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Publication Stage Representation Form

North West Leicestershire Local Plan Proposed Submission

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Name or Organisation: Ashby Branch Labour Party

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:
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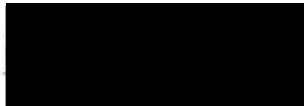
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East Midlands Gateway Development Consent Order

Second Round of Panel of Inspectors' Written Questions

Statement of Common Ground – North West Leicestershire District Council and Derbyshire County Council

In response to the further question issued by the Examining Authority on 17 April 2015, officers of North West Leicestershire District Council and Derbyshire County Council met on 1 May 2015 and have agreed the following statement.

The supporting information submitted alongside this application identifies an Area of Influence. This is defined in the Environmental Statement as the principal area within which the majority of potential employees are likely to be resident and provides a consistent scope for much of the evidence submitted alongside the application. Officers of both Councils are content that this Area of Influence has been appropriately defined, and we have no reason to challenge its definition or the evidence submitted.

In terms of whether the proposed development would be likely to result in an increased need for more housing, it is important to appreciate that it is not possible to quantify, with any degree of confidence, how many people attracted to work at the proposed development, would want to live in the Area of Influence. However, as noted in the original statement of North West Leicestershire District Council, assuming a similar percentage of employees living in North West Leicestershire to that reported at East Midlands Airport, this would only result in an additional 219 employees residing in North West Leicestershire. This is not considered significant.

Furthermore, the development itself will take a number of years to build out (it is understood that 2024 has been suggested as the date by which the site will be built out). The employment created and hence any movement into any part of the Area of Influence will not happen all at once but over a period of time. Therefore, any uplift in localised housing demand is only likely to be fully seen when the development has been implemented for some time.

Under the 'Duty to Cooperate', should the Development Consent Order be granted for the proposed development, the various Local Planning Authorities in the Area of Influence will need to work collaboratively in preparing their Local Plans and / or future reviews of their Local Plans, to ensure that the objectively assessed need for future housing in their respective areas takes full account of the likely economic impacts of the proposed development. Both Councils agree that this is the most appropriate mechanism for considering the future potential housing provision implications of the proposed development.

A key aim of both Councils is to seek to maximise opportunities for existing residents in the area to secure job opportunities as part of the proposed development. To this end, both Councils support the need for an Employment Scheme as part of the



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Policy

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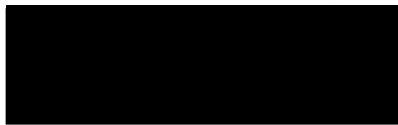
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The Plan does not designate any areas of Local Green Space despite strong representations being made during the consultation phase by a great many members of the public and local community organisations that areas fulfilling the criteria exist within 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, Bullen's 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, Bullen's 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.

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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.

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