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## September 2024

### Councillor Surgery Success



We ran our first Councillor Surgery on the 17<sup>th</sup> August at the Sapcote Pavilion, from 10am to 12pm.

Many thanks to everyone who turned up, it was great to meet so many residents. Several local issues were raised during the surgery that we will follow up with, including:

- Lack of Bus Services 🚌
- Housing Developments 🏠
- HNRFI 🚰
- Safe Crossings for Mobility Scooters 🛴

Many Thanks to David Findlay too for helping manage the front desk 🙌

We will look at more in the future, especially considering the turn out and queueing to get in 🙌

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## Around the District

### The Victory Show 2024



The award-winning Victory Show will take place over the weekend, Friday 30th August to Sunday 1st September 2024, gates open at 9am daily & close at 5pm daily. Held over a 100-acre site at Foxlands Farm, Cosby, Leicestershire, the Show provides Historical Societies and re-enactments through various forces from several eras and theatres during the period of 1939-45. From Airmen to Infantry, the Victory Show opens a window in time to the fabulous 1940's.

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## Councillor Activities

During August there have been very few training events and/or meetings attended by your councillors:

- Fosse Highcross District Councillor Surgery – 17<sup>th</sup>
- Fosse Villages 'Shaping Our Futures' – 28<sup>th</sup>
- Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Local Plan – 29<sup>th</sup>

After a break during August, we are back to many planned training events and/or meetings, including social functions during September:

- The Victory Show – Cosby – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Blaby Planning Committee – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Sapcote Parish Council – 5<sup>th</sup>
- NPPF Consultation – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Blaby Parishes Group Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup>
- Chairman at Home Charity Event – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Flood Warden Engagement – 14<sup>th</sup>
- Cabinet Executive – 16<sup>th</sup>
- Blaby Macmillan Coffee Morning – 17<sup>th</sup>
- Scrutiny Task & Finish – Contaminated Land Sites – 18<sup>th</sup>
- Training – Finance Without Numbers – 19<sup>th</sup>
- Sharnford Parish Council – 19<sup>th</sup>
- Sharnford Bacon Buttie Morning – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Blaby District Council Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup>
- Blaby Joint Consultative Committee Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup>
- Scrutiny Working Group – iPlan Concerns – 26<sup>th</sup>

## News

- Clean, green sweeping machine hits the streets
- Council Business Support helps local business secure £3 million contract.

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## Important Event in September

**LLR Prepared**

# FLOOD WARDEN ENGAGEMENT

**2024**

LLR Prepared are excited to invite you to our free **Flood Warden Engagement** event.

When: **Saturday 14 September 2024**  
**11:00 - 15:00**

Where: **County Hall, Leicester Rd, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RA**

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

To reserve your space scan the QR code or register online.

Alternatively, please contact our office on 0116 305 6101 or email [emergency.management@leics.gov.uk](mailto:emergency.management@leics.gov.uk)

An opportunity to meet partner organisations, find out about preparing for flooding and learn ways to make your community more resilient!

Talks from:

- Environment Agency
- Lead Local Flood Authority
- Leicestershire Fire & Rescue
- Resilience Partnership

Following on from a successful Flood Warden Engagement event last September, the Local Resilience Forum is already planning this year's event.

This will take place at Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Leicester Road, Glenfield, LE3 8RA from 11.00am to 3pm on Saturday 14th September 2024. The event is aimed at current Flood Wardens and anyone who is interested in becoming a Flood Warden in the near future.

If you're not sure what the Flood Warden role involves and want to find out more, do come along and join us. We have a number of guest speakers lined up, including the Environment Agency, the Lead Local Flood Authority (Leicestershire County Council), Leicestershire Fire and Rescue, the Resilience Partnership and others.

You will need to register using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/8N7jHDignb> or use the QR Code on the poster. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

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## HNRFI Update – Examination

The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange will remain in our monthly reports until the final decision is made by the Secretary of State



## Executive Summary

### Overview

An application has been made by Tritax Symmetry (formerly DB Symmetry) to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and is called the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI).

