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Ref: Charnwood Local Plan 2021
Section HA59 Cossington.

Dear Sir/Madam

I disagree with and strongly object to Section HA59 Cossington.

You state that it focuses development towards intensifying and extending existing urban and suburban areas and larger villages. Cossington is a small village of 186 homes. How is it sound to build another 124 homes which is so disproportionate and will change the character and identity of our small rural conservation village?

You say you consider infrastructure, how will Cassington cope with 124 extra homes when we have one school, one church, one pub? Our main street is regularly used by traffic to and from the surrounding villages and the narrow Humble Lane is a popular cut through for traffic and is a well used route for cyclists and walkers but there is only a small section wide enough for a pavement. Is it sound to disregard the safety of existing residents by increasing the use of these roads?

You state you wish to reflect the importance of the environment but want to build on agricultural land.

The field in question has always had a crop in it and has an ancient footpath along it - Polly Pegs/ Crab Tree Lane - which is very popular and gives excellent views across the field with wild flowers along the edge. The numerous trees surrounding the field play an important part in keeping the air clean and providing a habitat for wildlife and birds. This area contributes to our health and well being and looking after nature, is it sound to destroy it?

Our parish council has identified an area suitable for development on the corner of Main Street and Syston Road which would have less

impact on the village.
Please listen to the voices of those who live in Cassington and wish to see a more sympathetic and relevent growth to our village.

Yours sincerely

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