

Member Response to Cabinet Item 9**Charnwood Borough Council's Local Plan**

Dear Cabinet,

I write to you in my capacity as County Councillor for Loughborough East and as well as the Leader of Charnwood Borough Council.

As you may be aware Charnwood's local plan is with the Inspector and is approaching its final stages before it is put before the full council to be voted on before adoption.

The inspector has asked for some further Highway works to be done and presented back. Any delay in this work will delay the adoption of the plan further and give opportunity to speculative development to continue throughout the Borough.

The lead member for planning in Charnwood, Cllr Kanchan Jadeja, has written to Cllr O'Shea twice already to reassure him as the portfolio holder of the new administrations intention to carry on with the current plan.

I see that the paper asks for a public commitment through a resolution at Council. As the next council meeting is not until 4 September this timeline is not practicable and will push any adoption of the plan further in to 2024.

We had a position statement at our last full council 19th June where it was reiterated support for the current plan to move forward and I want to give you that reassurance again today.

I ask for cabinet to withdraw the report and instruct their Highways officer to carry on with the work required by the Inspector and allow the plan to come in a timely manner back to Charnwood for full adoption.

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County Councillor Loughborough East

Leader, Charnwood Borough Council

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