

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2026

ITEM 6 – CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

Scrutiny comments and recommendations made on: Stenson Gardens Update Report

Scrutiny meeting comments and recommendations made: 26 February 2026

Date considered by Cabinet: 24 March 2026

	Comments/recommendations from scrutiny	Advice provided by officers at the Scrutiny meeting	Cabinet response
C1	Proposed housing on site: The financial implications of affordable housing versus market housing were raised. The consensus was that a mixed-use development was preferred which included social housing. Members stressed the need for proper proportion of social housing. It was also suggested that homes be accessible for specific demographics.	Officers explained the budget allocation and the funding plans. The potential for a mixed-use development was acknowledged, and it was confirmed that more work was needed on this once the principle was agreed for housing on the site.	Noted.
C2	Project timeline: The timing of the project was questioned due to the risk of funds being absorbed into the new authority as part of Local Government Reorganisation.	It was acknowledged that time was critical and the aim was to secure maximum revenue within the current lifetime of the authority.	Noted.
C3	Public consultation: The mixed public feedback was noted. Members felt that future marketing and public communication were essential.	Officers clarified they were committed to continued public engagement and communication during the project.	Noted.

<p>R1</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Cabinet encourages the Coalville Heritage Society to investigate the options available to help fund some archaeological investigations on the site when works begin and there is access to the ground.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Cabinet considered the recommendation but was not in support, therefore it was not put to the vote.</p>
<p>R2</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Cabinet undertakes more marketing to showcase the design visuals and promote the project with the aim of gaining more community involvement.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Cabinet was in full support of the recommendation which was put to the vote and approved.</p>