

Q7. Do you think that crime and anti-social behaviour can be influenced by the design of new developments, & if so, should the LDF include policies that encourage developments that design out crime ?

| No. | Respondent | Response |
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| 1. | Kirby Muxloe Parish Council | Yes |
| 2. | Natural Life Leicestershire County Council | No answer |
| 3. | National Playing Fields Association, | Yes |
| 4. | The Gypsy Council | No answer |
| 5. | LE9 2LT | Yes but it is a minority factor |
| 6. | Health & Safety Executive | No answer |
| 7. | Grove Park Commercial Centre Ltd | No answer |
| 8. | Alliance & Leicester Plc | Yes and Yes |
| 9. | LE3 2JP | Yes, as criminals are more likely to strike in quiet areas and ASB will increase |
| 10. | LE9 2DF | Yes |
| 11. | LE19 3ET | Yes |
| 12. | Transport 2000 (Leicestershire) | Yes on both counts. For example a housing development with one main road and short side roads is better than long rambling "closes" or "mews" |
| 13. | LE3 8AE | Yes |
| 14. | Architectural Liaison Officer. Leicestershire Constabulary | <i>Designing out crime and designing in community safety should be central to the planning and delivery of new development.</i> In line with ODPM and Home Office Advice and reflected in Planning Policy Statements, the LDF should include policies that require that all development be designed in such a way that the potential for crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour is reduced. |
| 15. | Jelson Limited | No answer |
| 16. | LE18 3TH | Yes, there is not enough places where young people can go to promote good social behaviour |
| 17. | A J Granger | Yes and yes |

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| 18. | Cllr E A Webster-Williams | Yes |
| 19. | LE9 3GB | Yes |
| 20. | LE3 2XH | Yes |
| 21. | LE19 3LY | Only to a limited degree |
| 22. | LE3 3AB (Anon) | Yes and yes |
| 23. | LE2 9JQ | Yes to both |
| 24. | LE8 4DN | Yes |
| 25. | LE3 8PU | Of course |
| 26. | LE8 5RH | Yes – future design should try to take note of this |
| 27. | Leicester Forest East Parish Council | No answer |
| 28. | Anon LE3 3LY | Yes of course the District Council should be seen to be acting accordingly |
| 29. | LE9 Anon | Yes |
| 30. | LE8 6LT | Yes and yes |
| 31. | LE8 5RD | Certainly some crime in some areas can be affected by design of new developments so this should be considered where applicable in future |
| 32. | LE19 3ET | Crime and behaviour is a social problem and design of developments is just one factor. Anything that will encourage families (particularly young people) to take a pride in their surroundings will influence their behaviour. |
| 33. | LE9 1SX | Youths need a paved area perhaps with wire fencing and walls to kick a ball against and paved, sloped areas for skate boarding. These can be checked by police. |
| 34. | Cllr Dilks | Yes but care should be taken this does not have a detrimental effect on the appearance or nature of the areas. |
| 35. | LE9 3GG | Yes in both cases. |
| 36. | LE9 3BA | Depends on area and policing. |
| 37. | A T | No answer. |
| 38. | LE8 5YJ | Yes |
| 39. | Anon | Yes |
| 40. | Stoney Stanton | No |

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| 41. | Stepping Stones Countryside Management Project | No answer. |
| 42. | LE3 8EH | Yes but good walking routes need to be designed in to enable access to shops and services. |
| 43. | Cllr Alan Tanner | Yes |
| 44. | Ford & Slater Limited | No answer. |
| 45. | BT Group Plc | Government guidance outlines that positive design can help to reduce crime and should therefore be incorporated into the plan. |
| 46. | Persimmon Homes (North Midlands) Ltd | Yes and yes. |
| 47. | Leicestershire County Council (Structure Plans) | Good design can help to reduce some aspects of crime and anti-social behaviour. Refer to Structure Plan Strategy Policy 10. |
| 48. | Department of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Leicestershire County Council | (Crime and Disorder) – Authorities and developers should endeavour to design out crime, including car crime, and crime affecting personal safety. Designated car parking areas, potential on street parking and footpath and cycleway links should all have natural surveillance. When assessing natural surveillance, the long term effects of landscaping and garden vegetation should be taken into account. |
| 49. | Cllr John Kenney | Certainly! As long as we don't go too far, e.g. fortress type developments. |
| 50. | Blaby Parish Council | Yes |
| 51. | Strategic Planning - SRA | No answer. |
| 52. | Local Strategic Partnership | The LSP supports the concept of the LDF in trying to design out crime. This issue is part of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership policy and an LSP priority. |
| 53. | Woodland Trust | No answer. |
| 54. | Glenfield Parish Council | Yes we do. |

