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Places in Leicestershire - Charnwood

The map on page 6 shows Charnwood Borough, including the main towns and the key rural service centres.

Introduction

The purpose of this "Places in Leicestershire" report is to highlight the priorities for individual places in Leicestershire. This will enable us to identify place based priority outcomes for inclusion in the Leicestershire Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.

The seven reports covering Leicestershire are divided into chapters structured around the key places in each District, arranged by the 27 Community Forums currently being established around the County.

The map on page 7 shows the location of the 27 Community Forums in Leicestershire. There are 7 Community Forums in Charnwood Borough.

Types of Places

The key places are divided into:

Main Towns – these 17 settlements are identified in the Local Area Agreement as key large service centres which provide health services, employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities for the surrounding population

Priority Neighbourhoods – identified in the Local Area Agreement 2006-09, these 19 neighbourhoods are small areas of the county with bigger than average problems, usually in relation to a number of aspects of deprivation (see Indices of Deprivation below)

Rural/Service Centres – these are smaller service centres, identified through the Leicestershire Rural Partnership, that provide a range of facilities for the surrounding rural villages and hamlets. They vary in size, but they are all a focal point for a cluster of smaller settlements

Rural Areas – this section of each chapter covers the rural parts of each Forum area and identifies the priorities, based on aspects of deprivation identified through the Indices of Deprivation, poor access to services (Access to Services report) or specific needs identified through a Parish Plan (see below).

A list of each type of settlement in Charnwood is shown below:

Main Towns
- Loughborough
- Shepshed
- Birstall
- Syston
- Thurmaston

Priority Neighbourhoods
- Loughborough East
- Loughborough West
- Mountsorrel
- South Charnwood

Rural Centres
- Anstey
- Barrow
- East Goscote
- Hathern
- Mountsorrel
- Quorn

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Map 1 - Charnwood Borough

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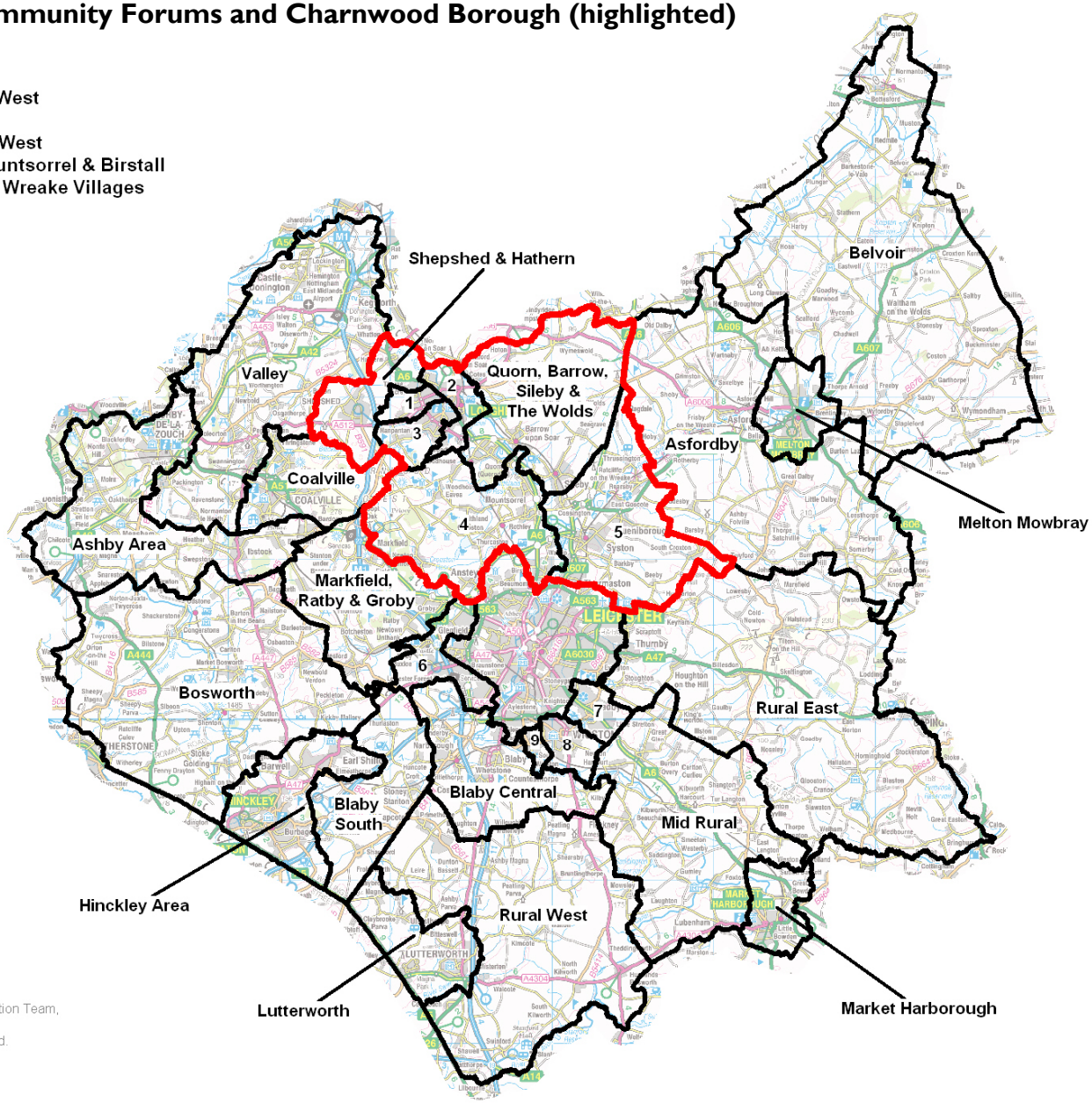
Map 2 - Leicestershire Community Forums and Charnwood Borough (highlighted)

