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Local Plan consultation launches

A plan to shape housing and employment across the District of Blaby in the coming years is being consulted on with residents and local businesses.

The *Delivery Development Plan Document (Delivery DPD)* is the second part of Blaby District Council's overall Local Plan. The Local Plan is an important set of documents that help determine the outcome of planning applications.

The Delivery DPD includes sites for new homes at Kirby Muxloe, Glenfield and Leicester Forest East. An employment site in Enderby is also proposed.

A new policies map shows where development in the district should be focussed, as well as the important environmental assets that should be protected.

Consultation opened on Wednesday 29 November and will close on Thursday 18 January 2018. The Council is inviting residents to view the plans and comment on the proposals within the Delivery DPD.

After consultation responses are reviewed, the proposed document will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination by an inspector. Once finalised, the Delivery DPD and Policies Map will be adopted and, alongside the Core Strategy will replace the *Local Plan 1999*.

Councillor Sheila Scott, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing Strategy, Economic and Community Development, said: "This is a vital document for the Council as it enables us to approve and refuse planning applications on our own terms; ensuring residents get the most appropriate decisions in their area.



“It also gives us the opportunity to protect and improve some of our most vital assets, as well as plan for new homes and employment sites, which are vital to help the district grow in areas we have identified will be most appropriate.”

All Delivery DPD documents and details of how to make comments are available at www.blaby.gov.uk/deliverydpd. Information is also on display in local libraries and at the Council’s Narborough Offices. For further details contact the Development Strategy team via email at planning.policy@blaby.gov.uk or write to the team at Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, LE19 2EP.