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| 55. | Sapcote Parish Council | Crime and Disorder – The policies of encouraging designs that aim to reduce the potential for crime and anti-social behaviour are supported. Furthermore, it is recommended that BDC takes a proactive approach in encouraging developments that design out crime. |
| 56. | LE3 8SD | Not totally convinced – more and better facilities for the young will make sense. |
| 57. | Aston Flamville Parish Meeting | Yes of course. |
| 58. | Leicester & Rutland Society of Architects | Yes and yes. |
| 59. | Cattrell Associates | No answer. |
| 60. | LE19 4WE | Yes but provision of facilities for young people must be included. |
| 61. | The National Trust | Yes and yes |
| 62. | Billington Road West Elmesthorpe | No answer. |
| 63. | LE2 9HJ | I do think that crime and anti social behaviour can be influenced by the design of new developments and therefore LDF should include policies that encourage developments that try to design out crime. |
| 64. | LE8 4GD | No, this is a myth. |
| 65. | Rutland Country Homes | Definitely |
| 66. | LE9 9FW | Yes and individual plots. |
| 67. | LE2 9JA | Yes and yes. |
| 68. | Braunstone Town Council | No answer. |
| 69. | Leicestershire County Council (Chief Executive's | No answer. |

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| | Department) | |
| 70. | Network Rail | No answer. |
| 71. | Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc | No answer. |
| 72. | LE19 2JJ (1) | Yes, definitely, i.e. through less over crowding by high density developments. |
| 73. | Thurlaston Parish Council | Yes. |
| 74. | Countesthorpe WI | Yes. |
| 75. | LE19 2JJ (2) | Less cut through footpaths, more well lit areas. |
| 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) | This is a funny question. You should already be pursuing such a policy. It comes back to adopting good standards. You seem to answer your own question. |
| 80. | House Builders Federation | The Council should encourage designs that aim to reduce the potential for crime. However, this is but one of a number of planning considerations that it will need to take on board when determining planning applications. Other factors such as density, privacy and site layout, orientation and characteristics, etc, will also be major considerations. |
| 81. | LE9 9SU | Yes. |
| 82. | Highways Agency | No answer. |
| 83. | LE9 3HD | I doubt that you can. We need more Police Patrolling villages. |
| 84. | English Nature Eastern area | No answer. |

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| 85. | LE3 8AT | Yes if at all possible. |
| 86. | LE8 4AQ | Yes the urban environment can have a significant impact on behaviour. |
| 87. | Anon | Yes. |
| 88. | LE19 2 JH | Yes. "Short cuts" and alleyways can become "escape routes" for criminals. Riverside Road Estate in Littlethorpe is one good example of this, there are many others. |
| 89. | LE2 3TJ | Yes |
| 90. | LE9 3EJ | Yes. And yes. Look at Beaumont Leys. |
| 91. | LE19 5HG | Yes definitely, through less over crowding by high density developments. |
| 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 | It seems fairly self evident that design will have a bearing on crime and disorder. Even simple things like inappropriate planting of common areas can present a risk. |
| 97. | Blaby W.I | Anti-Social behaviour is influenced by bad design. Yes they should. |
| 98. | Leicester and Leicestershire Motorcycle forum Transport Strategy Team Leicester City Council | No answer. |
| 99. | Pegasus Planning Group | Whilst designing out crime is to be encouraged; this also has to be considered in relation to overall design requirements. Inevitably there can be a clash between the need to provide for, for example a development which properly links in with other developments as against the need to provide development without footpath linkages |

