



SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ECO-TOWN

MEETING WITH MR. S. J. GALTON CC, LOCAL MEMBER FOR THE LAUNDE ELECTORAL DIVISION ON 9 OCTOBER 2008

The Panel met with Mr. S. J. Galton CC, local member for the Launde electoral division, who was present to discuss the effects that the Eco-Town might have locally if it were to be approved.

The Panel NOTED the following points that arose from that meeting:

- The Eco-Town proposals appeared to have disregarded some of the work that the County Council had completed in identifying appropriate sites for housing development;
- The proposed development site was viewed as being predominantly green field and there would likely be an adverse affect on the landscape of the local area;
- The Co-op's proposals included provision for seven primary schools and two secondary schools. However there would likely remain an element of parental choice, as some new residents may choose to educate their children at existing schools elsewhere in the area;
- There could be an adverse affect on traffic congestion, schooling, the local landscape and people's day-to-day lifestyles in the locality if the proposals were to be agreed;
- The effects of the development would likely not be felt as heavily in areas outside of Harborough, but there could be an increased level of out-commuting in the area and this could create significant transport pressures in the surrounding villages. Rat running though existing villages such as Thurnby or Houghton would be likely and could be difficult to stop.