## HNRFI update – Decision by Secretary of State for Transport expected on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



The decision on HNRFI is unfortunately not a local one, it will be for the new Labour Government through the Secretary of State for Transport Louise Haigh MP.

Your Fosse Villages Conservative Councillors have called on Louise Haigh MP to side with residents and refuse HNRFI. Visit our FB and X @FosseHighcross accounts to see our joint video as shown above.

To find out more about what Blaby District Council has and continues to do on the HNRFI application, visit our dedicated webpage here: <https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/major-developments/hinckley-rail-freight-interchange/>

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## New Local Plan



Work on the new Local Plan for the District continues but is being reviewed following proposed changes to the national planning system.

The government has issued a consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which provides guidance to all Local Authorities about development.

The planning policy reform includes proposals for an increase in new mandatory housing targets for Blaby District. The Council's Planning team is reviewing the consultation to understand how the changes could impact the District.

The new Local Plan would guide development across the District until 2041.

Updates will be provided as soon as there is an understanding of the impact for Blaby District. This will include a review of Local Plan timescales and housing targets

For the latest info on our new local plan, please see Blaby District Council's dedicated webpage: <https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-plan/new-local-plan/>

## Illegal Dumping on Roman Road, Sapcote



August has seen two illegal dumping incidents on the old Roman Road, Sapcote.

The perpetrators have no thought for the countryside and those who enjoy our open spaces, which has been voiced on social media. Unfortunately, whilst many have voiced their anger and concerns on Facebook and other social media forums, hardly any have informed Blaby District Council who are obligated to remove the dump.

It takes no longer to report on Blaby's website than it does to go on Facebook. Follow the link [www.blaby.gov.uk](http://www.blaby.gov.uk) then scroll down and click on **Environmental Issues**, scroll down further to reporting **Fly tipping** and click again. You can now report the issue. Location and, ideally photos, are needed. If you see the illegal activity taking place, then phone the Police. Do not approach or confront the offenders yourselves.



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## Major Blaby District Planning Applications



### 23/0182/OUT – Land off Croft Road, Cosby

Outline planning application for the development of up to 200 dwellings including provision of public open space, associated infrastructure, all matters reserved except for access.

**Application for determination by Planning Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

24/0351/VAR – Land to the west of Autoglass Ltd, Meridian North, Braunstone Town Registered  
Application to vary conditions 2, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17 & 26 and remove condition 8 of planning application 23/0234/FUL

**Application for determination by Planning Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

### 24/0344/FUL – White Gate Stables, Hinckley Road, Aston Firs

Change of use of land from agricultural (currently used for the storage of caravans) to a Gypsy and Traveller site providing for 13 mobile homes with associated hardstanding and landscaping

### 24/0511/OUT - Land North Of Leicester Road Sapcote

Outline Application for the residential development of up to 80 dwellings and associated infrastructure (all matters reserved except access).

### 24/0615/OUT – Land South of Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest East

Outline application for the demolition of buildings, alterations to existing farmhouse, and the erection of up to 145 new dwellings and creation of associated vehicular access to Hinckley Road and pedestrian/cycle access to Beggars Lane, and associated infrastructure and enabling earthworks, with all matters to be reserved except access points into the Site

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## Local Minor Planning Applications

24/0664/FUL - Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, Church Street, Sapcote  
Retrospective application for siting of InPost Parcel Locker

24/0670/HH – Rathlyn, Bumble Bee Gardens, Sharnford  
Single story side extension and application of insulated render to existing coal store and wc

24/0671/DOC – Strawberry Cottage, Hinckley Road, Sapcote  
Application to discharge condition 5 (Archaeological WSI) relating to permission 23/0845/OUT

24/0674/DOC – Strawberry Cottage, Hinckley Road, Sapcote  
Application to discharge condition 18 (Desk Top Study - Contamination) relating to permission 23/0845/OUT

## Planning Enforcement

E24/0230/COU – Land adjacent to B4114, Coventry Road, Sharnford.  
Change of use of a storage yard.

E24/0248/COUCOM – Rugby House, Hinckley Road, Sapcote  
Garages to rear of Rugby House, works to cars.

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