

NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



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You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Newtown Linford Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.15 p.m. at which your attendance is required.

Signed by the Clerk *Hannah Shaw*

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1. **Record of attendance.**
2. **Apologies for absence.**
3. **Confirm and sign minutes of the May Meeting.**
4. **Declaration of Parish Councillors' personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items.**
5. **Police Matters and NHW Update**
  - Crime statistics received for May 2021:  
1 x Criminal Damage reported
  - Theft of wood from bench at Cemetery. Reported to Police 08/06/21. Crime reference 21000316152.
6. **Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.**
7. **Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt.**
8. **Village Governance and Residents**
  - Councillors to consider possible plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2/3/4/5 June 2022.
9. **Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues - report by Tree Warden if in attendance.**
  - **Decisions**
    - a) P/21/0485/2 - 307 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - Proposed single storey rear extension - Grant Conditionally 12/05/21.
    - b) P/21/0744/2 - Ivy House Farm, 72 Main Street - Refurbishment of windows retaining original frames, cutting out perished timber and splicing in sections of new frame. Re-glaze with heritage slim profile double glazing. Replacement of existing non-original casement windows. No objection 10/05/21 - Grant Conditionally 09/06/21.
    - c) P/21/0918/2 - 269 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - Proposed single storey extension to rear of dwelling - No objection 04/06/21 - Grant Conditionally 17/06/21.

Cllr. Tara Pickles had recused herself from discussions regarding this planning application.

d) P/21/0107/2 - Sunday School, Bradgate Road - Change of use of premises from public worship or religious institution to retail shop - Grant Conditionally 08/07/21

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

e) P/21/0450/2 - 9 Cravens Rough, Willoughby, Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford - Demolition of existing dwelling on-site, and the erection of a replacement dwelling and associated development, including new hard and soft landscaping works and a new water treatment plant - No objection 08/06/21

- **Discuss**

f) P/21/1260/2 - Land at Ashby Road, Markfield -Outline planning application for residential development of up to 93 dwellings, public open space, landscaping and associated works. All matters reserved except for access.

g) P/21/1436/2 (Listed Building Consent) and P/21/1354/2 for Roecliffe Hall, Swithland Road - Improvements and installation of timber gates to existing East side site entrance.

- **Appeal Decision**

h) P/20/0712/2 - Browns Hay, Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - Allowed 20/05/21.

- **Trees**

i) P/21/1291/2 - 528A Bradgate Road - T1 Field Maple - Fell

j) P/21/1243/2 - 3 Bracken Hill - T1 Oak tree - crown reduce by 3 metres or to the closest grown point (and remove dead wood - exempt works).

- **Other**

k) CBC Five Year Supply Update received by email 19/05/21 (see **Schedule One**)

l) Premises Licence (Grant) - Box of Smiles Ltd, 65 Main Street - Online sale of alcohol Monday to Sunday 00.00 - 23.59hrs.

m) CBC Local Plan Update received by email 27/05/21 (see **Schedule Two**)

n) Pre-planning consultation received from WHP Telecoms Ltd for a proposed 20m 'Phase 8 monopole' and associated power and transmission cabinets on Markfield Lane (see **Schedule Three**)

**10. Bob Bown Memorial Field**

- Quotation received with respect to tree works identified through the recent Duty of Care Tree Inspection (see **Schedule Four**)
- Wicksteed Play Ltd carried out the new equipment installations between 24/06/21 - 30/06/21. This work has been funded by the National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All grant.
- Heads of Terms for new 21 year fully maintained lease received by email from CBC 13/07/21 and circulated to Councillors on the Bob Bown Memorial Field and Play Park Committee. Rent will be determined by the Chartered Surveyor once terms have been agreed in principle.

**11. Village Magazine.**

**12. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.**

- Facebook group has increased to 355 members.

**13. Village Hall.**

**14. Highways, footpaths, street furniture, traffic, transport.**

- Update on TRO for Newtown Linford and areas surrounding the three Bradgate Park entrances. Residents of Main Street have requested to speak.
- Concerns raised by resident regarding an increase in traffic speeds on Roeclyffe Road since the double yellow line restrictions were implemented (see **Schedule Five**)
- Speed humps, Main Street – Residents have reported problems with HGVs travelling through the village at speed. Properties adjacent to the speed hump by Tyburn footpath are reportedly being structurally affected as is residents' health and wellbeing. Residents have requested removal of the speed hump and consideration of possible alternative measures. A resident has requested to speak on behalf of all affected.
- NatureSpot Wild Space Survey carried out by David Nicholls 02/06/21 (see **Schedule Six**)
- Councillors to consider submitting an application to the Urban Wildflower Verge Scheme for an area on the Groby Lane central reservation. This verge has previously been identified as a LWS but due to poor management, no longer identifies as a LWS. The UWS would allow some of this area to recover. Clerk to advise.
- Street Lighting Column 9 on Bradgate Road has failed its structural test and has been cut and capped for safety reasons. Councillors to consider replacement. Clerk to advise further.

