

MATTER 17 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Issue 17: Has the Plan been positively prepared and is it justified, effective and consistent with national policy in respect of its policies and proposals for neighbourhood planning in Leicester?

476. Does the Plan set an appropriate strategic framework for neighbourhood plans in the City area? Would the Plan's non-strategic policies allow scope for neighbourhood plans to play a positive role in the future planning and development of Leicester, having regard to current progress in their preparation and national policy?

Yes. Table 9 sets out the policies that the council are of the opinion are non-strategic. There are currently no neighbourhood plans or neighbourhood forums within the city following confirmation from the Knighton Neighbourhood Forum that they will no longer be progressing a neighbourhood plan for their area (**See Appendix 1 of this matter statement**). The council will, in line with the requirements of the relevant neighbourhood planning legislation, provide support to any group wishing to prepare a neighbourhood plan.



Status of the Knighton Neighbourhood Forum

From DENNIS FOXON [REDACTED]

Date Fri 2023-10-27 15:07

To planning policy [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Smith,

Regrettably, Knighton Neighbourhood Forum is no longer in a position to develop a neighbourhood plan for the Knighton area.

The delays caused by Covid and the subsequent fall off in interest in doing so made it impossible to continue with our efforts.

Despite attempting to do so on three occasions Knighton Neighbourhood Forum was unable to achieve the necessary quorate general meeting during this period and effectively ceased to exist.

I would like to thank those council officials who assisted us in our efforts and note that many of the issues that most concerned appear to be being addressed by the update to the local plan.

Apologies for not making this clear earlier,

Regards

Dennis Foxon