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| | | so as to avoid opportunities for criminals to escape. |
| 100. | LE9 3BA | Developments should always include a mix of ages, easy access to shops, leisure facilities, chemists, doctors and either improves policing, locally paid policing and links the community care and improvement officers to listen to local needs. |
| 101. | British Waterways | No answer. |
| 102. | The Square, Littlethorpe, Leicester | Yes |
| 103. | Leics & Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes | No answer. |
| 104. | LE9 7SE | Yes. But this is a difficult problem by design alone. |
| 105. | LE2 4QX | Yes |
| 106. | Glen Parva Environment Group | Yes |
| 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 | Yes. |
| 114. | Revelan Group (Gough Planning Services). | It is considered that crime is not generated by building design. Causes are of a social and economic nature. However, it is recognised that the design of buildings and the layout of development can either facilitate or inhibit opportunities for crimes to take place. Therefore, it is considered that the LDF should incorporate policies which seek to advance designs which inhibit opportunities for crimes to be carried out in an unobserved or undetectable manner. |

Summary

A large majority of respondents felt that the design of development could have an impact on the level of criminal or anti-social activity (although it was recognised that this was just one contributing factor amongst many). There was general support for developments that aimed to design out crime, although a few respondents pointed out that this was one of many considerations when assessing proposed development.

Q8. Do you think that new housing required to meet the District's needs should be provided on previously developed or underused land (brownfield sites) or on previously unused / agricultural land (greenfield sites)?

| No. | Respondent | Response |
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| 1. | Kirby Muxloe Parish Council | Brownfield sites (ringed) - preferable |
| 2. | Natural Life Leicestershire County Council | No answer |
| 3. | National Playing Fields Association, | Brownfield |
| 4. | The Gypsy Council | No answer |
| 5. | LE9 2LT | Brownfield whenever possible + see Q4 |
| 6. | Health & Safety Executive | No answer |
| 7. | Grove Park Commercial Centre Ltd | Both |
| 8. | Alliance & Leicester Plc | Brownfield first, then only if necessary, Greenfield |
| 9. | LE3 2JP | Either – as long as more trees and environment friendly initiative are incorporated to compensate |
| 10. | LE9 2DF | Brownfield sites |
| 11. | LE19 3ET | Brownfield sites – with the Council/LCC/Government subsidy where development costs are high |
| 12. | Transport 2000 (Leicestershire) | The sequential approach previously agreed in PPG and RPG should be followed – in other words yes |
| 13. | LE3 8AE | Brown |
| 14. | Architectural Liaison Officer. Leicestershire Constabulary | No answer |
| 15. | Jelson Limited | As suggested above, the Council's DPDs should take a balanced approach to the provision of new housing development. They should allow, as necessary and in appropriate circumstances, for new housing development to take place on sustainable Greenfield sites. DPD policy should make allowance also for new housing development on Greenfield sites within the built up areas in appropriate circumstances and where the impact of the proposals can be |

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| | | satisfactorily mitigated through the use of conditions or obligations. |
| 16. | LE18 3TH | More on brownfield sites |
| 17. | A J Granger | Yes but see Q4 |
| 18. | Cllr E A Webster-Williams | Always brownfield |
| 19. | LE9 3GB | Brownfield |
| 20. | LE3 2XH | If there is no proof that Greenfield sites are not used, yes then use for housing |
| 21. | LE19 3LY | On brownfield sites for preference |
| 22. | LE3 3AB (Anon) | Underused brownfield sites with appropriate facilities and/or support built in to develop a community |
| 23. | LE2 9JQ | See Q4 |
| 24. | LE8 4DN | On brownfield sites |
| 25. | LE3 8PU | Brownfield – always the first choice |
| 26. | LE8 5RH | As far as possible – already used land should be used |
| 27. | Leicester Forest East Parish Council | That the development of land for housing should be kept, where possible and relevant, to brownfield sites rather than Greenfield development. |
| 28. | Anon LE3 3LY | Brownfield sites should take preference |
| 29. | LE9 Anon | Brownfield sites should always be used first |
| 30. | LE8 6LT | Where possible |
| 31. | LE8 5RD | If we have to have more housing and there are few brownfield sites left, then Greenfield should be used as long as its sympathetic to the neighbourhoods involved. |
| 32. | LE19 3ET | Brownfield sites first. Much of Blaby District has already been over-developed. Any alterations here would need to be multi-storey. More problems. |
| 33. | LE9 1SX | Brownfield sites only. |
| 34. | Cllr Dilks | On brownfield sites for the present. Any future development requiring Greenfield land would need radical new thinking. |
| 35. | LE9 3GG | What about question 4 (repeated). |
| 36. | LE9 3BA | Brownfield sites. The Greenfield sites tend to expand. |
| 37. | A T | No answer. |
| 38. | LE8 5YJ | As per question 4, yes. |

