e-petition Fitting security screws to car number plate

Your City & County Neighbourhood Watch Association are supporting this e-petition. We would ask that you get as many of your neighbours, relatives and friends to sign as possible.

We need 100,000 signatures for parliament to even discuss it. Click on the Link below.

YOU KNOW THAT IT MAKES SENSE

e-petition

fit security screws to all car number plates at point of sale & MOT to prevent their theft

Responsible department: Department for Transport

Over 40,000 number plates stolen from vehicle's each year costing over £15 millions but to fit security screws costs 60pence per vehicle By fitting security screws to car number plates at point of sale or MOT takes a couple of minutes preventing YOU the POLICE and others wasting time effort and money SIMPLES!!! INDIA have done it already why can't we?

http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/68647

MELTON BOROUGH

Melton to Secure Major Economic Growth Opportunity

Published Thursday, 19th February 2015

Melton Borough Council has been selected as a national leader of one of the Government’s flagship initiatives for economic growth.

Melton Borough is one of only 11 bids that have progressed to the final stage of selection as a ‘pathfinder’ for a Local Development Order (LDO) on which a Food Enterprise Zone (FEZ) can then be based. The LDO will make the planning process simpler and easier for food and farming businesses that want to invest and expand.

A key focus of the LDO will be to improve the food chain, linking the farmers at the beginning of the food chain, manufacturers who produce the food, distribution partners who deliver it, retail outlets, businesses/establishments who sell it and customers who benefit from the high quality food products.

Cllr Joe Orson said:

“This is a hugely exciting opportunity for the Borough. This initiative will enable us to encourage growth in a major part of our local economy as well as contributing to the sustainability of our rural areas, attracting jobs and economic activity, supporting farmers that wish to diversify and entrepreneurs who wish to set up new businesses, as well as aiding the more established and significant businesses who are already based in Melton Borough.

The LDO will provide incentives to improve skills and training opportunities, provide apprenticeships and create new jobs, and the Council will work with businesses and partners to facilitate these activities. It will also improve the areas ‘leverage’ capability in terms of allowing Melton Borough to secure Food Enterprise Zone status, opening up new opportunities for external investment and funding opportunities through the national Food and
Farming Productivity Scheme (FFPS), and the Rural Growth Fund (EAFRD), which specifically identifies food and drink as a priority sector for the rural areas.

We would anticipate grant opportunities through the Business Gateway model would be promoted to businesses working in the FEZ area and the key needs of the sector will be identified as part of the LLEP’s Food and Drink Sector Growth Plan which is currently being put together."

Further information on LDO’s and FEZ’s is available from DEFRA: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/food-enterprise-zones-created-to-drive-growth

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NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE

Fly tipping, it’s just not worth it

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Residents of North West Leicestershire are being reminded that fly tipping will not be tolerated after a man was fined £1,000 for the offence.

Marcus Cassidy, 38 from Long Eaton, was caught on camera dumping a bath tub, among other things, in Netherfield Lane in Sawley and was fined a total of £1,000 for fly tipping after pleading guilty in court.

Mr Cassidy was caught by one of the council’s mobile cameras, which are installed at fly tipping hot-spots across the district.

Each year a large number of fly tips are cleared by the council across the district, each creating an unsightly mess and posing a danger not just to the environment but also to passers-by.

Ways to dispose of you household waste include:

- A council collection service is available for bulky household waste costing just £19 for up to three items. Call 01530 454545 to arrange a collection.
- There are household disposal sites at Linden Way, Coalville and on Nottingham Road, Lount. Call 0116 305 0001 for more information.
- Local charities are happy to take most things that can be sold on but the resident must make sure they contact the chosen charity before arriving with the goods.

Councillor Alison Smith MBE, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Community Services at North West Leicestershire District Council, said: “Fly tipping is not only ugly to look at, but the nature of what people leave means it can damage the environment and can be dangerous to passers-by. It is something we feel very strongly about and will seek prosecution wherever we can for those caught and continue to combat this blight on our district.

"There are correct ways to dispose of everything, leaving them on the side of the road or in a field is not one of them."

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT

'Swedish Maidens' art project unveiled

Published Wednesday 18 February 2015

A striking art project, which has taken inspiration from Victorian corsets, has been unveiled in Market Harborough.
‘Swedish Maidens’ – created by artist and sculptor Anne Schwegmann-Fielding – has gone on display in The Symington Building in the town and features seven elaborately decorated corset sculptures honouring the building’s heritage as a former Victorian corset factory.

