From: David Hayes[redacted]
Sent: 13 August 2021 15:12
To: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Local Plan Appointment

Hello Liz

Thank you for your reply, but trying to get through via the telephone network is near impossible, and wonder how many people just give up waiting ?? 15mins today 14:58

Today after 15 mins your contact centre advisor, who was very helpful but had no knowledge of the booking arrangements for viewing the local plan, but kindly e mailed someone to phone me to agree an appointment …I would suggest why bother and how difficult this process has been made.

Does this really mean the Council can report the local plan has been made available, but only the most determine will get through the system.

This consultation process is flawed and I request my complaint to be included into the file for gthe inspectorate.

Regards
David Hayes

From: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk <localplans@charnwood.gov.uk>
Date: Wednesday, 11 August 2021 at 08:39
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Local Plan Appointment

Dear David

Thank you for your email.

Paper copies of local plan can be viewed at the Main Reception of the Council Offices at Southfield Road, Loughborough. You will need to arrange a pre-booked appointment which can be arranged by calling 01509 634560. This appointment will not be with a planning officer as we are not undertaking face to face meetings at the moment, however, please do let me know if you have any questions about the local plan or the consultation process?

Thanks,

Liz

From: David Hayes [redacted]
Sent: 10 August 2021 17:08
To: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk
Subject: Local Plan Appointment

I wish to take advantage of meeting a Planning Officer and viewing the Local Plan as publicized.

Look forward to hearing from you

Regards
David Hayes
[redacted]

From: David Hayes [redacted]
Sent: 23 August 2021 11:54
To: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk
Subject: Charnwood Draft Local Plan Consultaion

Importance: High

OBJECTION BEING SUBMITED BY being : Retired Borough Councillor, Deputy Lead Member of Planning within Charnwood Borough Council and Administration

It is with regret that I am submitting a range of objections to this Draft Local Plan 2021-2037 being submitted by Charnwood Borough Council for inspection.

I believe the Council has failed to consult with residents in an open and transparent way. Regular one -way bulletins only turn off the electorate as with a bombarding effect, in fact the Council has created confusion by the lack of transparency being the root cause of this failure. Trying to make an appointment to view the documents has been almost an impossibility and only the most determined get through. (separate complaint has been registered) Certainly a number of friends have told me they gave up, and the mapping on the website is misleading.

The most recent Local plan was adopted in 2015. The plan was scheduled to operate from 2011 – 2028 already some 5 years behind schedule to produce, and costing millions of rate payers money. This new or updated Draft Local Plan running until 2037 has already cost more (£2.5 million at the last count) and in light of the new government NPP, could not meet the government expectations .

I am still waiting for an answer from the Lead Member regarding his commitment that £200 million would be achieved from 106 contributions arriving from these planned developments. I have formerly requested a breakdown of how these contributions would be achieved, plucking a figure out of the air ..does not provide Public confidence or meet the aims of public consultation. Based on past achievements 106 contribution have not realised expectations.

Site proposals within this Draft Local Plan (both Map 1 & Appendix)are in direct contradiction to the Councils own open space strategy and further consideration is required as part of the NPPF policy. Boundaries of Parishes are not being respected and are Parishes are being joined together, with later the abolition of these most needed local communities in the future, which is the reverse of what the Localism Act outlines.

The climate emergency seems to be, largely ignored in order to allow cheap housing to be built, rather than laying out clear policy's to ensure renewables are incorporated at the planning stage. These Polices are weak and will allow more dwellings to be built, which will probably become the slums of the future with large amount of retrofitting to take place at the house owners expense. Taking action now to provide developments fit for purpose in minimising all forms of the local carbon foot print

The Draft Local Plan has a number of inconsistences, for an example. Attached is a map showing the area from One Ash Roundabout going (south) down the A6 with a number of potential development opportunities. While the main map only shows a limited number of development i.e. it is not the same. There is also a question that the map and index shows Policy EV/3 Areas of Local Separation green hatch, and also shows these sites as developments.

I believe this is a deliberate attempt of creating confusion for local people who may not spend hours going through all the appendices.
There is also site locations which appear to have been missed off the main Borough Map from Appendix H thereby showing most of the available open space being developments meaning for the parish of Quorn for

example will become part of Loughborough main town against the Localism Act/Quorn will effectively cease to exist.

Policy: EV11 Air Quality Policy: is “weak” and does not take full account that the village of Quorn has the largest quarry in Europe. The small and limited AQM has not been updated and calls for further monitoring has failed to be actioned.
AQM. A call from a larger AQM to cover the entire parish continues to be ignored. Also a call to include monitoring PM 2.5 is also currently not being measured or recorded.

The following statement made by CBC : *“We will encourage n/hood plans to identify suitable Air Quality Management measures to help improve air quality “* this is an empty statement or commitment that has remained unfulfilled.

Without detailed monitoring of all forms of AIR Quality, developments could be built in an area which is within unacceptable air quality monitoring measurements. Thereby breaking the Governments own Policies.

The Sustainable Construction Policy: This Policy does little to encourage or require building developers to contribute to the green agenda. Global warming is real, all developments need to include better design along with installing elements of green heating , Solar power and make better use of grey water for an example, rather than build slums of the future which will require house buyers in the future to retrofit a range of items to meet environmental targets and legislation.

2.9 In terms of open space and recreation the NPPF states that access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate

In my view the Council has provided a draft local plan that does not meet the legal test and also does not meet all aspects of the Government NPPF.

Further objections are that the Council has deliberately created confusion in the way they have provided and presented information which is misleading and gives a false view of potential sites which some are already being developed.

Map 1
https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/policies_map_1_charnwood_local_plan/Policies%20Map%201%20-%20Charnwood%20Local%20Plan.pdf

Appendix H
https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/appendix_h_may_2021_of_sustainability_appraisal_report/Appendix%20H%20%28May%202021%29%20of%20Sustainability%20Appraisal%20Report.pdf

Submitted
David Hayes
Resident within the area of Charnwood Borough Council