

**Blaby District Council Local Development Framework  
Response to Issues Paper**

Q1. What do you like about the District of Blaby ?

No.	Respondent	Response
1.	Kirby Muxloe Parish Council	Convenient rural district on the outskirts of Leicester.
2.	Natural Life Leicestershire County Council	No answer
3.	National Playing Fields Association,	No answer
4.	The Gypsy Council	No answer
5.	LE9 2LT	Rural environment but close to urban facilities and transport links.
6.	Health & Safety Executive	No answer
7.	Grove Park Commercial Centre Ltd	No answer
8.	Alliance & Leicester Plc	Accessibility, diversity, facilities are good – wide ranging forward looking local authority – anxious to try to balance conflicting demands
9.	LE3 2JP	That it has open spaces as well as residential areas, Fosse Park, business park and a lot of potential to become an even more sought after area.
10.	LE9 2DF	No answer
11.	LE19 3ET	Appears to function adequately on a general level (specific operational procedures are unknown to public)
12.	Transport 2000 (Leicestershire)	Its easy access to both countryside and principal urban areas (Leicester, Hinckley, etc)
13.	LE3 8AE	Genuine and sustainable village and small town communities.
14.	Architectural Liaison Officer. Leicestershire Constabulary	No answer
15.	Jelson Limited	No answer

16.	LE18 3TH	Access to countryside
17.	A J Granger	Mixture of large shops/small village communities, good transport access
18.	Cllr E A Webster-Williams	It is a clean and pleasant place to live, well administered and forward looking
19.	LE9 3GB	Attractive villages and open countryside.
20.	LE3 2XH	Clean! I feel safe even walking at night. Civic Centre well situated. Good bus service during the day.
21.	LE19 3LY	Easy access to motorway system and good mixture of housing.
22.	LE3 3AB (Anon)	Mixture of urban and rural areas.
23.	LE2 9JQ	Pleasant mix of urban and rural. Free car parking in Blaby Village Centre.
24.	LE8 4DN	Community atmosphere, recycling schemes
25.	LE3 8PU	Convenient location – city/rural/motorway links.
26.	LE8 5RH	Central rural location with easy access to local towns, cities and motorway links nationwide
27.	Leicester Forest East Parish Council	No answer.
28.	Anon LE3 3LY	The area is in general well maintained with some green wedges separating many areas.
29.	LE9 Anon	No answer
30.	LE8 6LT	Convenient location, good access to Leicester city centre and major motorway network. Low crime and good urban/rural mix
31.	LE8 5RD	It is still primarily rural.
32.	LE19 3ET	It is pleasanter than the neighbouring city of Leicester. It is linked by public transport and provides for relatively easy shopping, some attempt at cleanliness and law and order, support the elderly and provide nurseries for children.
33.	LE9 1SX	A good variety of environments
34.	Cllr Dilks	The way the District has managed to retain, despite massive development, an open, green, semi rural character with trees and grass verges.
35.	LE9 3GG	Its variety, mixture of rural and urban.
36.	LE9 3BA	Rural/urban atmosphere.
37.	A T	No answer.

38.	LE8 5YJ	It is a well run district with good facilities, housing and infrastructure.
39.	Anon	No answer.
40.	Stoney Stanton WI	It's a nice place to live.
41.	Stepping Stones Countryside Management Project	No answer.
42.	LE3 8EH	No answer.
43.	Cllr Alan Tanner	The rural landscape. The people.
44.	Ford & Slater Limited	No answer.
45.	BT Group Plc	No answer.
46.	Persimmon Homes (North Midlands) Ltd	Far enough away from Leicester to feel slightly rural.
47.	Leicestershire County Council (Structure Plans)	No comment.
48.	Department of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Leicestershire County Council	No comment.
49.	Cllr John Kenney	Proximity to open countryside. Well placed on the motorway network. Good shopping centre. Good housing choice.
50.	Blaby Parish Council	It still has a rural feel. This must be safeguarded.
51.	Strategic Planning - SRA	No answer.
52.	Local Strategic Partnership	It was not felt appropriate that the LSP answer this question. Members felt this needed a personal response.
53.	Woodland Trust	No answer.