1. Loughborough North-West
2. Loughborough East
3. Loughborough South-West
4. Bradgate, Rothley, Mountsorrel & Birstall
5. Syston, Thurmaston & Wreake Villages
6. Blaby North
7. Oadby
8. Wigston
9. South Wigston



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- Rothley
- Sileby
- Woodhouse
- Wymeswold

Rural Communities completing Parish Plans

- Anstey
- Barrow upon Soar
- Burton on the Wolds
- Cossington
- Mountsorrel
- Rearsby
- Wanlip
- Woodhouse (Eaves)
- Wymeswold

Information Sources

A range of information sources have been used to develop these sections, a short description of each is below:

Indices of Deprivation 2004 - The Indices are produced by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister with the aim of measuring deprivation in a consistent way across England. The indices include measures relating to Income Deprivation, Employment Deprivation, Health Deprivation and Disability, Education, Skills and Training Deprivation, Barriers to Housing and Services, Living Environment Deprivation and Crime. Leicestershire is ranked 135 out of the 149 county/unitary authorities in England (where 149 = least deprived).

Find Out More:
http://website/index/your_council/about_leicestershire/statistics/indices_of_deprivation_2004.htm

Ten most deprived LSOAs in Leicestershire:
Index of Multiple Deprivation:

LSOA Code	Ward	District	IMD Score	National Rank
E01025699	Loughborough Hastings	Charnwood	44.78	3,344
E01025934	Greenhill	NW Leicestershire	43.69	3,594
E01025932	Greenhill	NW Leicestershire	41.96	4,037
E01025725	Loughborough Storer	Charnwood	38.51	5,056
E01025717	Loughborough Shelthorpe	Charnwood	37.99	5,232
E01025700	Loughborough Hastings	Charnwood	31.81	7,402
E01025949	Measham	NW Leicestershire	30.32	8,011
E01025844	Earl Shilton	Hinckley & Bosworth	29.75	8,230
E01025718	Loughborough Southfields	Charnwood	28.83	8,657
E01025930	Coalville	NW Leicestershire	28.76	8,683

(Rank: 1=most deprived in England, 32,482=least deprived in England)

Super Output Areas

Super Output Area (LSOA) lower level is a new national geography created by the Office for National Statistics. These areas are created by combining a number of Output Areas (created for the 2001 Census). LSOAs are areas of broadly consistent population size across the country - approximately 1,500 people. They are often referred to in the text as LSOAs.

