

## ISSUES PAPER RESPONSES: GENERAL COMMENTS

**Question 1: Have you any comments on the issues raised in this paper? Are there any other issues that you would like to raise?**

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Summary of Comments</b>
RN01/I Mariners Quay Residents Association	Imperative that there is an overall aim for the future of Loughborough – ‘Market town, city living’, ‘Healthy, wealthy and wise’, ‘Loughborough – the home of Olympic ambition’.
RN03/I Andrew Granger & Co	There should be greater emphasis on tourism including East Midlands airport and its effect.
RN13/I Cllr Houseman	Shortage of cemetery provision borough wide, should meet shortages through s.106 for financial/land contributions. Allocate land in plan for burial ground to meet local needs.
RN18/I Mr & Mrs Chambers	Limits to development at 434 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford cut across land associated with this property. No changes have been made to the boundary lines of this property since 1943. Request that the limits to development are amended to include property.
RN07/3 Mr & Mrs Hyde	New trees should be planted on all new developments, both industrial and domestic.
RN10/3 Charnwood Mental Health Forum	Rich diversity of faith communities has not been mentioned. These should be encouraged to look out to the wider community, and be supported by Council as an important resource for enriching lives of local people.
RN24/I Thorpe Acre 2000	Thorpe Acre 2000 would like to be included in future consultation on the LDF. The LDF should propose the conversion of the old Garendon Deer Park into a District Level Country Park within the Borough’s Green Spaces Strategy. There is a pressing need for access to wild countryside for people to the north of Loughborough. Borough should use ingenuity to landscape this park for the conservation and development of wild flora and fauna, manage and give controlled access for walking, birdwatching and associated benign and healthy activities. The Park is used for short term lease intensive arable farming which is not sustainable, eliminates natural ecosystems. It is understood that the landowners have no long term interests in the land.
RN32/I Stephen George & Partners	Include land off Nottingham Road, Barrow-upon-Soar (map enclosed) within the Limits to Development.
RN34/I T Birkinshaw	How much of the requirements are imposed by central government, Government Office for the East Midlands or East Midlands Development Agency? Can they be challenged?
RN34/I8 T Birkinshaw	Need space for an additional secondary school in south east Loughborough to cater for increased demand and to reduce the need to travel to Quorn.
RN35/I MONO	Telecommunications can reduce the need to travel as large data quantities can be sent electronically. It is also important in playing a vital role for the economic and social fabric of communities. Criteria within LDF should consider siting and design, it should not inhibit operational efficiency (includes suggested policy)
RN37/I Woodhouse Parish Council	Welcome the commitment to taking account of views expressed through support of village design statements and parish plans.
RN37/2 Woodhouse Parish Council	No reference to some key rural issues eg. farming, an important part of the rural economy and has a significant impact on the environment and leisure activity.
RN38/I Syston Town Council	The Borough Council has a responsibility to the quality of life to local communities not just a responsibility to provide acres of development land to meet central government targets.

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RN38/2 Syston Town Council	Many local communities are running out of cemetery land. The Council needs to take a lead in finding/designating land and in compulsory purchase of appropriate land.
RN46/1 Fox Bennett (Leeson)	Consider the inclusion of land north of Forest Road, Woodhouse (map included) in the Local Development Framework.
RN106/1 C.M Leeson	Consider the inclusion of land north of Forest Road, Woodhouse (map included) in the Limits to Development.
RN47/1 Fox Bennett (Clarke)	Consider the inclusion of land at Three Ways Farm, Queniborough (map included) in the Local Development Framework.
RN48/1 Fox Bennett (Ogden)	Consider the inclusion of land at Rearsby House Farm, Rearsby (map included) in the Local Development Framework.
RN49/1 Fox Bennett (Barber)	Consider the inclusion of land at Cossington Lane, Rothley (map included) in the Local Development Framework.
RN45/1 CPRE - Charnwood	Consider consultation has been inadequate – restricted to press coverage and web site to which some people do not have access. Suggest a leaflet is sent to each household. The document is not understandable to the general public. The LDF needs to do more to involve the local community and stakeholders rather than allow the plan to be overly influenced by developers.
RN70/1 GOEM	References to the Structure Plan should read 'Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Structure Plan'.
RN63/1 Action for a Better Charnwood	Consider consultation has been inadequate – restricted to press coverage and web site to which some people do not have access. Suggest a leaflet is sent to each household. The document is not understandable to the general public. Consider process of consultation on this document is flawed to such a degree it is invalid.
RN63/2 Action for a Better Charnwood	Ask – what can the LDF do, how are the stated aims to be achieved and what policies will set out the means of achieving these stated aims?
RN73/1 Storer & Ashby Road Residents Group	Views of local people should be the top priority in terms of material considerations when deciding planning applications. Introduce a Town Council so decisions on big planning proposals in Loughborough are made by people with local knowledge. Enhance staffing in Legal Services so planning enforcement issues can be dealt with swiftly and efficiently. Be more proactive in using Supplementary Planning Guidance to deal with acute situations affecting local populations.
RN70/7 Government Office for the East Midlands	Welcome the approach taken towards the new Local Development Framework format, in particular, the positive efforts you are making to engage the local community and other stakeholders in the process.
RN17/1 I S Mitchell	Is there a visible correlation between powerless consultees and the decision making processes of the Council and its experts.
RN84/1 EM Hare	Consider the deadline for replies and reaction to its contents should have been longer.
RN85/1 Leicestershire County Council	Framework should reflect guiding principles and policies of the Structure Plan until it is replaced by a regional or sub-regional strategy.
RN91/1	Useful and well presented document highlighting important areas that need to be addressed to ensure Charnwood is

