

## Charnwood Settlement Hierarchy Assessment

### POINTS ON LACK OF SUSTAINABILITY RELATING TO CHARNWOOD'S SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY ASSESSMENT

1. Charnwood's Settlement Hierarchy Assessment showed that Thrussington has only 4 out of the 11 essential and necessary services and facilities which are considered most important for people's day to day needs. The proposed new development will lead to a huge increase in car journeys to access essential services such as doctors' surgery and nursery schools.
2. Charnwood's Settlement Hierarchy Assessment reported that 30% of those in Wreake Villages worked in Charnwood and 20% in Leicester. The proposed new development will lead to a large increase in car journeys due to the lack of public transport to access work.

More detail if you would like it...

In October 2020 Charnwood Borough Council updated the Charnwood Settlement Hierarchy Assessment (CSHA). The CSHA is important as it ranks settlements in the borough and gives information on the number of services each place has. This is important as National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) advocates *"...development in locations where the need to travel is minimised and the use of sustainable transport modes can be maximised ... .."*

#### **ACCESS TO WORK**

The CSHA reported that 30% of those living in Wreake villages (including Thrussington) work in Charnwood and 20% Leicester. This means that most of the occupiers of the proposed new houses on Old Gate Road would travel by car to work as there is no public transport from the village.

#### **SERVICE AND FACILITIES**

The CSHA lists the services and facilities considered to be **most important to meet people's day to day needs** and states which each settlement has. There are 11 in total.

#### **THRUSSINGTON HAS THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

- Primary School
- High Speed Broadband

#### **THRUSSINGTON DOES NOT HAVE THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

- Food shop (must be open 7 days a week)
- Employment Access

#### **THRUSSINGTON HAS THE FOLLOWING DESIRABLE SERVICES**

- Secondary school access (although this is by bus which is payable for A level students)
- Range of recreation, leisure and community facilities (but no play area)

#### **THRUSSINGTON DOES NOT HAVE THE FOLLOWING DESIRABLE SERVICES**

- Higher order services access (eg furniture shop)
- Doctors' surgery
- Pharmacy
- Post Office
- Pre-school (nursery) care provision

Thrussington has only 4 out of the 11 services considered 'essential' or 'necessary' to meet day to day needs. These services must be accessed in other centres which are beyond walking distance. There is no bus service to and from Thrussington or any dedicated cycle routes leading from the village. The vast majority of occupiers of the proposed new homes would access these services by vehicle.

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAD TO INCREASED CAR JOURNEYS TO ACCESS WORK CONTRARY TO NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY DUE TO THE LACK OF ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT MODES.

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