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Sent: 29 April 2025 10:00
To: Local Plan
Subject: Objection to the inclusion of land @ Lea Crescent into the local plan
Categories: Green Category

To Whom it may concern

On behalf of **5th Rugby Newbold Scout Group** , I am writing to express my grave concerns about the proposed development of 20 new residential homes on the land situated at Lea Crescent.

As a long-established Scout Group serving the local community, we provide weekly opportunities for over 140 young people aged 4 to 18 to take part in adventurous, skills-based, and community-focused activities. Our youngest sections — Squirrels (ages 4–6), Beavers (ages 6–8), and Cubs (ages 8-10), Scouts (101/2 -14) — in particular, rely heavily on the green space directly adjacent to our meeting place.

Not only the Scout Group Newbold Rainbows and Brownies and Guides also use the Scout HQ and proposed green space. This put the users at over 200 during nice weather for evening activities. These outdoor areas are essential for safe, age-appropriate outdoor learning and exploration that we can provide every week. The area on Lea Crescent is the only location in the area that provides the suitability necessary to safely host outdoor sessions for children as young as four. With the ever-increasing pressures on what schools can offer, being able to take part in activities and games with peers is vital for a child's development, and it would be a significant loss if we were not able to offer this to our young people.

Furthermore, we are deeply concerned by the removal of the existing bus turn area, which currently serves as the main drop-off and pick-up point for parents and carers. With up to 50 young people arriving during peak times, the loss of this area will force parents and carers to park on nearby residential streets, placing additional pressure on local infrastructure and likely resulting in congestion and inconvenience for residents. This will also significantly increase the risk to young people and their families when arriving at the scout hut.

The impact of this development would significantly disrupt our ability to deliver high-quality Scouting experiences to local children and young people. It would also limit our capacity to grow and serve more families in the area in future.

We respectfully urge the council to reconsider this proposal and explore alternatives that preserve access to green space and essential infrastructure used by long standing community groups like ours.

We strongly recommend that the council investigate the scrub land on parkfield road next to the centenary park area that has been allocated for allotments. This area is much bigger than the proposed site and is available. We do not need more allotments in Newbold as the one site by the Quarry is underused currently.

Yours faithfully,

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