

NWL PARISH LIAISON

Day/Date/Time: **Tuesday 3rd December 2024 5:30–7:00pm**

Location: **Council Chamber, Stenson House, London Rd, Coalville LE67 3EP.**

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MINUTES

Arrival, grab a drink and mince pie	From 17:00
START TIME	17:30
<p>OPENING THE MEETING. Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services, NWLDC.</p> <p>Paul welcomed all attendees.</p> <p>Following the feedback from parishes Paul shared an update on a number of areas that had been requested by parish and town councils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Local Enforcement Plan went through Cabinet earlier in 2024. Chris Elston will be sharing an online session in January 2025 for an hour. • The Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy and Action Plan which was approved this year will be shared as a briefing note next year. • The Tree Management Strategy for the district is in development and Jason Knight will be sharing an update when it is ready at the next Parish Liaison. • Intending to invite Anna Crouch from Finance to provide an update on the budget for 2025/26 at the next Parish Liaison. • There was interest in the Disabled Facilities Grant review and again the plan is to pull together a briefing note for town and parish councils. 	

- The Car Parking review has been paused for now. There has been a lot of work carried out, but it will not be revisited soon.

DISTRICT WIDE REGENERATION FRAMEWORK. Tom Stanyard, Senior Economic Development Officer, NWLDC. (Requested by parishes in the September survey/feedback)

Tom introduced himself and shared the 'Regeneration Framework' presentation. Tom runs through the background of the document, how the projects were chosen.

The published document of the [District Regeneration Framework](#).

Q – What are the top 10 projects that are included in the framework?

A - 3G pitch in Castle Donington, Ivanhoe line, 'quiet way' being developed in Kegworth, Kegworth market place, Coalville regeneration framework, workspace site development, new ambassador scheme, conserving and enhancing heritage, support rewatering portions of Ashby canal, conserving and enhancing natural environment, visitor economy action plan.

Q – There is a shortage of accommodation, have new spaces been investigated for accommodation?

A – It is early stages currently we note that most of the big accommodation is based at the airport.

Additional information provided following PL:

- There was an accommodation demand report published in 2019, at present any plans to repeat it as the outcome we believe would still be much the same (i.e. not enough and centred in one or two areas of the district).
- To note is that the STEAM data on overnight stays doesn't take into account smaller 'hidden' accommodation from things like AirBNB (not rooms in someone's house but e.g. glamping pods on a farm). There are some plans outlined in the 2019 report which are still valid: <https://minutes-1.nwleics.gov.uk/documents/s26679/Enc.%201%20for%20North%20West%20Leicestershire%20Tourism%20Strategy.pdf>

Q – FIRES document raised, and concerns discussed regarding the CO2 emissions and hedging overgrowing into public walkways.

A – Paul Sanders shares that these are operational concerns, and it would be difficult for the district council to answer those in this meeting.

Q – Concerns raised about the recent consultation and if the district council responded.

A – Tom confirms a response was given from the council as a governing body.

Q – Concerns raised there has been no consultation with NWL town and parish councils or the public. Additionally, questions are asked how projects can be raised to be added to the framework document.

A – Tom shared that due to the tight deadline on the project it was sure to be an imperfect document. The projects that are in the first draft of the document have been pulled from public knowledge to get the document pulled together. Tom shares it is for the district council to lead on and will contact the town and parish councils to discuss what projects are available for the framework.

Feedback will be shared with the town and parish councils to involve in the process and are aware of how the process works.

Chair thanked Tom for the presentation and for sharing.

UPDATE ON THE LOCAL PLAN AND PLANNING REFORMS. Ian Nelson, Planning Policy Team Manager, NWLDC. (Requested by Castle Donington Parish Council)

Ian shared the presentation on the local plan update. Ian updated that the timeframe for submitting local plans has changed from February 2025 to now all plans are now to be submitted by December 2026.

A report is going to the local plan committee on 16th December. A further consultation may be required.

Q – Requests for clarification on number of houses to be built.

A – The need for housing has increased in the district.

Q – Concerns raised about why the district council has been allocated, whilst Leicester City has sold 300 acres of building land.

A – This is not something the district council can answer. It would have been considered for their own unmet need.

	<p>Concerns raised about the amount of infrastructure to houses ratio.</p> <p>Q – Concerns raised about the agricultural area being looked after. A – The local plan does try to get the balance right with the land in the area. The local plan has to confirm with the government’s policy.</p> <p>The local plan goes to 2031. The examination time of local plans are being cut down, they should not take longer than six weeks. When the plan is submitted, it is crucial all the evidence is readily available. There have been two district wide plans that have been carried out in Ian’s career.</p> <p>Q – Concerns raised about the district council taking on board suggestions from the Town & Parish councils. Barriers are being put in the way of the work that is ongoing in the area as the new plan isn’t until December 2026. A – It is an ongoing issue when a new plan is being reviewed whilst there is an existing plan ongoing. It is difficult for the officers when it comes to making recommendations.</p> <p>Q – Confusion as to where Coleorton sits in the plan. A – As the local plan progresses, it will come to a decision as to what the plan is with Coleorton.</p> <p>Chair thanked Ian for the presentation and for sharing.</p>	
	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS – ALL</p> <p>Paul updated parish and town councils that the Peer Review document is now available and will be taken to Corporate Scrutiny Thursday 5th December 2024.</p> <p>The document will be circulated to everyone.</p>	
	<p>CLOSE AND THANKS – Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services, NWLDC.</p> <p>Paul Sanders wished everyone a Merry Christmas, thanked them for attending and look forward to working together in 2025.</p>	
	<p>NETWORKING OPPORUNTITY</p>	
<p>FINISH TIME</p>		<p>19:00</p>
<p>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</p>		

Tell us who you would like to hear from or what information you want to know in 2025
and beyond – community.focus@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Future Parish Liaison Dates

- Tuesday 25th March 2025 – location TBC (Clerks, Chairperson and Cllrs welcome).
- Tuesday 10th June 2025 – location TBC in person (Clerks, Chairperson and Cllrs welcome).
- Tuesday 23rd September 2025 – location TBC in person (Clerks only)
- Tuesday 16th December 2025 – location TBC (Clerks, Chairperson and Cllrs welcome).

***From Paul Sanders, Jason Knight and the
Community Focus Team – Emma, Cat,
Gillian, Jess, Helen and Molly, we hope you
have a great Christmas and look forward to
working with you in the New Year.***

Merry Christmas