**15. Churchyard and cemetery.**

- Following a topple test carried out on 14/06/21, 21 memorial stones at the Cemetery have been identified as requiring remedial work. One stone has been laid flat due to safety concerns. Others require stakes and ties whilst attempts are made to contact the owners. Clerk to advise further.

- Remedial repairs have been carried out to both the entrance and exit gates at the Cemetery prior to replacing the exit gate. Farm gate wheels have been attached to assist visitors when entering and exiting. Clerk to advise further.
- Tree works have been carried out at the Churchyard and Cemetery, including the 3 x Sycamore trees felled 23/06/21.
- Faculty permission received from the Archdeacon for the stone wall rebuild at the Churchyard 25/06/21. BPT rangers and volunteers to undertake the rebuild at their convenience, commencing August. NLPC will need to cover the cost of materials required.

#### 16. Correspondence.

- Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Charnwood Update (see **Schedule Seven**)
- Building Better Hospitals Update received from West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group 09/06/21 (see **Schedule Eight**)

#### 17. Scheme of Delegation

- Councillors are asked to review the motion to provide for delegation to the Clerk, any decision that must be made if the council is incapacitated and unable to hold a meeting.

#### 18. Reports on Meetings and Trainings by Clerk and Councillors.

- Clerk attended LCC Parish Clerks Liaison Meeting 07/05/21
- Clerk attended Charnwood Boundary Review Meeting 19/05/21
- Clerk attended Pre-Submission Charnwood Local Plan - Virtual Update 05/07/21

#### 19. Items of interest or for future meetings.

#### 20. Finance.

- AGAR submitted to external auditors, PKF Littlejohn 06/05/21

#### Authorisation for payment of invoices: -

10.05.21	Shaw & Sons Ltd.	Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial Book	£132.00
12.05.21	BHIB Ltd	Insurance Premium 2021/22	£746.80
21.05.21	SC Maintenance	Grass Cutting Schedule Invoice 1 of 4 for 2021/2022 period	£3425.00
28.05.21	HS	May Broadband and Out of Plan Calls	£50.96
28.05.21	HS	May Salary	£1049.18
08.06.21	LCC	Bradgate Road Replacement Street Lighting Column	£1455.59

14.06.21	ICO – Information Commissioner’s Office	Data Protection Renewal Fee	£40.00
16.06.21	APB	Village Hall Rent	£437.50
24.06.21	EY Book-keeping	Pension Services – Re-enrolment and Declaration of Compliance	£15.00
24.06.21	HMRC	NI and Tax Contributions Quarter 1	£387.64
24.06.21	Arboreco Ltd	Churchyard & Cemetery Tree Works	£780.00
28.06.21	HS	June Broadband and Out of Plan Calls	£52.29
28.06.21	HS	June Salary	£1024.98
01.07.21	LCC	Markfield Lane Removal of Street Light and LED Upgrade	£1094.45
02.07.21	NEST	Pension Contributions	£42.35
12.07.21	PWLB	Loan Repayment	£2468.06
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£13,201.80</b>

**Bank Balances:**

Business Current Account @ 20/07/21 £ 1,767.89  
Business Reserve Account @ 20/07/21 £ 70,000.00

**Total £ 71, 767.89**

**22. Dates of next Parish Council Meeting.**

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 7.15pm

**Schedule One - CBC Five Year Supply Update 19/05/21**

Update for Borough, County, Town and Parish Councillors

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to update you on the Borough’s Five-Year Supply position. We have now completed our annual update of housing land supply and are due to publish an updated figure on our website on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The Local Plan Project Board has been monitoring the five-year supply and Cllr Bailey, Lead Member for Planning, has asked for this email to be issued to all elected representatives to explain the latest position.

The latest data on deliverable housing land supply shows Charnwood have a total of **3.34 years of supply** against the recently updated nationally set local housing need figure of 1,111 homes a year.

This means the **Council cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of housing** as of 31 March 2021. The position at the last update in November 2020 showed 4.1 years of supply as of 31 March 2020 and the lack of supply continues to have consequences for the way planning decisions are made.

The lack of five-year supply reflects the substantial increase in the housing number set by Government, which the supply is measured against. It's fair to say that had Government not amended the housing need targets, we would be significantly closer to having a five year supply this year.

