

## **Local Plan Committee – Monday, 29 June 2026**

### **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

#### QUESTION FROM MS GAYLE BAKER

In March 2024 you consulted on a plan for 350 homes on the West Whitwick Broad Location, identified as C47, C81, C78, C86 and C77. For over two years residents have been told this was your proposal, and you have repeatedly answered questions on that basis.

On 13 May 2025, Full Council voted 35–1 for a petition—explicitly referring only to those sites—to be reconsidered by the Local Plan Committee. On 11 June 2025, the Committee resolved to note that petition. You continued to respond to questions about the same 350-home proposal throughout this period.

However, on 4 June 2026, you referred a report to Cabinet and Full Council proposing that the West Whitwick Broad Location and site C48 be merged into a single site for 650 homes.

How do you intend to demonstrate that this represents fair and reasonable consultation with the residents who have engaged with you on the basis of the original 350-home proposal?

#### RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

In the 2024 Regulation 18 consultation, 500 homes were proposed at the West of Whitwick Broad Location and 283 homes were proposed at C48 – Land south of Church Lane, new Swannington, adding up to 783 homes in total.

The Regulation 19 version of the Plan will attribute 650 homes to the combined site, some 133 fewer than when the public were consulted in 2024.

This will now be subject to consultation at Regulation 19 which the Council will undertake in accordance with its Statement of Community Involvement. The Council will consider the issues raised when it determines whether to submit the plan in November 2026.