The eye-catching pieces, which have created a buzz both locally and in wider artistic circles, were crafted in intricate mosaic form, from crockery, jewellery, buttons and coins which had been donated by local people.

The title of the project was inspired by a photograph of female factory workers stretching corsets around steam-filled copper forms nicknamed ‘Swedish Maidens’. A real-life example of these can be seen in the town’s Museum.

A poem entitled ‘Swedish Maidens on Parade’, by Martin Newell, is inscribed on the wall alongside the artwork.

A £15,000 Arts Council grant has helped bring the project to fruition. During the commissioning process, a panel consisting of cross-party councillors, district and county council employees, an art expert and an art student from Robert Smyth Academy deliberated a number of submissions from artists before choosing ‘Swedish Maidens’.

The artwork was officially unveiled on 17 February 2015, in the company of distinguished guests and those involved in the project. It is now on permanent display to the public in the main entrance of The Symington Building.

Artist Anne Schwegmann-Fielding said: "This has been one of the most inspiring projects I’ve worked on in over 20 years. My aim was to revive the rich cultural history of the building by creating a series of mosaic corsets using new materials, bringing past and present together. The donations of crockery and jewellery from the public, many of whom had family connections with Symington, caused a tangible reconnection to the historic hub of Harborough."

Cllr Paul Bremner, who sat on the project selection panel, said: "The mosaic patterned corsets Anne has created are simply stunning. She has created a set of seven marvels! The installation celebrates the heritage of the town, and is very fitting for a modern public building."

Cllr Barbara Johnson, who also sat on the panel, said: "I was particularly attracted to Anne’s proposal as it offered great opportunities for the community to get involved in the project. To include their contributions in the final work is an inspired approach designed to stimulate interest and build on our heritage."

The Symington Building, located in Adam and Eve Street and owned by Harborough District Council, is a multi-functional community building accommodating the Harborough District Council offices, some County Council offices, Market Harborough Library, Harborough Museum, registry office, job centre, charities and other services and organisations.

Last year, the building underwent a major transformation as part of a Harborough District Council project to get the best use of its assets, in partnership with Leicestershire County Council.

Background to project

Swedish Maidens

The title "Swedish Maidens" was inspired by an image of female factory workers stretching corsets around steam-filled copper forms. The workers nicknamed these "Swedish Maidens". Although made in Copenhagen, "Swedish" was a generic term for something “foreign”. An example can be seen in the Museum. The designs are drawn from historical examples of corsets in the collection of Leicestershire County Council, some of which are on display in Harborough Museum. The mosaics, completed in 2015 by the artist Anne Schwegmann-Fielding, are constructed from crockery, jewellery, buttons and coins donated by local people who worked in the factory or had a connection with the firm. The windows of the Symington building were made by Crittall, another great British manufacturer, still going strong today. Metal fragments from Crittall windows have been included as a subtle link to the history of the building. Ceramic Transfers created with assistance from Students at Robert Smyth Academy depict images of the factory workers in various stages of corset creation along with corset marketing and labels. "Crockery collection days" were held in the town allowing local people, particularly those with a connection to the firm, to donate materials. Each plate, cup and saucer is carefully selected for its pattern and...
colour, painstakingly cut and shaped by hand and arranged onto the fibreglass base. A labour intensive process echoing the handcrafted workmanship within the factory. The image of the factory workers was also the inspiration for the poem “Swedish Maidens on Parade” by Martin Newell and hand painted onto the wall around the corsets. This artwork was commissioned by Harborough District Council with a grant from Arts Council England to celebrate the heritage of the Symington Building, which was formerly the corset factory of R & WH Symington Ltd. The project was managed by Creative Leicestershire, which provides support for the arts, media and design sector in Leicestershire and Rutland; http://www.creativeleicestershire.org.uk/

The Artist:

Anne Schwegmann-Fielding is a British Sculptor/Mosaicist working on commissions for public and private clients. She incorporates artefacts into her works that have been donated by, or have connections to the people and location of each commission. Recycling and using objects with history are key elements and the inclusion of materials such as crockery, buttons, glass, mirror, coins and jewellery are typical. Anne’s work in the public realm began in the mid-1990s with a series of site specific works across Essex Hospitals. She has since created landmark works nationally and internationally. Commissions and clients include: Gardens of Easton Lodge, Channel 4 Kirstie’s Homemade Home, BBC2 Escape to the Country and Fantasy Rooms, Google, European Commission, Writtle College, Broomfield and Colchester Hospitals, Kent History & Library Centre, Crittall Windows, Colchester Zoo, Barratt Homes, Arts Reverie, India and various international symposiums in Germany. More work by the artist can be seen at: http://www.anneschwegmann-fielding.com Facebook https://www.facebook.com/pages/Anne-Schwegmann-Fielding-Sculpture-Mosaic-Recycled/320145658017957