Other factors include the rate of homes that are built. There are enough homes with planning permission in Charnwood to meet the new five-year housing need target twice over but these sites are not due to deliver sufficient homes in the next five years.

Developers and market forces determine that rate of delivery, not the Council. The three large sustainable urban extensions which account for a large number of those permissions are complex to deliver but there are still many other sites which have not progressed.

The Council did foresee this problem arising and last year wrote to the Secretary of State, asking to suspend the requirement for a five year supply, as the number and pace of planning applications through the planning process were constrained because of the pandemic.

Being able to demonstrate a five-year housing supply is important because the National Planning Policy Framework says that local plan housing policies should not be considered up-to-date if the local planning authority cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites. Where this is the case, a presumption in favour of sustainable development applies (para 11 NPPF) and some of our local plan policies will have less weight when making decisions on planning applications affecting how we can control the location of housing development in Charnwood.

The website will set out a list of all the sites that are contributing to the Council's housing supply and you may notice that recent applications approved by Plans Committee are not listed and this is because the Section 106 agreements for these applications are being negotiated and until they are signed the decision to approve cannot be issued. Only houses with permission that can be delivered within five years can be counted in the supply.

Even counting these recent permissions the Council would still have a shortfall in housing supply for the reasons set out above.

Further information is set out in the frequently asked questions attached which will also be available here: <https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/monitoringandresearch>.

Best regards

Richard

Richard Bennett Dip TP MRTPI  
Head of Planning & Regeneration Services

**Schedule Two - Charnwood Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft 2021-2037 Consultation received by email 09/07/21**

Dear Parish & Town Councillors and Neighbourhood Plan Chairs,

### **Charnwood Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft 2021-2037 Consultation – Monday 12 July 2021**

I am writing to inform you that Charnwood Borough Council will be publishing the Charnwood Local Plan 2021-2037 for pre-submission consultation, starting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The Plan and the evidence which supports it are available to view on our website at:

<https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/localplan>

A copy of the Statement of Representations Procedure which formally sets out how to view the Local Plan along with the other supporting documents, and how to make your representations can be found [here](#).

Due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions all documentation is published online. If you are not able to access an electronic copy of the documents a hard copy can be made available to view, by appointment only, at the Main Reception of the Council Offices; to do so, please telephone 01509 634560.

As you will be aware, the Local Plan is an important planning document that once adopted will set out the broad spatial planning policy framework and vision for Charnwood and provide a strategy for delivering growth in the Borough, including strategic development sites, up to 2037. The Plan will be used to help shape major developments, deliver infrastructure, influence economic investment and make decisions on planning applications.

Following on from the earlier consultations, the Plan has been prepared having regard to the issues identified and the evidence gathered over the last few years. This pre-submission consultation concerns the 'soundness' of the plan, a test that a Planning Inspector will apply to it at an Examination in Public, following its submission to the Secretary of State. Representations to the Local Plan will be sent to the Secretary of State to be considered as part of the examination of the Local Plan, rather than the Council responding directly to comments received.

You are invited to make comments [on the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, the Sustainability Appraisal and the other supporting evidence which accompanies it](#). Comments should be made during the six-week consultation period which commences on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and ends on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 5pm**. Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

We encourage all our consultees to make their comments using the online response form which can be found [here](#) during the consultation period.

We understand that some people may prefer to submit comments in a different format by email or by letter. If you are unable to make your comments using the online response form, please send your comments by email to [localplans@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:localplans@charnwood.gov.uk) or by letter to Local Plans Team, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfield Road, Loughborough LE11 2TX.

**Please state your name and your contact details (including email address); and, if relevant, the organisation you represent and your position in that organisation.**

If you are commenting on the Local Plan please state clearly which paragraph or policy does not meet one or more of the tests of soundness, clearly stating the test of soundness, as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. More information on the tests of soundness can be found in the FAQs on our [website](#).

Please note that your contact details will be protected under the Data Protection legislation but your name and any comments you make will be publicly viewable.

Any comments may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address that the Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination, and of its future adoption. Please let us know if you require this service.

The Council is unable to hold the usual exhibitions on the Local Plan around the Borough due to the Covid-19 restrictions. However, officers will be holding two virtual presentations online on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 6-7pm** and on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 6-7pm**. If you wish to learn more about the Local Plan and its preparation, please attend one of the presentations by registering on our [website](#).

Please contact the Local Plans team at [localplans@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:localplans@charnwood.gov.uk) if you have any questions regarding this consultation.

