

P/23/1383/2 Outline Planning Application for proposed residential development of up to 56 no. dwellings including provision of public open space and associated infrastructure (All matters reserved except for access). Land off Melton Road Rearsby Leicestershire LE7 4YR

Queniborough Parish Council would like to object to this application. Given the number of houses proposed the resulting increase in traffic will cause additional problems on the A607 at the roundabout which is already a difficult and busy island at peak times. On Melton Road three further Queniborough developments have been identified in the Draft Local Plan for up to 384 houses. This development will also cause congestion on Rearsby Road as additional traffic from Rearsby will come through Queniborough as a route to Leicester. The Council is increasingly concerned about the effects of developments in the area, the reduction of green spaces between communities, and the implications for infrastructure including, schools, doctors surgeries, police and cemeteries and the planning authority needs to ensure that these requirements are fully assessed and catered for.

The Parish Council is also very concerned over the timing of this application. Although the designation for development of land off Melton Road Rearsby is included in the Draft Local Plan, the government inspector has yet to pronounce on this and the examination in public has not taken place. The inspectors have already raised concerns over Highways infrastructure and it is also possible that Charnwood councillors could vote against its adoption. As this process could well take many months, it is the Parish Councils opinion that this application is reliant on the lack of a five year housing supply putting pressure on the plans committee to grant the application.