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| 39. | Anon | See Q4 (same question?) |
| 40. | Stoney Stanton WI | Brownfield sites. |
| 41. | Stepping Stones Countryside Management Project | See answer to Q4. |
| 42. | LE3 8EH | "Brownfield" land should be used first (subject to the proviso in Q4 above). |
| 43. | Cllr Alan Tanner | More consultation is required. |
| 44. | Ford & Slater Limited | Within the consultation document at 8.2, dealing with housing, various questions are posed including whether the District's housing needs should be provided on previously developed or underused land or on previously unused agricultural land. We are sure the Council will not be surprised to learn that many people, our clients included, agree that the countryside, particularly open areas of countryside more remote from settlements, should be protected for its own sake. Where possible previously developed land should be utilised for housing in accordance with the Government strategy in PPG 3 in preference to Greenfield sites. Moreover, this in turn should be focused on the larger towns and settlements where there is good access to jobs, services and public transport links. |
| 45. | BT Group Plc | On brownfield land. |
| 46. | Persimmon Homes (North Midlands) Ltd | Brownfield and Greenfield should be considered equally. |
| 47. | Leicestershire County Council (Structure Plans) | Brownfield sites should be prioritised for new housing in accordance with Strategy Policy 2 and Housing Policy 3 of the Structure Plan. |
| 48. | Department of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Leicestershire County Council | No answer. |

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| 49. | Cllr John Kenney | If the brownfield site is adjacent to established residential areas, e.g. Jones and Shipman site. |
| 50. | Blaby Parish Council | Brownfield sites. |
| 51. | Strategic Planning - SRA | No answer. |
| 52. | Local Strategic Partnership | The LSP recognises that generally brownfield land is preferable to greenfield sites but consideration should be given to local conditions. Concern was expressed, however, that undue development should not occur in one area and that rural sustainability should not be compromised. |
| 53. | Woodland Trust | No answer. |
| 54. | Glenfield Parish Council | a) Yes, brownfield is always preferable to the use of Greenfield sites. b) Separation zones/Greenfield should be maintained. |
| 55. | Sapcote Parish Council | No answer. |
| 56. | LE3 8SD | Brownfield sites. |
| 57. | Aston Flamville Parish Meeting | A balance of each type of site – both required. |
| 58. | Leicester & Rutland Society of Architects | Concentrate on brownfield sites. |
| 59. | Cattrell Associates | See q.4. |
| 60. | LE19 4WE | Brownfield – if contained within existing village/town communities or next to existing communities. |
| 61. | The National Trust | Normally on brownfield sites, subject to considerations such as accessibility and the availability of services (including the provision of public open spaces). |
| 62. | Billington Road West Elmesthorpe | No answer. |

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| 63. | LE2 9HJ | See answer to Q4. |
| 64. | LE8 4GD | Brownfield sites. |
| 65. | Rutland Country Homes | Ref. answer to Q4. |
| 66. | LE9 9FW | Anywhere that is practical. |
| 67. | LE2 9JA | Yes |
| 68. | Braunstone Town Council | See "Alternative Uses for Employment Area" (Page 16). The Braunstone Town Parish Plan |
| 69. | Leicestershire County Council (Chief Executive's Department) | No answer. |
| 70. | Network Rail | We would support the development of brownfield, previously developed sites ahead of Greenfield sites in line with Government guidance |
| 71. | Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc | No answer. |
| 72. | LE19 2JJ (1) | Yes on either categories of land provided they are identified as "under used" or unwanted for current allocated purposes. |
| 73. | Thurlaston Parish Council | Brownfield sites. |
| 74. | Countesthorpe WI | Brownfield. |
| 75. | LE19 2JJ (2) | Underused and previously developed. |
| 76. | Leicester City Council (Regeneration and Culture) | No answer. |
| 77. | Leicester City Council Investment and Development | No answer. |
| 78. | Next plc (CgMs) | No answer. |