Yours faithfully



Richard Bennett  
Head of Planning and Regeneration

## Schedule Three - Pre-Planning Consultation, WHP Telecoms Ltd

Our Ref: CHD18721

29<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Forest Bradgate Ward Councillors and Newtown Linford Parish Council Members

### **Subject: Proposed 5G Telecommunications Installation for H3G UK**

The purpose of this letter and its enclosures is to inform stakeholders of our proposed installation prior to the submission of a formal planning application. The application will be in the name of CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd who will be responsible for construction of the site, the Operator will be H3G better known as Three.

As you will see we have already undertaken several steps in the site identification process having examined the Radio Communications Agency Mast Register, our record of other operators' sites and the council's own mast register. In addition, the policies in the council's development plan have been examined and any relevant planning history of the site. This has led to us identifying the following potential site:

Site Name/Address:            Markfield Lane  
    Newtown Linford  
    Charnwood  
    Leicestershire  
    East Midlands  
    England  
    LE67 9PQ

NGR:                                E: 451567 N: 310206

Type of Installation:        Proposed 20.0m Phase 8 monopole c/w wraparound cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.

The exact location of the site and a detailed description can be found on the enclosed drawings.

The site identified has been rated Amber under the voluntary Ten Commitments Traffic Light Rating System.



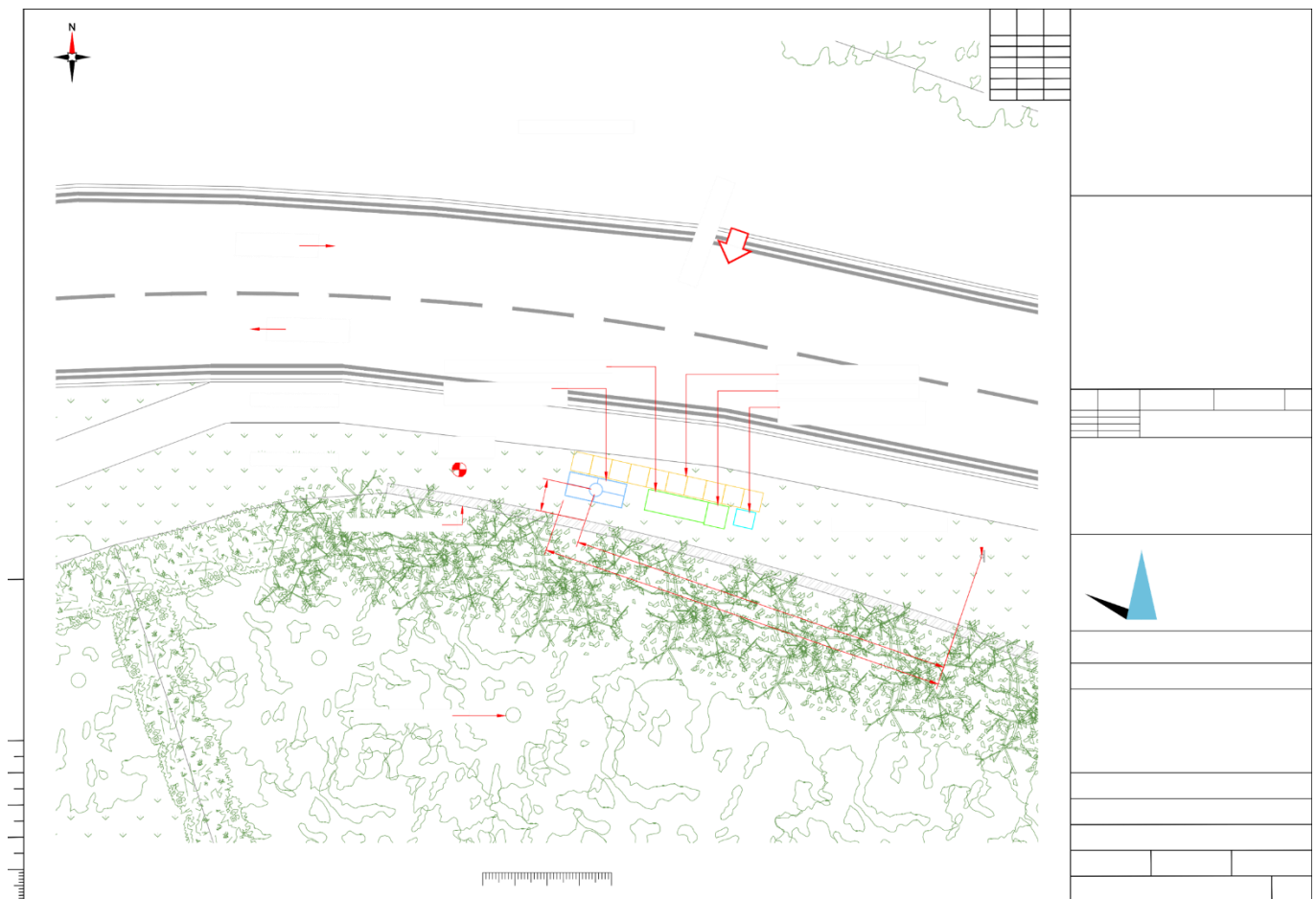
All H3G UK Ltd installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