"Swedish Maidens on Parade" Poem by Martin Newell

Fibreglass bases by Tamsin Evans

Artist’s assistant – David Lagden

Signwriting by Lisa Temple-Cox

The Individual Corsets:

No.1 "Mama" (Maternity/Victorian nursing Corset c.1880) Original is a black sateen corset with lace and gold details. The laces on the sides allow for growth of the baby, whilst still allowing the Victorian lady to maintain a fashionable shape.

Crockery, buttons, jewels, beads, ceramic transfers and metal fragments from Crittall Windows

No.2 The Birds Wing c.1890

This delicate whalebone and cotton corset was so named as once opened, it forms the shape of a bird’s wing.

Crockery, buttons, jewels

No.3 "Rosie" (Health Corset 1908)

This is one of the tighter fitting corsets, cut high above the hips. The original has a lacy top with large pink bows and extremely feminine.

Crockery, fake pearls, ceramic roses

No.4 "Queenie"

Inspired by Symington’s black wasp waist corset c.1890. Its gold feather stitching and detail looks quite regal and very quickly became the Queen.

Crockery, buttons, jewels, coins and metal fragments from Crittall Windows.

No.5 "Pretty Housemaid"

This was sold as “The strongest and cheapest corset ever made” This was targeted at women in domestic service and is very plain apart from a tiny amount of blue stitching on the side, hence the use of a range of blue and white crockery including the very recognisable Staffordshire willow pattern.

Crockery, buttons, jewels,

No.6 "Amelia" (Ventilated Corset c.1895)

Designed for "coolness during wear in tropical zones" this corset was for the travelling woman exploring the British Empire.

Crockery, buttons, jewels, coins and metal fragments from Crittall Windows

No.7 "Liberty Bodice"

Inspired by the original 1908 Liberty Bodice. At its height, Symington was producing over 3 million Liberty bodices a year. Transfers contain images of
the factory workers and marketing materials for the bodice.

Crockery, buttons, ceramic transfers.

**LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

Police launch campaign to discourage agricultural thefts

Reflective stickers are available for owners of agricultural trailers

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Issued on 17/2/15 at 3:08 p.m.

Leicestershire Police are launching a new scheme within the Eastern Counties Neighbourhood Policing Area, with the aim of reducing thefts of agricultural trailers.

Large reflective signs which display the message ‘Please stop if seen driven between 10.00pm - 5.00am’ are available to all owners of agricultural trailers. They are being distributed to members of ‘Farm Watch’ and the local farming communities.

The reflective signs aim to highlight vehicles to the Police to help them recognise vehicles that should not normally be moved between the hours of 10.00pm and 5.00am. By stopping the vehicle and speaking with the driver, it can be identified as to whether or not the vehicle has been stolen.

Neighbourhood Policing Area Commander, Lou Cordiner said: “This is a scheme which is hoped will reduce the number of vehicle thefts from rural locations.

“We hope this will have a positive effect on our local farming communities.”

David Sedgley, Farm Manager for Barclay Farms Ltd in Thistleton, said: “It’s a great idea; anything that could possibly deter a theft from taking place is a good thing.”

The scheme is initially being trialled in Rutland and Melton.

If you are interested in joining ‘Farm Watch’ or would like to receive a reflective sticker, please contact either PC 4364 Sharon Roscoe for Melton or PCSO 6127 Steven Houghton for Rutland by calling 101. Please follow the instructions to leave a message for a police officer and when prompted key the officer’s identification number.

Anyone with information about crime and anti-social behaviour in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland is urged to call Leicestershire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers, which is free and anonymous on 0800 555 111.

Calls to 101 cost 15p for the entire call from both mobile phones and land lines. Calls to Crimestoppers are also free, but some mobile phone service providers may charge for this call.

**LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

Leicestershire PCC recognised nationally for innovative work

Issued on 17/2/15 at 12:01 a.m.

Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Clive Loader’s work on cutting crime and reducing reoffending among young adults has been highlighted in a national report.