54.	Glenfield Parish Council	Proximity of the national road network. Proximity and ease of access to open countryside. Proximity to city centre. Mixture of villages and towns.
55.	Sapcote Parish Council	No answer.
56.	LE3 8SD	Surrounded by countryside – good road system.
57.	Aston Flamville Parish Meeting	Location, scale, efficient local services too.
58.	Leicester & Rutland Society of Architects	Large amount of open space/rural character.
59.	Cattrell Associates	No answer.
60.	LE19 4WE	Surrounding countryside, easy access to Leicester City Centre, easy access to motorway system.
61.	The National Trust	No answer.
62.	Billington Road West Elmesthorpe	No answer.
63.	LE2 9HJ	I like living in Blaby District because although I know there is crime about I personally feel safe here. We have easy access to the countryside, good housing, good facilities, good transport links and a good District Council.
64.	LE8 4GD	Not a lot.
65.	Rutland Country Homes	i) Good access to motorway and arterial roads. ii) Proximity to Leicester. iii) Close to attractive open countryside.
66.	LE9 9FW	We think the area is upmarket.
67.	LE2 9JA	It still has a village feel.
68.	Braunstone Town Council	No answer.

69.	Leicestershire County Council (Chief Executive's Department)	No answer.
70.	Network Rail	No answer.
71.	Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc	No answer.
72.	LE19 2JJ (1)	Location on the southern edge of Leicester and relatively easy access to motorway network, major roads and railway system.
73.	Thurlaston Parish Council	Rural village communities. Developments such as Grove Park which incorporate wildlife features. Recycling.
74.	Countesthorpe WI	No answer.
75.	LE19 2JJ (2)	I have been a resident in Blaby District for 45 years and find it to be compact, clean and full of local amenities.
76.	Leicester City Council (Regeneration and Culture)	No answer.
77.	Leicester City Council Investment and Development	No answer.
78.	Next plc (CgMs)	No answer.
79.	LE19 2JJ (3)	Peace and easy access to rail and motorway networks.
80.	House Builders Federation	No answer.
81.	LE9 9SU	The area is upmarket - we like it.
82.	Highways Agency	No answer.
83.	LE9 3HD	No answer
84.	English Nature Eastern area Team	No answer
85.	LE3 8AT	Nearness to Leicester City centre. Easy access

		to Motorways and countryside. Local parks and Charnwood.
86.	LE8 4AQ	No answer
87.	Anon	No answer
88.	LE19 2 JH	Fosse Meadows
89.	LE2 3TJ	No answer
90.	LE9 3EJ	Nice place to live.
91.	LE19 5HG	Good area and relatively easy access to motorway network and roads and railways.
92.	Housing Corporation	No answer
93.	Development Plans Group Leicester City Council	No answer
94.	Nottingham East Midlands Airport	No answer
95.	Powers Estate	No answer
96.	Thorpe Astley community Association	No answer
97.	Blaby W.I	No answer
98.	Leicester and Leicestershire Motorcycle forum Transport Strategy Team Leicester City Council	No answer
99.	Pegasus Planning Group	No answer
100.	LE9 3BA	It is an area with much delightful countryside, small villages retaining much of their original character and in general good facilities for people of all ages.
101.	British Waterways	No answer
102.	The Square, Littlethorpe, Leicester	Good shopping
103.	Leics & Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes	No answer

104.	LE9 7SE	No answer
105.	LE2 4QX	No answer
106.	Glen Parva Environment Group	The countryside and our access to it. i.e. The Great Central Way, Canal Towpath, the fields and Aylestone Holt Spinney.
107.	J S Bloor (Services) Ltd	No answer
108.	English Heritage	No answer
109.	Croft Parish Plan Group	No answer
110.	Wheatcroft & Son	No answer
111.	Taylor Woodrow Strategic Developments.	No answer
112.	Campaign for Dark Skies	No answer
113.	Gordon Smith Associates	No answer
114.	Revelan Group (Gough Planning Services).	No answer.

#### Summary.

A large proportion of respondents considered the District to have a pleasant rural feel with easy access to the countryside, despite the level of development. This was balanced with a view that there was good access to local services and good transport links both locally and nationally. The majority of business interests and statutory consultees did not respond to the question.

Q2. What do you dislike about the District of Blaby ?

