

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 15 MARCH 2020****QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 34****Question asked by Mr David Campbell-Kelly as Chairman of the Willoughby Waterleys Residents Association**

“As Chairman of the Willoughby Waterleys Residents Association, the committee would like to ask the following questions on behalf of its members, relating to strategic growth within the County.

1. We understand that the Strategic Growth Plan is to be reviewed by the Members Advisory Group. As a member of MAG will the County Council seek to ensure that such review will be subject to public consultation before implementation by any MAG member in a Local Plan review?
2. Will the County Council ensure that such review will look at ALL options for strategic growth, including to the west of the City as presented by WWRA 18 months ago. (Updated report available if required)
3. Do the County Council agree that Leicester City's unmet housing need is not yet quantified, pending its Local Plan adoption? Is it also agreed that a Statement of Common Ground will be necessary to allocate any unmet need and will the County Council through the MAG seek to ensure that this is subject to public consultation?
4. Given that the A46 Expressway is not being progressed by Midland Connect, any required infrastructure will need to be funded by development. Why then has The County Council set aside circa £1.5m for Advanced Design Works for a new J20a on the M1?
5. Blaby DC local plan consultation closed on 12th March 2021. Where and what was the County Council's response? Did it highlight that the allocation of strategic sites by Blaby in advance of an agreed Statement of Common Ground would be premature?”

**Reply by the Chairman**

1. If the SGP needs updating, the County Council will want to ensure the SGP is consulted upon before it is approved for use by all partners.
2. The scope and options considered will be determined by the MAG. The County Council will wish to ensure the latest evidence available is taken into account.
3. Leicester's unmet housing need will be quantified through its Local Plan process and a Statement of Common Ground will be prepared by the MAG to

apportion the unmet need across the rest of the housing market area. The Statement of Common Ground will form part of the evidence for individual Local Plans which will be subject to consultation as part of the statutory Local Plan process.

4. It is appropriate to identify funds for potential works which have been identified in a strategy approved by partners.
5. The Cabinet at the County Council will be considering its response to Blaby District Council's New Local Plan Options document on 23 March 2021. Cabinet papers will be placed on the County Council's website on Mon 15 March 2021.