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AstraZeneca	seen by individuals as a desirable area to live and is attractive to business as an area for sustainable operation and investment. AstraZeneca is committed to working as part of the community to help achieve these objectives.
RN94/1 Countryside Agency	Issues Paper is concise and clearly set out and broadly in line with the Countryside Agency's vision for 'Planning for tomorrow's countryside'. Welcome the integration with the Community Strategy in terms of achieving the aims and objectives of the Community Strategy and how these can be delivered by the Framework and its policies. Also welcome recognition given to the information contained in community planning documents – village design statements and parish plans. Should also consider Market Town Healthchecks eg. Thurmaston.
RN94/2 Countryside Agency	Framework should include core and robust policy making it clear that the planning authority will actively seek to secure wide ranging social and environmental benefits though developer contributions for communities affected by sizeable development proposals. Countryside Agency has undertaken research into the use of Section 106 agreements (reference to research work included)
RN94/3 Countryside Agency	Include a strong commitment to monitor performance of policies and adoption of set of indicators and targets. Countryside Agency considers specific rural indicators are vital eg. level of rural housing provision in rural settlements, accessibility of employment opportunities and services to rural communities.
RN92/7 Pickford	Area of concern is Prestwold Airfield, which has been subject to several contentious planning applications. Current local plan does not provide guidance for this site and now is an opportunity to provide guidelines. Should prevent it being turned into a major racing circuit. Limits should be placed to prevent it becoming a racetrack, due to noise..
RN100/1 Puxley	Applaud the method of LDF, but there is no joined up thinking in how we tackle such issues. Community cohesion is an issue too for example decisions on student accommodation can affect cohesion of an area and equally have a positive effect upon the economy.
RN107/1 Mr Keeling	Hope the Wymeswold Village Design Statement and the Parish Plan (to be completed) will be taken into account.
RN104/1 WESRRA	Increase the opportunities for bridleways, and safeguard equestrianism. Green Wedges are a problem to equestrian activity. Safeguarding Charnwood's unique assets strongly aligns with equestrian interests, and equestrianism can support this in real ways. LDF should work with rural communities in the context of wider plans, such as EMDA's tourism and agricultural activities. Farm diversification has damaged a number of equestrian businesses, needs to be encouraged in a more considered way. Equestrianism is integral to history and future of rural economy, need to develop a better understanding of equestrian issues.
RN102/3 A Newtown Linford Parish Councillor (anonymous)	Concerned about replacement local plan and structure plan, and how this will affect decisions already on these documents.
RN102/1 A Newtown Linford Parish Councillor (Dr Lowe)	Found it hard to make useful comments because of the way the document is presented, and it being confined to aims, not objectives. I assume the intention is to consult, rather than give that impression. Village Appraisals, Plans and Design Statements prove invaluable in determining what communities want and need, and have the potential to restore local democracy. Parishes lack funds to carry out work, and do not have control to determine what they want to do. There should be control at the lowest level because they have the local knowledge.