

CABINET – 28 OCTOBER 2025**COMMENTS FROM MR ANDREW INNES CC IN RELATION TO AGENDA ITEM 8****Melton Local Plan Partial Update Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground**

I would like to advise Cabinet that there is continuing and growing unrest in the local community about the number of new builds and the allocation of resources to the town... Especially the fact that the GP practice Latham House is struggling to cope with the existing numbers of residents reliant on their services (understood to be one of the largest populations covered by a single GP surgery in the country).

The service offered by Latham House falls way short of what would normally be expected of a GP provision, with regular reports of residents having to wait 6 to 8 weeks for regular appointments or simple blood tests. This is putting the health of local residents at risk. In my opinion this cannot be allowed to continue and there needs to be an urgent review of GP services in and around Melton Mowbray. Whilst I understand that signing the Common Ground statements may not affect the provision, the fact that we refuse to sign an agreement should serve to send notice to all parties that this situation must be dealt with as a matter of urgency. The local ICB have announced that a decision on an additional surgery for the town will now be delayed until 2027.

I have raised a question on this to the Health Scrutiny Committee and have asked for a discussion on the provision to be added to a future agenda on this committee.

The seriousness of the situation needs to be fully appreciated by the Cabinet and I ask that all avenues to address this situation are explored as a matter of urgency

Regards

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