

## HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL

### AGENDA ITEM NO : Correspondence

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### IMPLICATIONS

- **Crime & Disorder**<sup>1</sup> – No implications arising from the Report have been identified.
- **Biodiversity**<sup>2</sup> - No implications arising from the Report have been identified.

**By: Clerk**

**Date of Meeting : 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

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Housing Needs Assessment - Hickling and Upper Broughton

Dear Julie,

I hope you are well.

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Ginz Kelai and I am the Rural Partnerships Officer at Midlands Rural Housing.

As you may know, we work in partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council to investigate the housing need for local people in rural areas.

Having looked at the previous Housing Needs Surveys carried out across the district, I have noted that there is no current Housing Needs assessment in place for Hickling. In light of this, we are proposing that Hickling should be included in this year's programme, in a cluster group with Upper Broughton.

I am contacting you as we would like to secure the support of the Parish Council prior to carrying out a survey to ascertain the current housing requirements of both areas.

Our assessments are designed to establish the local housing needs, both affordable and open market. The evidence gathered is used to inform neighbourhood planning groups and

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<sup>1</sup> Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires parish councils to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder in their local area.

<sup>2</sup> Section 40 Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006 requires local authorities to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity in exercising their functions. Biodiversity includes species of plants and animals and the ecosystems of which they are part.

Local Authority housing strategy and policy to ensure that resources are being effectively targeted.

The surveys are administered independently and follow procedures in line with The Homes and Communities Agency and the Local Authority. The questionnaires are delivered to every household in the parish and residents have a month to respond via the return-paid envelope or complete the survey online.

The results are then collated and a full analysis report is produced detailing respondent's views and a breakdown of any housing needs found.

The report is presented to the Parish Council and Local Authority, if there is a housing need identified, all parties can work together to look at the best way to meet the need.

We would look to schedule the survey in the next couple of months (preferably before the summer) or during Autumn 2022. It would be great if you could consider this matter and let me know your thoughts. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the future.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that my working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Kind regards,

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