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## **STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO HEARING OF BROXTOWE LOCAL PLAN PART 2**

Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum consulted on its plan in October 2017 and has yet to submit its consultation draft following advice from Broxtowe BC planning officers.

A copy of the consultation draft is available from  
[http://www.bramcoteneighbourhoodforum.org.uk/BNPlan\\_Consultation.pdf](http://www.bramcoteneighbourhoodforum.org.uk/BNPlan_Consultation.pdf)

The main area of uncertainty for the Forum stems from the housing need of 6150 over the plan period. This is a figure the leader of the council considers too high and that will no doubt be examined and perhaps revised when the Aligned Core Strategy is reviewed next year.

Part of Bramcote lies within the main built up area. Part lies outside the MBA and is green belt. Some of this land is being proposed to be taken out of the green belt and some allocated for residential development in order to generate funds to pay for a replacement school building in another part of Land intended for removal from the green belt.

The council consultation on Part 2 included a figure of 300 dwellings on the land known as the Coventry Lane playing fields.

The residents of Bramcote, in their responses to the consultation on the Bramcote Neighbourhood plan showed a very strong preference for a policy that would only allow these 300 dwellings if their construction was linked and preceded by the construction of the school building and provision of replacement leisure centre facilities. In effect we are extending the scope of the council's proposed policy.

At the last minute the council adopted a preference for 500 dwellings on a slightly enlarged footprint encompassing land in private ownership but also development of the remnant Bramcote Moor reserve.

Earlier this week the county council, which owns the freehold of the playing fields and reserve land off Coventry Lane that is to be taken out of the green belt for housing, reversed a decision it took last year on how it will handle its land owning including that leased to the White Hills Park Federation. The details of the new strategy have not been made public.

In total Bramcote is being expected to take over 10% of the whole of Broxtowe's alleged housing need: well over 640 dwellings out of the 6150 total; to be entirely subsumed into the MBA; to lose green belt and; to accept considerable long term traffic and air quality impacts.

We will be looking for evidence to secure the benefits Bramcote residents seek to compensate for the loss of further green belt and for the additional adverse impacts



development will entail, including the effects on air quality, traffic congestion and loss of wildlife corridors.



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