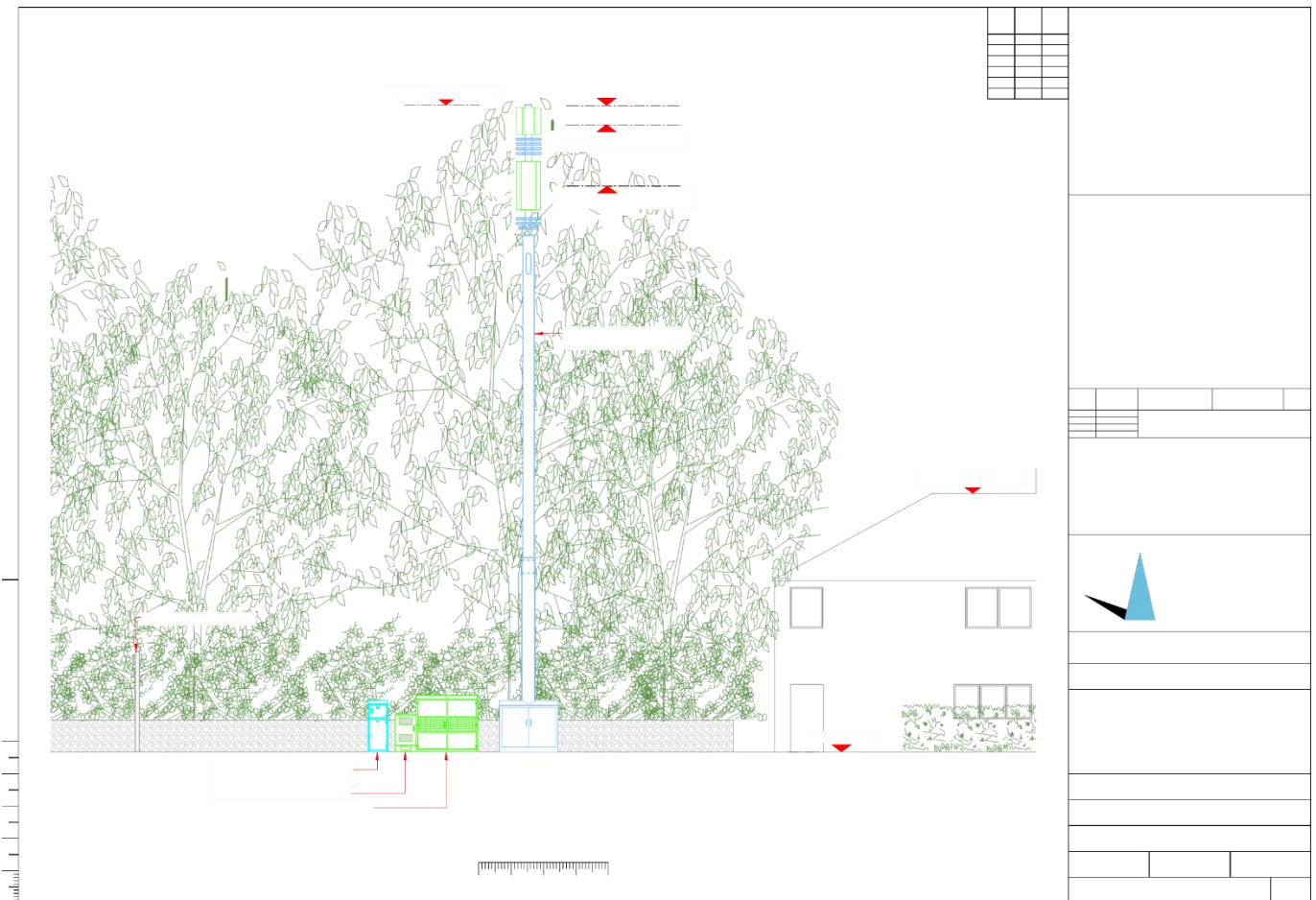
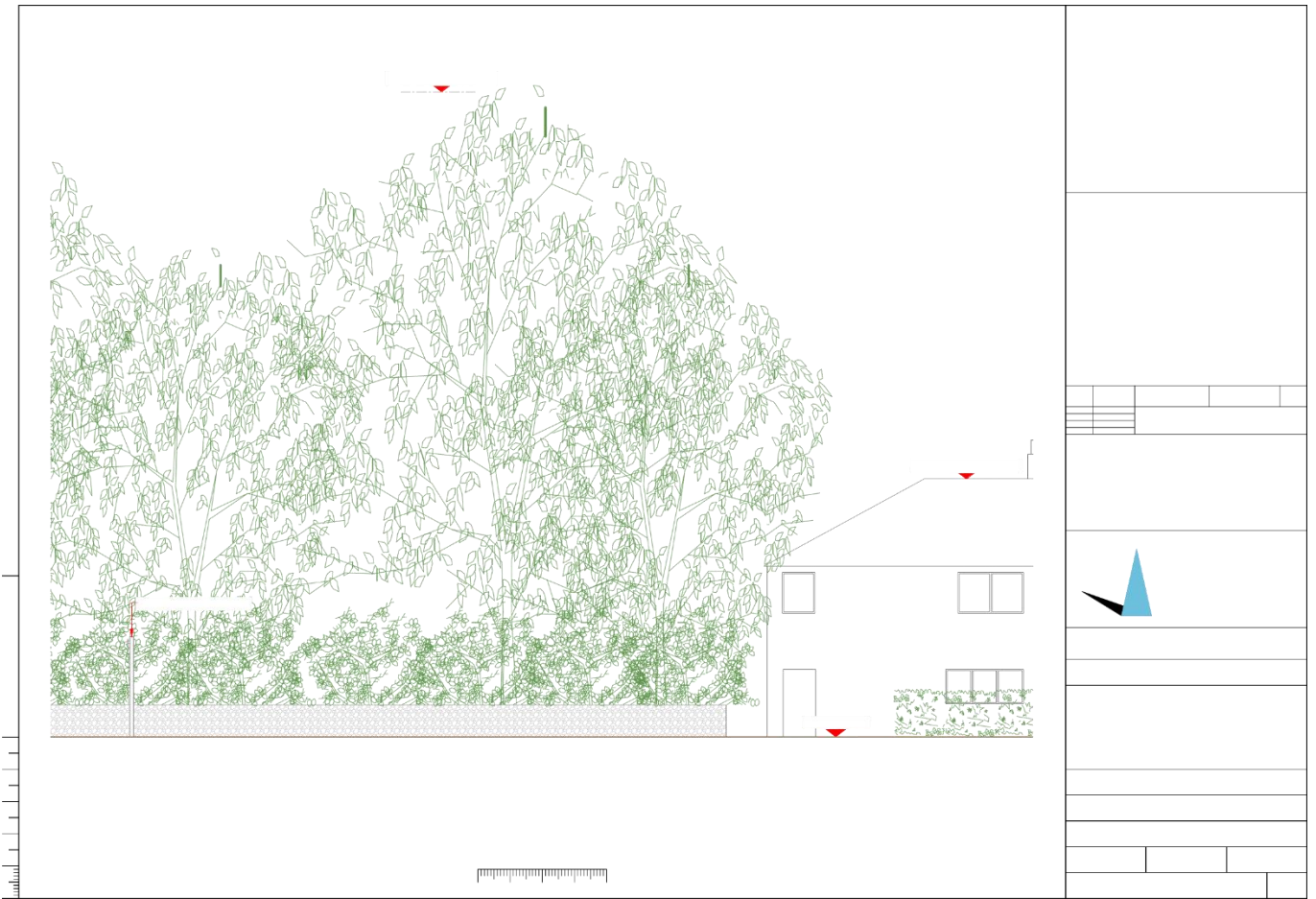
If you have any feedback on these proposals, we look forward to receiving your comments and if you are aware of any other local organisations that are not statutory consultees that you consider should be informed, please let us know and we will endeavour to consult with them.

