

Charnwood Local Plan – Post Hearing Consultation Response

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Re the Charnwood Local Plan Transport Strategies produced by Leicestershire County Council.

I wish to respond to the consultation on the above to register my concerns. Three housing developments are planned in my local area (LE11) adding a further 1350 homes to the area. While I recognise the need for new housing, this must be done in consideration of the impact on the local environment and transport network already in place.

When the existing Haddon Way and Highlands Drive developments were built, it is clear that transport was not given appropriate attention and there is considerable congestion on the roads throughout the development. There is no public transport available to residents on much of the development and none could now be implemented due to the on street parking.

The Local Transport Plan proposes that assessment of transport needs for the indicated developments HA15, HA16 and HA17, will be left to individual developers to determine. Provision of transport for the local area should be based on the needs of the local population and part of a strategic plan by the local authority. It should not be left to developers whose primary consideration is the building and sale of housing. Examination of the existing transport situation is evidence of this, with on street parking leading to congestion and dangerous road conditions for all users. This is particularly a concern given the number of young families in the area with school children walking and cycling on these busy routes.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Yours sincerely
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