No.	Respondent	Response
1.	Kirby Muxloe Parish Council	No answer.
2.	Natural Life Leicestershire County Council	No answer
3.	National Playing Fields Association,	No answer
4.	The Gypsy Council	No answer
5.	LE9 2LT	Too far away from the coast – not much can be done about that!
6.	Health & Safety Executive	No answer
7.	Grove Park Commercial Centre Ltd	No answer
8.	Alliance & Leicester Plc	Lacks a real “identity”. Traffic congestion
9.	LE3 2JP	That County Schools do not take kids into full time school until near their 5th birthday – City take from 4 years.
10.	LE9 2DF	No answer
11.	LE19 3ET	It is important that BDC concentrate on its people and customers and is seen to act in accordance with their wishes. It has been seen to favour development before environment
12.	Transport 2000 (Leicestershire)	The traffic and resultant air pollution around the M1 areas and there is no recognisable town centre for the district itself.
13.	LE3 8AE	Strange geographic spread and remoteness of Glenfield from centre of things
14.	Architectural Liaison Officer. Leicestershire Constabulary	No answer
15.	Jelson Limited	No answer
16.	LE18 3TH	Ineffective traffic calming (humps) systems.
17.	A J Granger	Traffic congestion at peak periods, lack of investment in rural areas
18.	Cllr E A Webster-Williams	It is beginning to be over built
19.	LE9 3GB	Too much traffic – too much speeding through villages and not enough public transport

20.	LE3 2XH	No policing during the evening around Shakespeare Drive area flats
21.	LE19 3LY	Heavy traffic around Huncote landfill site
22.	LE3 3AB (Anon)	Disproportionate amount of spending/community support across the district – e.g. Braunstone Town is very over developed yet does not have designated Community District Officers were required (e.g. Fosse Ward)
23.	LE2 9JQ	Lack of a railway station in Blaby itself as bus service into Leicester is appalling
24.	LE8 4DN	No consultation re. possibility of new supermarket in Blaby
25.	LE3 8PU	Built up and very busy roads
26.	LE8 5RH	Danger of some villages being joined into one mass
27.	Leicester Forest East Parish Council	No answer
28.	Anon LE3 3LY	There is evidence of large developments taking over
29.	LE9 Anon	No answer
30.	LE8 6LT	Countryside not inspiring. Congested roads. Fragmented developments, e.g. Fosse Park
31.	LE8 5RD	Litter and traffic but that goes for everywhere
32.	LE19 3ET	Over developed – allowed one village to merge with another – urban sprawl. Larger communities give greater problems and little community spirit. Traffic can be a nightmare. Care of countryside has not kept pace with the development.
33.	LE9 1SX	Not enough woodland.
34.	Cllr Dilks	The buildings of the inter-war period and post World War II (including shops) which were of their time and unsympathetic to urban and rural locations.
35.	LE9 3GG	Nothing in particular.
36.	LE9 3BA	No answer.
37.	A T	No answer.
38.	LE8 5YJ	No really integrated transport policy.
39.	Anon	No answer.
40.	Stoney Stanton WI	Too much development.

41.	Stepping Stones Countryside Management Project	No answer.
42.	LE3 8EH	Glenfield can feel very isolated and remote from district affairs.
43.	Cllr Alan Tanner	Probably Braunstone, parts of it.
44.	Ford & Slater Limited	No answer.
45.	BT Group Plc	No answer.
46.	Persimmon Homes (North Midlands) Ltd	Difficult access as it is sliced by the M1 and the train line so there are not many crossings, where there are they are always busy.
47.	Leicestershire County Council (Structure Plans)	No comment.
48.	Department of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Leicestershire County Council	No comment.
49.	Cllr John Kenney	No integrated transport strategy. Public transport only seems to operate radially from Leicester – poor links across the District. No theatres, museums, concert venues, sports stadiums, few tourist attractions. New development have low community involvement, they are mostly dormer settlements. We are a long way from the seaside!
50.	Blaby Parish Council	i) Pressure from urbanisation. ii) District Planners are not taking account of Parish views/views of affected residents on planning matters.
51.	Strategic Planning - SRA	No comment.
52.	Local Strategic Partnership	It was not felt appropriate that the LSP answer this question. Members felt this needed a personal response.
53.	Woodland Trust	No comment.

