 explained that the site is being recommended for allocation **‘subject to these highways concerns being addressed’**.

If these, or any other technical matters, cannot be addressed to the satisfaction of the Planning Policy Team, the advice to the Local Plan Committee to allocate the site may be changed.