A new briefing from the Revolving Doors Agency and the Transition to Adulthood Alliance (T2A) has found that a number of police and crime commissioners are carrying out ground-breaking work in an aim to cut crime and reduce reoffending among young adults (18-24). The briefing is the first in a series of ‘PCC spotlights’ designed to highlight promising practice among PCCs which could be replicated in other areas.

Sir Clive’s work was highlighted in the report, namely the launch of the multi-agency Young Adult's Project (YAPI) that was set up with key partners from across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The aim of the project is to share understanding about essential components, such
as maturity and transitions, that need addressing when planning or developing services to reduce offending and re-offending amongst this age group.

Sir Clive Loader, Police and Crime Commissioner, said: “It is vitally important that we better understand young adults and take into account their developing maturity and specific needs. The process of becoming an adult can be fraught with difficulties and is a risky time, particularly for those young adults already involved in the criminal justice system due to their backgrounds. Partners and I are working together to achieve better outcomes amongst this age group and, as a result, see a dramatic change in those offending and re-offending.”

Young adults (18-24) are disproportionately likely to come into contact with the police, both as victims and offenders. They represent 10% of the population, but make up around a third of the probation caseload, a third of those sentenced to a community sentence each year, and almost a third of those sent to prison.

Many of these young offenders have multiple and complex needs, but currently fall through gaps between youth and adult support services and face a social and criminal justice system that rarely takes account of their varying levels of maturity. High reoffending rates among young adult offenders show there is a need for improvement – three quarters of young adults released from prison reoffend within two years.

The briefing highlights promising practice which other areas might want to consider in developing more effective approaches to young adult crime, including bringing a range of partners together to tackle this issue.

The full report can be viewed here:

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

Help shape the future of policing

Issued on 16/2/15 at 4:33 p.m.

Leicestershire Police are encouraging people from Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to have their say on the future of the force by taking part in an online survey.

From today (16 Feb) until 9am on Monday 2 March, members of the public can complete a short questionnaire to give their views on how policing services in the future should be delivered.

The questionnaire is designed to measure the public’s preferences and priorities to help determine the future demand and requirements of the force.

Last week Leicestershire Police saw some big changes to its structure and as policing budgets decrease, the force will need to continue to make savings whilst meeting the changing public need.

These changes show the force’s commitment to local policing and the importance of working with communities and partners to deal with issues at a local level.

Investment in mobile technology will also allow officers to be more flexible, accessible and visible, without the need to be located in traditional police stations.

Leicestershire Police Chief Constable Simon Cole said: “We have just launched our new policing model but there are more savings to make. The force needs to continue to transform, responding to a reducing budget and the changing public expectation.

“This survey is part of the next step to continue this on-going transformation. We want the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to engage and to tell us what they would like to see their policing service look like in the future.

“The results we get from this survey will help to shape the future direction of Leicestershire Police.”

If you would like to take part in the survey please visit www.leics.police.uk/futureoftheforce

LEICESTER CITY

Council steps in to save city’s heritage

16/02/2015

LEICESTER City Council has stepped in to save a group of historic buildings in the city centre from immediate demolition.

The 19-century properties include what is thought to be one of Leicester’s last remaining ‘one-up, one-down’ cottages, in Garden Street in the city centre. It adjoins a small row of shops fronting Belgrave Gate, which were also built in the early 1800s.
The properties escaped demolition during the city’s programme of slum clearance in the 1930s, but the current owner of the land recently applied to the council for permission to demolish the buildings.

However, the city council has applied what is known as an ‘article 4’ direction, which will allow more time for the council to consider the historical significance of the properties. The owners will now need to apply for full planning permission if they want to demolish the buildings, which would then be considered through the council’s planning process.

As part of the article 4 direction, the council will also ask people’s views on the buildings.

City mayor Peter Soulsby said: “Although these buildings are in a poor state of repair, they are an important part of our city’s social history. They’re a rare example of 19th century working-class houses within the city, and they provide an important link with our past. I’m pleased that people will now get the chance to air their views about what they would like to see happen next.”

Andrew Smith, the city council’s director of planning, added: “What this direction does is hit the ‘pause’ button on the planning process. It allows us time to consider in more detail what the future of these buildings might be. It also gives us time to talk to the owners of the land to see what the potential might be for a sympathetic redevelopment of the site.”

People who want to give their views on what they think should happen with the site can visit www.leicester.gov.uk/consultations or email by 8 March 2015.