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| 79. | LE19 2JJ (3) | No answer. |
| 80. | House Builders Federation | <p>The HBF cannot really pass comment on the merits of individual sites as different members will have different preferences and land interests. However, it would ask the Council to consider very carefully issues of likely land availability and viability when assessing the merits of different sites as potential housing allocations.</p> <p>Having said that, the HBF considers it likely that a combination of both Greenfield and brownfield development will be necessary and that Greenfield development should only be phased in those instances where it would be likely to threaten brownfield site delivery (which is unlikely to be often) or where there are infrastructure issues that need to be properly addressed.</p> <p>It is also crucial that in terms of land supply components such as commitments and brownfield sites, proper regard is had to the likelihood that not all of these are likely to come forward, and that the Plan can bring forward other sites if annual monitoring points to a housing undersupply occurring.</p> <p>The land supply figure must also take account of demolitions and losses to other uses and the overall housing requirement adjusted accordingly.</p> |
| 81. | LE9 9SU | Anywhere that is practical. |
| 82. | Highways Agency | No answer. |
| 83. | LE9 3HD | Brownfield Sites |
| 84. | English Nature Eastern area Team | No answer. |
| 85. | LE3 8AT | Answer as at 4 above. |
| 86. | LE8 4AQ | Yes new housing should be built on Brownfield sites. |
| 87. | Anon | On Brownfield sites or by converting existing empty sites i.e. factories, shops and empty houses etc. |
| 88. | LE19 2 JH | I think if new housing must be provided, priority order should be, 1 st previously or underused land |

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| | | (Brownfield – but not gardens of existing “ used homes”, 2 nd unused/ agricultural land, and 3 rd limited encroachment on presently designated green belt land. |
| 89. | LE2 3TJ | See Q 4 |
| 90. | LE9 3EJ | Should always be Brown field sites, only when there is a local need other sites should be looked at. |
| 91. | LE19 5HG | Yes on either categories of land. |
| 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 | On Brownfield sites. |
| 98. | Leicester and Leicestershire Motorcycle forum Transport Strategy Team Leicester City Council | No answer. |
| 99. | Pegasus Planning Group | In relation to the provision of new housing, whilst full use should be made of available Brownfield sites and there is a need to properly look at what capacity exists relating to the sites. It is considered that inevitably there will be still a need for the provision of housing on some Greenfield sites throughout the district. |
| 100. | LE9 3BA | No answer. |
| 101. | British Waterways | British waterways generally agrees with the sequential approach to housing allocations. Housing should be directed to Brown field sites, where they are available, before green field sites are utilised. In Blaby, we accept that this is less of an option given that it is a predominantly urban area with limited waterfrontage. |
| 102. | The Square, Littlethorpe, Leicester | Could be both |

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| 103. | Leics & Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes | Yes – see Q4 above. |
| 104. | LE9 7SE | A mixture of both – to allow the flexibility needed to achieve good design. |
| 105. | LE2 4QX | Brownfield or Greenfield sites should be used. Much depends on what the field is currently used for. Some Greenfield sites cannot be used for agriculture and building would be a way forward. |
| 106. | Glen Parva Environment Group | Yes on previously developed or underused land (brownfield sites) |
| 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 | See question 4. |
| 114. | Revelan Group (Gough Planning Services). | <p>The housing needs of the District should be met on land in accordance with the PPG3 search sequence. Firstly, previously developed land in urban areas should be used, then urban extensions in sustainable locations.</p> <p>In Blaby District, it is recognised that the improvements to the strategic highway network in recent years provides locational advantages and incentives to businesses to locate near to the M1. Consequently, older industrial areas are becoming surplus to employment requirements, whether in whole or in part. It is submitted that such areas should properly be considered for housing redevelopment, as a priority.</p> <p>One such suitable location is the surplus employment land situated immediately to the south of Warwick Road, on the western side of Cambridge road, Whetstone.</p> |

Summary

The majority of respondents (some 75%) considered that brownfield sites

should be developed before greenfield sites. This is compatible with the responses to question 4. Some developers and existing business) argued that a more balanced approach should be pursued to the provision of new development, although it is generally recognised that previously developed land should be prioritised where it is sustainable to do so. A number of respondents pointed out that consideration should be given to matters such as accessibility and availability of services.