Yours faithfully,

Susannah Help

[s.help@whptelecoms.com](mailto:s.help@whptelecoms.com)





Schedule Four - Quotation for Tree Works at the Bob Bown Memorial Field, Cemetery and Churchyard



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Leicester  
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Tel: 01455 886 238  
Mob: 07939 224 211

Newtown Linford Parish Council

14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Hannah,

Thank you for the opportunity to quote for your tree work. Please find our quotation and comments below in conjunction with the Symbiosis Survey 7/4/21:

**Bob Bown Memorial Playing Field**

Treeworks specified to T67, T68, T69, and T70

Total cost: **£650.00 plus VAT**

**All Saint Churchyard**

Treeworks specified to T72, T73, T75, T76, and T77

Total cost: **£350.00 plus VAT**

**Groby Lane Cemetery**

Treeworks specified to T78, T79, T80, T81, T82

Total cost: **£950.00 plus VAT**

**Schedule Five – Roecliffe Road correspondence regarding traffic speeds. Email received from residents  
15/07/21**

Dear Mrs Shaw

I write with great concern at the increasing speed of traffic on Roecliffe Road since the double yellow lines were put down in April this year following the parking restriction order.

This is our sixth year living on Roecliffe Road, during which time a significant proportion of vehicles have appeared to exceed the 40 mph limit. We appreciate the occasional traffic enforcement camera visits, and the installation of the permanent solar-powered speed awareness sign. The sign does seem to have helped reduce speeds somewhat.

During the pandemic we were aware of more cars parking along a small 40 mph section of Roecliffe Road (on the Woodhouse side of the Severn Trent water station), which did cause occasional obstruction to the footpath. Following the introduction of parking restrictions this issue has gone, but has been replaced by another. Vehicle speeds appear to have increased, which we suspect is because drivers are more confident there will be no parked cars. Driver attitudes also are more aggressive. I regularly jog along the road to and from Cropston, and with the absence of a footpath I have to use the edge of the roadway. Drivers beep their horns more often and pass with little space whilst remaining at high speed, rather than slowing down and allowing plenty of room. If speeds and attitudes remain as they are, we would strongly favour removal of the parking restrictions along Roecliffe Road, to make drivers less confident of encountering empty lanes.

We realise that our subjective experience can only go so far in arguing for change, and we would welcome publication of any data that supports or refutes our view. In particular, we understand that the speed awareness sign keeps a record of each activation. In the next parish magazine please would you publish summary information showing the proportion and number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit, and by how much, and how that has varied over a time period both pre and post implementation of the parking restrictions.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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Roecliffe Road, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8TN

**Schedule Six – NatureSpot Survey Summary**

*“The survey has found that this verge comprises high quality grassland with an impressive diversity of wildflowers and grasses. The hedge at the rear of the verge adds additional wildlife value and supports a number of wildflower species normally found in woodland, such as Dog's Mercury and Wood Anemone. Several mature trees grow along the verge and the shade adds further to the habitat mosaic, as does the hard-standing around the electrical sub-station.*

*A number of uncommon wildflower species grow here, including Goldilocks Buttercup and Shining Cranesbill. The gentle slope of the verge has probably helped to limit nutrient build-up due to rain leaching these from the soil. Low nutrient soil supports a greater diversity of floral species.”*

**Schedule Seven – Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Charnwood Update**

Dear Ms Shaw

Thank you for your further comments on behalf of Newtown Linford Parish Council. We will consider them carefully. I am expecting that we will publish our draft recommendations on 17 August. We will let you know when that has happened and so we will keep your e-mail contact address for that reason, but we won't use it for any other reason or share it with others. We'll be

asking what people think about the draft recommendations before moving on to make final recommendations. In nearly every review, the draft recommendations consultations have led to changes before we made final recommendations.

We add your comments to our website when we publish our recommendations. Your comments will appear with the number shown in the subject line above. For members of the public, we remove details which would identify you. For those writing in an official capacity, we may publish your name, email and postal address unless you tell us not to. Examples of people writing in an official capacity are MPs, councillors and officers of councils and community groups.

Find details about how we handle your data in our Privacy Policy: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/privacy>.

Help us improve our services by filling in our satisfaction survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JCSH8VL>.

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## **Schedule Eight - £450 million plans for Leicester's hospitals get go-ahead**

Dear colleague

The £450 million transformation plans to improve Leicester's hospitals' acute hospital and maternity services have been given the go-ahead.

The decision was made at an Extraordinary Governing Body meeting this afternoon, hosted by Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Groups (LLR CCGs) following a three-month public consultation last year.

In total there were 5,675 responses to the consultation, which reached out to more than 1.8 million people, providing an opportunity to the LLR population to engage in discussions and provide their opinions on the proposals.

A Decision Making Business Case (DMBC) was presented and discussed at this afternoon's meeting, setting out how the CCGs and University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL) responded to the consultation feedback, any changes made as a result of what people said, and the final plans that the CCGs and UHL intend to take forward.

Overall, there was strong support for the proposals; 58 per cent of those who responded to the survey agreed with the proposal to consolidate services at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and Glenfield Hospital, with a minority 28 per cent disagreeing; 60 per cent agreed with the proposal to create a new treatment centre and 25% disagreed; 64 per cent expressed that they liked the proposal of using increased use of technology; 67 per cent also liked the idea of a primary care centre at the Leicester General Hospital and a majority 77 per cent were in support of a new Children's hospital with 8 per cent opposing the proposal.

The Governing Bodies of the three CCGs recognised that the CCGs had met their statutory duties by ensuring that an effective and robust public consultation process had been undertaken to inform decisions.

