

Matter 2: Vision, Objectives, Sustainable Development and Development Strategy. 2.1 2.11 2.22.

The Draft Local Plan is centred on using a disproportionate use of greenfield sites (information already supplied). This will have serious consequences for the natural environment, especially it seems no regard for the Charnwood Forest area of the Borough which is being put forward to be a UNESCO Global Geopark.

In my view, the number of dwellings proposed, Anstey will not be able to provide the capacity for employment in the local area, where the motor car is the already the preferred mode of transport. This has been established by the severe levels of traffic in the centre of the village, making this unsustainable development.

The large development PSH255 (HA15) on greenfield and a large amount of Grade 2 land, in my opinion, is not in line with policy (already referred to in my previous submissions). This proposed development encroaches on the village of Woodhouse (small village) and the area of Charnwood Forest. I note this site is not in the Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan. This will have serious consequences for the hamlet of Woodthorpe which will lose its identity with previous development and this development surrounding the hamlet.

In my view, there is a need to support more development on brownfield sites, especially as development during the current

plan has focused on mainly greenfield sites in Service Centres and Other Settlements. The change in the direction of business and industry will free up more brown field sites for development. The evidence used may be out of date with current thinking, a big opportunity missed to provide development on brownfield sites.