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Councillor Tinsley
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Dear Councillor Tinsley

Council Meeting – Wednesday 21st May 2025

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 21st May 2025. As portfolio holder with responsibility for housing since 22nd May I would like to formally respond to the question submitted which I have set out below along with my response.

Will the Council commit to not purchase any properties on the Highfield Park development Maltby. Until further information from the Current EA investigation is released and any potential measures are put in place on the adjoining former Maltby Colliery Site?

Any proposal to purchase any Section 106 Affordable Homes would be subject to the usual Council Business Case process and officer approvals, with Members' views taken into account as part of the final decision prior to entering into any contract to purchase homes.

As with all purchases of this nature, it is a contractual requirement that the Council's Housing Service is provided with evidence that all planning conditions related to the site and the homes being purchased have been fully complied with, so we should be confident about the local environment before any purchase are made.

That said, assuming those assurances are received, I think we'd all want to ensure that there were affordable properties benefitting local residents on that site, so you'll appreciate that's our starting point.

The Reserved Matters Planning Approval for this site is scheduled to be considered at a meeting of the Council's Planning Board in June.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Linda Beresford
Labour Member for Greasbrough Ward
Cabinet Member for Housing