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 **Jane Toman Chief Executive**

**NEWS RELEASE**

**Residents asked for feedback on proposed Local Plan delivery document**

A consultation has been launched on an important Local Plan document which will shape the district over the coming decades.

The Local Plan Delivery *‘Development Plan Document’* (the ‘Delivery DPD’) will sit alongside the *‘Core Strategy’* to form the overall Local Plan. When finalised, the Local Plan for Blaby District will play a part in the decision on planning applications.

One of the key objectives of the Delivery DPD is to identify sites for housing and employment opportunities. In the initial proposals several options are presented, including site options for the building of approximately 750 new homes in parishes close to the Leicester City border.

The consultation also looks at site options for around 25 hectares of land for employment and business growth, building on other successful areas successfully developed across the district over the last 25 years, including Meridian Business Park and Grove Park.

Blaby District Council is asking residents and partners for their feedback on the early proposals, with the final DPD set to be adopted in late 2017.

Councillor Lee Breckon, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development, said: “This is a significant part of the Local Plan for the Council. The document plans for the needs of the District until 2029, so we encourage all of our residents to review the proposals and let us know what they think.

“It’s important for us to stress that the Delivery DPD is still in its early stages, and no final decisions will be made until we have reviewed the consultation feedback, and the finalised document has been examined by a planning inspector.”

The consultation runs until Wednesday 16 November 2016. To see the documents and fill in the online response form, visit [www.blaby.gov.uk/local-plan-delivery-dpd](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/local-plan-delivery-dpd). Paper copies will be available at the Council’s Narborough offices and local district libraries.

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**Notes to editors:**

25 Hectares of land is equal to 61.78 Acres of land

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