They went on to agree the final proposals giving the green light for moving acute services onto two of the current three hospital sites with acute services being provided at Leicester Royal Infirmary and Glenfield Hospital.

The Leicester Royal Infirmary will become host to a new state-of-the-art maternity hospital, also providing a midwifery-led birth centre alongside the obstetric unit. Existing maternity services (services provided in pregnancy, childbirth and post-pregnancy) and neonatal services will be moved from Leicester General Hospital to Leicester Royal Infirmary and breastfeeding services will be enhanced for mothers by providing post-natal breastfeeding drop-in sessions alongside peer support.

The Leicester Royal Infirmary will also see the creation of a new Children's Hospital including a consolidated children's intensive care unit, with the benefit of being co-located with maternity services on the Leicester Royal Infirmary site.

The standalone maternity unit at St Mary's in Melton Mowbray will be relocated at a new standalone midwifery unit at Leicester General Hospital to improve access to this service for women across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and to ensure closer proximity to acute services for mums and babies in the event of an emergency. Responding to feedback received during the consultation, a partnership approach involving patients, clinicians and stakeholders will be developed to assess its long-term viability, phased over a number of years.

Implementation of the proposals will also be supported by significant ongoing improvement work in postnatal services, underpinned by the local work on the Better Births model. This will see more women in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland able to benefit from an expanded team of midwives who will provide continuity of care throughout pregnancy and provide postnatal and breastfeeding support in the community and in people's own homes. These services will remain available to all women – including those from Melton.

All outpatient services will be moved from Leicester Royal Infirmary and Leicester General Hospital to a new purpose built treatment centre at Glenfield Hospital.

For certain aspects of planned care, the local NHS will make better use of technologies by offering appointments by telephone or video call where appropriate.

A new primary care urgent treatment centre will be created at Leicester General Hospital. Based on public feedback, there will be more scoping on proposals for developing services at the centre and further engagement with the public. Services could include observation facilities, a diagnostic service, GP access to imaging facilities, community outpatient services, and additional primary care services to provide family health care to people living in the east of the city.

Additionally, there will be two new haemodialysis treatment units; one at Glenfield Hospital and the second in a new unit to the south of Leicester. There will also be greater use of hydrotherapy pools located in the community.

Changes made to proposals as a result of the feedback will see the entire ophthalmology service maintained at Leicester Royal Infirmary for the provision of a safe service in close proximity of the Children's Hospital; relocating the Brain Injury Unit from Leicester General Hospital to Glenfield Hospital instead of the Leicester Royal Infirmary, in order to provide more scope if there is an increase in demand; maintaining main plastic surgery outpatients and day case activity at Leicester Royal Infirmary to ensure alignment with other adult and paediatric services; and reducing clinical risk and negative impact on the workforce by maintaining Ear, Nose and Throat Services at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Strong views expressed around travel and access have been taken into consideration in the creation of a Travel Action Plan which will see ongoing engagement and improvements to travel and access across the three sites. There will also be an increase in public car parking at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and Glenfield Hospital sites.

The local NHS will continue its communication and engagement on the implementation of these decisions with patients, the public, staff and key stakeholder organisations particularly taking into account the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment.

Andy Williams, Chief Executive for LLR CCGs said: “I’m delighted that our exciting proposals for Leicester’s hospitals and acute and maternity services can go ahead. These major transformation plans will enable Leicester’s hospitals to deliver high quality, sustainable care from modern, state-of-the-art facilities.

“We can now make our £450 million hospital plans a reality thanks to everyone who took part in the consultation. It’s very encouraging to know public support for the proposals generally has been very strong, demonstrating that most local people agree with and welcome the plans. They understand why change is necessary and can look forward to seeing major improvements in the facilities and services they and their families will be able to access in the future. Public feedback has been invaluable in helping us to make the best possible decisions for the future of our hospitals.

“I am confident the agreed proposals will enable us to build hospitals and develop services to be proud of for many generations to come.”

Andrew Furlong, Medical Director at Leicester’s hospitals, said: “Today’s decision is a huge and welcome step forward on the journey to this once in a generation investment in local healthcare.

“I have lived and worked here for over 20 years and I’ve seen first-hand just how much we need to make changes to our hospitals. We have amazing staff, achieving amazing things, but in many cases in buildings and facilities that all too often let us down and with all the pressure that comes from staff and services being spread too thinly across three sites.

“These plans will change that, enabling us to offer significantly improved care and outcomes for our patients and helping us to better manage many of the challenges we face now and in the future.

“Knowing there is so much public support for our overall plans is fantastic and we’re grateful to everyone who took part in the consultation for sharing their views and feedback, which have helped us further shape the exciting future for patient care at our hospitals.” **LLR CCGs**