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LOCAL PLAN

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Publication Stage Representation Form

North West Leicestershire Local Plan Proposed Submission

Please return this form to North West Leicestershire District Council either by post:

Planning Policy, North West Leicestershire District Council, Council Offices, Whitwick Road, Coalville LE67 3FJ or email planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk no later than **5pm on 15 August 2016**.

This form has two parts-

Part A – Personal Details

Part B – Your Representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details

2. Agent Details

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details for the agent in 2.*

Title	Mrs	
First Name	Clare	
Last Name	Birch	
Job Title <i>(Where relevant)</i>	Chair	
Organisation <i>(Where relevant)</i>	Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds	
Address Line 1		
Line 2		
Line 3		
Line 4		
Post Code		
Telephone Number		
Email Address <i>(Where relevant)</i>		

Part B - Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation: Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph(s) Policy Policies Map

4. Do you Consider the Local Plan is:

(Please tick as appropriate)

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| i) Legally Compliant | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) Sound | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) Complies with the
Duty to co-operate | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The Plan does not designate any areas of Local Green Space despite strong representations being made during the consultation phase by a great many members of the public and local community organisations that areas fulfilling the criteria exist within the District and urgently require protection. Placing the responsibility solely on Neighbourhood Plans is a derogation of the District Council's duty to provide planning protection to "green areas of particular importance" to local communities. Only two Neighbourhood Plans are currently being developed within the District and there is no certainty that either of these will eventually be adopted, being subject to many hurdles including referenda.

In particular, we urge designation of the Bath Grounds Green Corridor between the Royal Hotel and Ashby Castle as Local Green Space as defined under the NPPF to ensure that this area is protected from development. This comprises The Bath

Grounds, Bullens Field, The Memorial Field, and Manor House School Playing Field. The Bath Grounds Green Corridor is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance. It provides Ashby's unique "Countryside in the Town" character affording open vistas to Ashby Castle from South Street and the Royal Hotel in the west. It provides continuity between the main historic sites and buildings within the Town and provides valuable recreational space and playing fields. The community's view of the importance of the area was demonstrated by a recent 2000 signature petition to oppose house building on the Bath Grounds. The Bath Grounds, Bullens Field, Memorial Field and Manor House School playing field are currently designated as Sensitive Areas under the 2002 Local Plan saved policy E1. The Bath Grounds, Memorial Field and Manor House School Playing Field were designated as Recreational Open Space under Policy L14 (not saved). These special protections will be lost if the Publication version of the Local Plan is adopted un-amended. Furthermore, renewal of Ashby Town Council's lease for the Bath Grounds requires them to be designated as "playing fields" in the local plan. In this respect the Plan must be considered unsound in that it does not provide the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternative of designating Local Green Space protection to green areas of particular importance to local communities within the plan area.

(Continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 5 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Para 10.6 should be amended to add consideration of areas to be allocated as Local Green Space, including the Ashby Green Corridor, with the appropriate justification as set out above. A new policy designating Local Green Space within the District including the Ashby Green Corridor is required.

(Continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

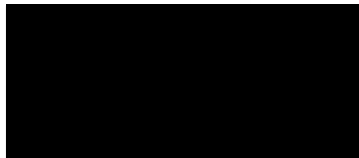
No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination.

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:



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