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE**

**Coalville’s first Summer Fest**

Date of Release: Mon 16 February, 2015

**Issued on behalf of the Coalville Town Team**

In the middle of winter when it’s cold outside, what better to do than plan for the summer? That’s exactly what Coalville Town Team is doing right now.

This year summer in Coalville is going to be a little different, with our first Summer Fest. The Carnival is coming to town on Saturday 27 June. They are looking for entries from schools, clubs, societies, and businesses from the town and the surrounding villages. Put the date in your diary, and visit the Coalville Town Team’s website, where you will find full details of how to take part in the parade.

In response to requests from many people in Coalville to have two food and drink events each year, a food and drink festival is being planned with a summer theme. It will be hosted in the Belvoir Centre all day on Saturday 27 June – so eat, drink and be sure to enjoy the carnival.

The Town Team won’t let you forget the date – Saturday 27 June – they will let you know more about the day as our plans develop.

**HARBOROUGH DISTRICT**

**Improvements being made to car parks**

Published Thursday 12 February 2015

Improvement works are taking place to two car parks in the Harborough district.

The essential maintenance will take place at the George Street car park, in Lutterworth, and the Fox Yard car park, adjacent to The Symington Building, in Market Harborough.

Works to the car parks, owned by Harborough District Council, will take place on Monday 23rd February 2015.

- George Street car park will be closed on Monday 23 February 2015 and will re-open the following day.
- Fox Yard car park will be closed for a week from Monday 23 February 2015 and is expected to re-open on 2 March 2015. The Symington Building archway which leads from Adam and Eve Street to the Fox Yard car park will also be shut for the duration of the works.

Works to the car parks will include repairs to the existing surface and relining where necessary.

As part of the works, the number of disabled bays in the Fox Yard car park is being increased from three bays to six.

The council said any disruption would be kept to a minimum.

**LEICESTER CITY**
New homes agreed for Ashton Green

16/02/2015

OVER 100 new family homes are due to be built at the Ashton Green site following the sale of a first parcel of development land for housing.

Leicester City Council has agreed to sell a 2.5 hectare site to Morris Homes for just over 100 family homes, including affordable housing. The site will house a range of high-quality contemporary three and four-bedroomed homes, designed to meet the environmental standards required for Ashton Green as a sustainable development.

Securing this first land sale, is an important milestone for the council as it continues to bring forward land for high-quality new homes. The parcel of land was sold for £3 million.

In 2014, the council altered its strategy for the development of Ashton Green to make it easier for different developers to take on a number of smaller parcels of land, rather than one developer taking on the whole scheme.

Since then the council has made good progress with installing the highway infrastructure needed to open up areas of employment land and generate much-needed new jobs, including the new Samworth Brothers factory development.

New walking and cycling routes and traffic-calming improvements are due to be installed to tie in with the Morris Homes scheme, which aims to be on site in the autumn.

Ashton Green is planned as a sustainable new community including 3,000 new homes, and will be the most significant and innovative housing scheme in Leicester in more than 30 years. It will make a significant contribution towards delivering the new homes needed in the city over the next 20 years.

Leicester City Council is taking a leading role in guiding the design of the site, both to work with developers on a high-quality housing scheme, and to retain influence and control over the future development as the landowner and planning authority.

When complete, the Ashton Green scheme will include a wide range of family houses, including rental and lower-cost affordable homes, as well as employment land for new jobs, new schools, community and health facilities, retail and public transport improvements. A third of the site will be kept as green space.

High environmental standards for the proposed homes and other will minimise the impact of the development. The site will be well served by buses from an early stage and travel planning for residents, schools and workplaces could include schemes such as car clubs.

Leicester City Mayor Peter Soulsby said: “It’s great news that a housing developer has been secured for this section of land, following a lot of infrastructure work by the city council to open up Ashton Green to prospective developers.

“Creating 100 new homes will certainly help meet the need for housing in the city, and also gets development of the site off on the right footing. I look forward to the council working with Morris Homes to help bring their plans to life.”

Regional managing director at Morris Homes, Adam Knight, added: “We have a strong history of building quality homes in Leicester, and award-winning properties that boast cost-saving sustainable features, and we are proud to be the first housebuilder to start work on this landmark scheme.

“The emission-reducing features will help reduce energy bill costs for buyers, and the design of the properties will reflect the contemporary, sustainable homes available across our portfolio.

“We look forward to welcoming the first people into their new house at the site.”

