

**ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH TOWN COUNCIL  
RESPONDENT NUMBER: 24**

**EXAMINATION OF THE NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN**

**Hearing commencing: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Matter 1 – Legal Compliance and Future Plan Review**

It is noted that an additional area of consideration under **1. Legal Compliance and Future Plan Review** has been added asking: **Does the Plan give appropriate consideration to the emerging Neighbourhood Plans: Ashby de la Zouch.**

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council would now wish to make representations on this matter.

The delays in the production of the Local Plan and lack of communication regarding housing numbers has led to delays in the production of the Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan. A Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulation Assessment are currently being produced owing to the level of housing being included in the Neighbourhood Plan, figures that have been adjusted to ensure they are in line with the Local Plan. This has incurred additional costs and delayed the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan. Ashby de la Zouch Town Council accepts that the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be in line with the emerging Local Plan, but at times has been difficult, due to the lack of clarity on the housing numbers being included in the Local Plan. When housing levels for Ashby de la Zouch have been included within the Local Plan no consideration appears to have been given to the draft Neighbourhood Plan, which had far lower figures for Money Hill, or the outcome of the consultation carried out on the Neighbourhood Plan.