54.	Glenfield Parish Council	<p>Speaking for Glenfield, by the very nature of the boundaries and shape of Blaby District, Glenfield is remote from and has little affinity with Blaby itself, yet Glenfield comprises of a disproportionately large percentage of the population of the district and often feels neglected.</p> <p>This is further compounded by the fact that Glenfield is in a different parliamentary constituency to the rest of Blaby District.</p>
55.	Sapcote Parish Council	No comment.
56.	LE3 8SD	Some local road schemes, planning applications granted that go against local wishes.
57.	Aston Flamville Parish Meeting	Not a lot, nothing worthy of a mention.
58.	Leicester & Rutland Society of Architects	Concentration on retail development at Fosse Park has put excessive pressure on local road network.
59.	Cattrell Associates	No answer.
60.	LE19 4WE	Traffic congestion – increasing HGV vehicles, “school run” parents.
61.	The National Trust	No comments.
62.	Billington Road West Elmesthorpe	No comments.
63.	LE2 9HJ	I can't think of anything I dislike about the district.
64.	LE8 4GD	The District Council and in particular the way letters are written.
65.	Rutland Country Homes	No answer.
66.	LE9 9FW	Too many travellers without planning consent.
67.	LE2 9JA	Traffic – no really Christmas feel.
68.	Braunstone Town Council	No answer.

69.	Leicestershire County Council (Chief Executive's Department)	No answer.
70.	Network Rail	No answer.
71.	Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc	No answer.
72.	LE19 2JJ (1)	Poor provision of parking facilities both to residential developments and local shopping areas.
73.	Thurlaston Parish Council	Traffic congestion – Foxhunter roundabout. Fosse Park. Quarry developments (i.e. Huncote, Croft, Thurlaston). Poor air quality. Pollution/noise from motorways.
74.	Countesthorpe WI	No answer
75.	LE19 2JJ (2)	Not enough places or organisations for young people.
76.	Leicester City Council (Regeneration and Culture)	No answer
77.	Leicester City Council Investment and Development	No answer
78.	Next plc (CgMs)	No answer
79.	LE19 2JJ (3)	Parking in village centres and exploded villages without any infrastructure. Also noise from the M1 motorway and the continuing debate re. the new freight rail link.
80.	House Builders Federation	No answer
81.	LE9 9SU	Too many travellers without planning consent.
82.	Highways Agency	No answer
83.	LE9 3HD	Council Tax too expensive,
84.	English Nature Eastern area Team	No answer
85.	LE3 8AT	It's fragmented "jigsaw puzzle" composition .

		Living in Glenfield one is a little out on a limb.
86.	LE8 4AQ	No answer
87.	Anon	No answer
88.	LE19 2 JH	Fosse Park and the whole of that area.
89.	LE2 3TJ	No answer
90.	LE9 3EJ	Not enough transport links
91.	LE19 5HG	Poor parking facilities both to residential developments and local shopping areas.
92.	Housing Corporation	No answer
93.	Development Plans Group Leicester City Council	No answer
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98.	Leicester and Leicestershire Motorcycle forum Transport Strategy Team Leicester City Council	No answer
99.	Pegasus Planning Group	No answer
100.	LE9 3BA	The need for imposing strict controls and or removal of the large number of adverts on sign posts, street lights etc – better and easier methods of gathering the views of local people from time to time.
101.	British Waterways	No answer
102.	The Square, Littlethorpe, Leicester	Nothing
103.	Leics & Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes	No answer
104.	LE9 7SE	No answer
105.	LE2 4QX	Nothing

106.	Glen Parva Environment Group	Lack of park and ride. Blaby railway station still not re-opened. Above causing traffic problems through Glen Parva – and Aylestone.
107.	J S Bloor (Services) Ltd	No answer.
108.	English Heritage	No answer.
109.	Croft Parish Plan Group	No answer.
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### Summary

There was some concern that 'District' lacked identity and had 'peculiar boundaries' and that the area had recently become overbuilt. In addition, by far the strongest concerns regarded transport issues particularly congestion, pollution, lack of integrated transport and insufficient public transport. The majority of business interests and statutory consultees did not respond to the question.