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Your ref: Breedon on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan: Our Ref: SD

Contact Mr Stephen Day-Designing out Crime Officer

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Dear Brenda,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Leicestershire Police Designing out Crime Officer (DOCO). I have been requested to comment on behalf of Leicestershire Police in relation to the proposed Breedon on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan as part of the proposed by North West Leicester Council Local Plan Database.

Leicestershire Police support the creation of a new Breedon on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan, which has a primary objective to reflect the community wide views, comments, observations, concerns and ambitions about Breedon on the Hill planning in respect to future applications and their implications.

Leicestershire Police will always attempt to reflect the aspirations of all the residents and people who work, study and pass through the area in the way that they Police the area, and will continue to do so, taking into consideration the contents of future Breedon on the Hill Neighbourhood Plans. Neighbourhood Policing is a central part of Policing with resources deployed to provide visible presence and deterrent to potential offenders and contact for members of the public.

Future planning applications and any additional demand on Policing resources, will need consideration, as currently resources are deployed from areas outside Breedon on the Hill. Due to changes in the Policing estate, Police responses will still be maintained through new innovation and technological advances. Neighbourhood Policing will be maintained and continue to provide a close link to the community they serve and effective community consultation.

To maintain the current levels and to accommodate future additional demand created by population growth and the resultant new dwellings, and associated infrastructure of schools, commercial, retail and other facilities such as open space additional Policing considerations should be taken into consideration.

Open Space is a key issue for Policing within the planning process of new developments with particular attention to Safer Streets issues. Government funding has been focused on providing Safer Routes through Open Spaces with attention to trimming of ground level foliage to 1m and trees to have foliage trimmed to 2m from the ground to provide a 1m clear field of vision. Also lighting, signage and CCTV improvements are under consideration. Any new appropriate Open Spaces should consider these issues, to provide safe transit and use of these areas. Women and girls, as well as all vulnerable persons have been subject to crime and would be able to benefit from early consideration via the planning process.



Paragraph 60 of NPPF 2023 specifically provides that: -.

Section 5 Achieving Sustainable Development

60. To support the government's objective of significantly boosting the supply of homes, it is important that a sufficient amount and variety of land can come forward where it is needed, that the needs of groups with specific housing requirements are addressed and that land with permission is developed without unnecessary delay. The overall aim should be to meet as much of an area's identified housing need as possible, including with an appropriate mix of housing types for the local community.

This will generate increased demand on policing within these areas. Under footnotes further comment is included stating:

(39) The delivery of large-scale developments may need to extend beyond an individual plan period, and the associated infrastructure requirements may not be capable of being identified fully at the outset. Anticipated rates of delivery and infrastructure requirements should, therefore, be kept under review and reflected as policies are updated.

Section 7 Ensuring the vitality of town centres

90. Planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation. Planning policies should:

(a) define a network and hierarchy of town centres and promote their long-term vitality and viability – by allowing them to grow and diversify in a way that can respond to rapid changes in the retail and leisure industries, allows a suitable mix of uses (including housing) and reflects their distinctive characters.

The growth of Town Centres will impact on the demands on policing including the increase in expected population as a result of new housing provision.

Section 8 Promoting healthy and safe communities

96. Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places and beautiful buildings which:

(a) promote social interaction, including opportunities for meetings between people who might not otherwise come into contact with each other – for example through mixed-use developments, strong neighbourhood centres, street layouts that allow for easy pedestrian and cycle connections within and between neighbourhoods, and active street frontages.



b) are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of beautiful, well-designed, clear and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high-quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas; and

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(a) anticipating and addressing possible malicious threats and natural hazards, especially in locations where large numbers of people are expected to congregate. Policies for relevant areas (such as town centre and regeneration frameworks), and the layout and design of developments, should be informed by the most up-to-date information available from the police and other agencies about the nature of potential threats and their implications. This includes appropriate and proportionate steps that can be taken to reduce vulnerability, increase resilience and ensure public safety and security; and

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Section 12. Achieving well-designed and beautiful places.

135. Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments:

(f) create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users; and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience.

Hence the inclusion of a police contribution to Leicestershire Police is a Priority consideration.

Policing is a 24/7 service resourced to respond and deploy on an "on demand" and "equal access" basis and is wholly dependent on a range of facilities for staff to deliver this. A primary issue for Leicestershire Police is to ensure that new large-scale developments make adequate provision for the future policing needs that it will generate.

At present Breedon on the Hill has no current Policing facilities. However, where additional development is proposed, Leicestershire Police may seek to deploy additional staffing and additional infrastructures to ensure quality neighbourhood community-based policing.

Breedon on the Hill are requested to work with Leicestershire Police by consulting with them on large-scale applications, firstly to gain their perspective from a design front and secondly to understand whether the associated growth would produce a need for additional Policing infrastructure. If this is the case then Leicestershire Police will assess each application on an individual basis, by looking at the current level and location of available officers and then the demand associated with that development.



A request for developer contributions may then be submitted to go towards the additional infrastructure needed to maintain a sustainably high level of policing within the areas covered by Breedon on the Hill Parish Council.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states all relevant authorities have a duty to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder. Leicestershire Police will work closely with our partners to design out these risks wherever possible.

Areas including public space, shop frontages and appropriate security such as shutters should include sympathetic design and be in keeping with local architecture, whilst still providing effective security.

Other key areas where planning can support the local businesses includes the night time economy. Effective planning including lighting and use of CCTV if required will reduce the risk of crime and disorder. In support of managing these requirements providing a 24/7 service Leicestershire Police will continue to provide to residents of Breedon on the Hill.

S106 Agreements

S106 Applications will be applied for in support of health, education provision, open space and other public services and likewise, Leicestershire Police would look to apply for support as a result of any additional policing demand created. Any such funds would allow consideration of equipment or in support of estate to support responses to Breedon on the Hill, though Leicestershire Police will consider estate on an ongoing basis. North West Leicester Council have S106 Agreements in respect to new developments within the area in support of Policing.

Statutory funding via the Policing precept and Government would follow on after occupation of any new dwellings. Also, where new demand is placed on Policing resources due to expansion, Leicestershire Police, North West Leicester Council and Breedon on the Hill Parish Council residents within Breedon on the Hill would benefit from support of the provision of S106 and future S106 bids being considered in support of Policing provision within the Breedon on the Hill Parish Council area.

Consultations on Planning Applications

Current planning consultations referred to Leicestershire Police have provided the opportunity to comment on a number of applications. It would be beneficial if further comment was referred in respect to large developments either residential or commercial.



Also, where there is an increased risk of public safety via open space and large footfall as well as areas relating to changes to the night economy would be appreciated (Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act 1998). Traveller provision is another area where Policing considerations are recommended wherever possible for comment and consideration.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.
Kind regards



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