LEICESTER CITY

Wedding guide launched

12/02/2015

A NEW guide to some of Leicester’s historic and quirky wedding venues is now available – just in time for any romantics planning a Valentine’s Day proposal.

The city council’s online guide features four of Leicester’s finest heritage buildings, each providing the perfect venue for a wedding – whether it’s an intimate ceremony for 12 people or a major celebration for 200 guests.

Couples can make their vows in the splendour of the fully-refurbished Victorian Gallery at New Walk Museum, in the timber-framed medieval hall at the
14th century Guildhall or in the walled gardens of the 18th century Belgrave Hall.

And for those seeking a truly unique experience, the ornate Beam Engine House at Leicester's Abbey Pumping Station is now licensed for small weddings.

Cllr Piara Singh Clair, assistant city mayor for culture and heritage, said: "Our museums provide some of most original and beautiful wedding venues in Leicester.

“Couples planning their special day may be surprised to learn that they can get married surrounded by great works of art, in one of the finest surviving timber-framed medieval halls in the country, in an 18th century family home, or in the only place in Britain that boasts four fully-restored and magnificently decorated steam-powered beam engines.

“All our heritage venues offer outstanding settings for wedding photographs, as well as an experienced team who will help make the arrangements for a perfect wedding.

"I hope that our new online guide will help couples pick the venue that's right for them."

Kerry Jackson (30) and Emily Davison (29) will exchange their wedding vows in the stunning surroundings of the New Walk Museum & Art Gallery tomorrow (Friday 13).

The Leicester couple chose the venue for nostalgic reasons, having both loved the museum as children.

"It's the perfect venue for us," said Kerry. "The Victorian Gallery is stunning – and when we found out that we could have our photos taken with the dinosaur, that clinched it for us!"

More than 80 guests will join Kerry and Emily for their special day tomorrow.

"I guess some people were surprised when we announced we’d be getting married on Friday 13th, but we’re not superstitious," said Emily.

"We're just looking forward to getting married in a beautiful venue, surrounded by our families and friends."

The new guide to Leicester’s Heritage Venues can be downloaded at www.leicester.gov.uk/weddings

Printed copies of the guide will be available from early March.

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE**

**New homes to replace derelict pub as part of town centre regeneration**

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**Issued on behalf of emh group**

Plans by emh group to redevelop the Pick and Shovel in the heart of Coalville and create 14 new affordable one-bedroom homes are on track after it recently completed the purchase of the site. The Coalville-based social housing and care provider received planning consent from North West Leicestershire District Council in December.

Demolition of the pub will start in March, with the new homes due for completion in April 2016.

The £2.2 million development costs will be met by emh group and includes contributions of £430,000 from North West Leicestershire District Council, and £420,000 from the Homes and Communities Agency. The homes will be owned and managed by emh homes, the landlord arm of the group.

The project follows the flagship redevelopment of the Minnesotas site on one of the main routes into the town in 2013 where emh group delivered 27 new homes for rent and shared ownership sale.

Jim Patman, Development Director at emh group, said: "We were delighted when North West Leicestershire District Council approached us to be a part of this project. Coalville is where we have been based since our birth in 1946, so we are proud to be contributing to the regeneration of the town centre as well as delivering much-needed affordable homes."

Councillor Richard Blunt, Leader of North West Leicestershire District Council, said: "It’s great that the sale of the Pick and Shovel has been finalised and work is beginning as soon as it is. This is a site that has stood empty for a considerable amount of time now, but with the cooperation and investment from ourselves at the council, the Homes and Communities Agency and, of course, emh group, we can finally turn that site into something that will benefit Coalville and the people of the town."
**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE**

**On the road to naming**

Date of Release: Fri 13 February, 2015

*Issued on behalf of Rushcliffe Borough Council*

Earlier this week, representatives from Rushcliffe Borough Council met with colleagues from Nottingham City Council and North West Leicestershire District Council to discuss the consultation feedback on naming the A453 when it opens later this year.

The consultation, which ran between 15 January and 30 January, asked whether the A453 should be named and, if yes, what it should be named. We received 1,630 responses to the consultation and over 90% were in favour of naming the road.

The three councils are proud to support the naming of the road and are liaising with the Highways Agency and the Royal British Legion about the name and other tributes that have been suggested such as planting poppies at strategic points along the route. We are also looking for ways of contacting the families of local service personnel who gave their lives in Afghanistan to involve them in the process.