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Planning Inspector  
Charnwood Local Plan Consultation  
By email to the Programme Officer  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Planning in Charnwood Borough on the border with Markfield**

I have been contacted by a number of Markfield residents who are concerned about planning applications in Charnwood Borough adjoining the village and the status of Markfield in the Charnwood Local plan.

There was a previous application which I contacted the Council 21/1260/2 which was passed last year. I have also been contacted about another application which I believe is under consideration for Land South of Markfield Lane Field Head Leicestershire LE67 9PQ, P/22/1031/2.

While I appreciate that I have no influence over Charnwood's work as the local Planning Authority for these applications. I wanted to make you aware of my concerns that the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan should be taken into account.

The village has put a lot of time and effort into ensuring that they have allocated sufficient land available to meet the housing needs of their community. People in Markfield have told me that they are having development forced upon them due to the location of the village directly adjacent to Charnwood Borough.

They are also concerned about the status of Markfield in the Charnwood Draft Local Plan, p.25:

*"2.30 Markfield lies within Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, but the built form of the village lies on the boundary with Charnwood. Markfield is considered to have a range of services and facilities that is consistent with a Service Centre, and our strategy has considered potential growth at Markfield within Charnwood's Borough boundary in this context."*

The reason for this concern is that any monies for infrastructure to support development immediately adjacent would go to Charnwood Borough Council, rather than Hinckley and Bosworth where the services that the new residents would be using would be located.

I understand that the Charnwood Draft Local Plan Hearings are ongoing and my constituents would be very grateful to have the opportunity to put forward their concerns with regard to development adjacent to Markfield at one of the hearings.

I trust that you will give this request due consideration.

Yours sincerely

Dr Luke Evans  
**Member of Parliament for Bosworth**

cc Development Management, Charnwood Borough Council