

Submission to Cabinet19th December 2023

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ITEM 14**CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN 2021-37.****COMMENTS FROM MAX HUNT CC**

1. Leicestershire County Council says in the Transport Strategy for Charnwood's Local Plan that "*The principal basis of the overall package of Local Plan/Borough wide highways and transport measures mitigation is firstly to seek to reduce overall levels of carborne trips through maximising sustainable travel opportunities*" other measures are secondary.
2. The duty of Charnwood Borough Council cited in recommendation (b) is to increase the use of sustainable travel modes.
3. The implicit advice now given to Charnwood in Paragraphs 40-41 contradicts these two requirements by focusing on only one modal element of the Transport Strategies.
4. The removal of passenger transport and active travel modes from the funding package is highly questionable and LCC is likely to be asked to justify this at the Hearing in February.
5. New money to replace it is a mirage. Midlands Road funds and Major Road funding is not money available to passenger transport or active travel modes. LITS funding is very limited and not currently available for Local Plans.
The cited new funding for bus improvement is short term and traditionally focused on sparsely populated areas of Leicestershire for good reason, not on Local Plans.
6. The Paper should have brought these matters to light under concluding Environmental Considerations.

In summary the paper presented for Charnwood Borough Council to the Cabinet today looks like a capitulation on sustainable travel and a focus on more traffic congestion with one mode only.

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