

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 9 NOVEMBER 2022**QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 34****Question asked by Mr Phil Sheppard**

“In Leicestershire’s planning for Investment Zones, please remember that land is a finite resource and that land satisfies non-financial needs such as food security and human well-being. Once it’s gone, it’s gone.

I would recommend that Investment Zones are based more on redevelopment than development, therefore going beyond regeneration to include areas which are not dilapidated but have become sub-optimal in terms of land and energy efficiency, functionality and aesthetics. Existing built-up areas can be optimised and green land can remain for the services it provides.

My question therefore is: what criteria will the Commission and the County Council take on which land they will discuss with the Government in respect of Investment Zones?”

Reply by the Chairman

In submitting expressions of interest in Investment Zones, the County Council followed the Government’s guidance.

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