If a LSOA is described as experiencing moderate levels of deprivation, this means that it is in the bottom 20% of LSOAs in Leicestershire. Where a LSOA is described as experiencing significant deprivation, it is in the bottom 10% in Leicestershire.

Town and Village Centres Survey - This work was carried out by BMG Research on behalf of Leicestershire County Council and Leicester Shire Economic Partnership in 2006. The research was based upon a customer satisfaction survey of visitors and users in the 17 Main Towns identified above. A main report is accompanied by a shorter report for each individual town or village centre.

Find out more:
http://www.lsint.info/downloads/Leicestershire%20Town%20and%20Village%20Survey%20Final%20Report.pdf

Parish Plans – a parish plan is led by a cross-section of local people and focussed around the outcomes of a questionnaire survey, which are analysed and used to produce a summary report and action plan. More than 25% of parishes in Leicestershire have conducted a Parish Plan - this report focuses on Parish Plans completed over the last 3 years.

Find Out More: http://www.ruralcc.org.uk/parishplans.html

Access to Services Report – this research by the Leicestershire Rural Partnership identifies the number of service outlets and the diversity of the service types within each Leicestershire parish under 5,000 population. Five groups of parishes have been identified, based on a similarity in their service coverage and diversity.

Group 1: No services or skeletal service provision
Group 2: Minimal service provision
Group 3: Medium service provision
Group 4: Good service provision
Group 5: Very good service provision

This report highlights parishes with no, skeletal or minimal service provision.

Social Capital Survey – The Social Capital Survey (2006) targeted 20 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) across the County. These were identified by the District Local Strategic Partnerships and covered "deprived", "average" and "rural" communities. The survey work was conducted mainly by volunteers who surveyed 10% of the adult population in each area.

Find Out More: http://www.ccp.org.uk/thesocialcapitalsurvey.html

1. Loughborough Community Forums

The maps overleaf (Maps 3-5) show the Loughborough Community Forums with LSOAs and Neighbourhood Priority Areas.

The Main Town of Loughborough, the biggest settlement in the County of Leicestershire, is covered by 3 Forums – Loughborough North West, Loughborough South West and Loughborough East. These three areas cover the main town of Loughborough and 2 priority neighbourhoods.

Loughborough has been identified as a growth location in the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan. The Regional Plan proposes a Sustainable Urban Extension of 4875 dwellings (in one or more SUEs). Revised advice from the County Council has adjusted this figure to 8000 dwellings plus a strategic employment site of 25 hectares.

Within the Area Forum excluding Loughborough there are 4 LSOAs that are moderately deprived of access to services and housing.

Two of the areas are to the south west of Loughborough and south of Nanpantan; Loughborough Outwoods West LSOA (E01025710) and Loughborough Outwoods South LSOA (E01025712).

Two of the areas are around the university to the west of the town centre; Loughborough Nanpantan East LSOA (E01025707 and Loughborough Holywell LSOA (E01025709).

1.1 Main Towns

1.1.1 Loughborough

Loughborough has a low proportion of people who are economically active (i.e. persons aged between 16 and 74 and in work/actively looking for work, although this is likely to be due to the large student population

Unemployment was at 3.5% in the 2001 Census, higher than the average for the Borough and County

Average household income varies considerably across the different wards of Loughborough, with average incomes over £35,000 in Outwoods and Nanpantan wards, but as low as £22,000 in Hastings and Storer wards. Wards with lower average incomes are typically witnessing declining levels of income

The highest deprivation levels in the Borough occur in Loughborough, with parts of Hastings, Storer and Shelthorpe wards in particular experiencing noticeable levels of deprivation

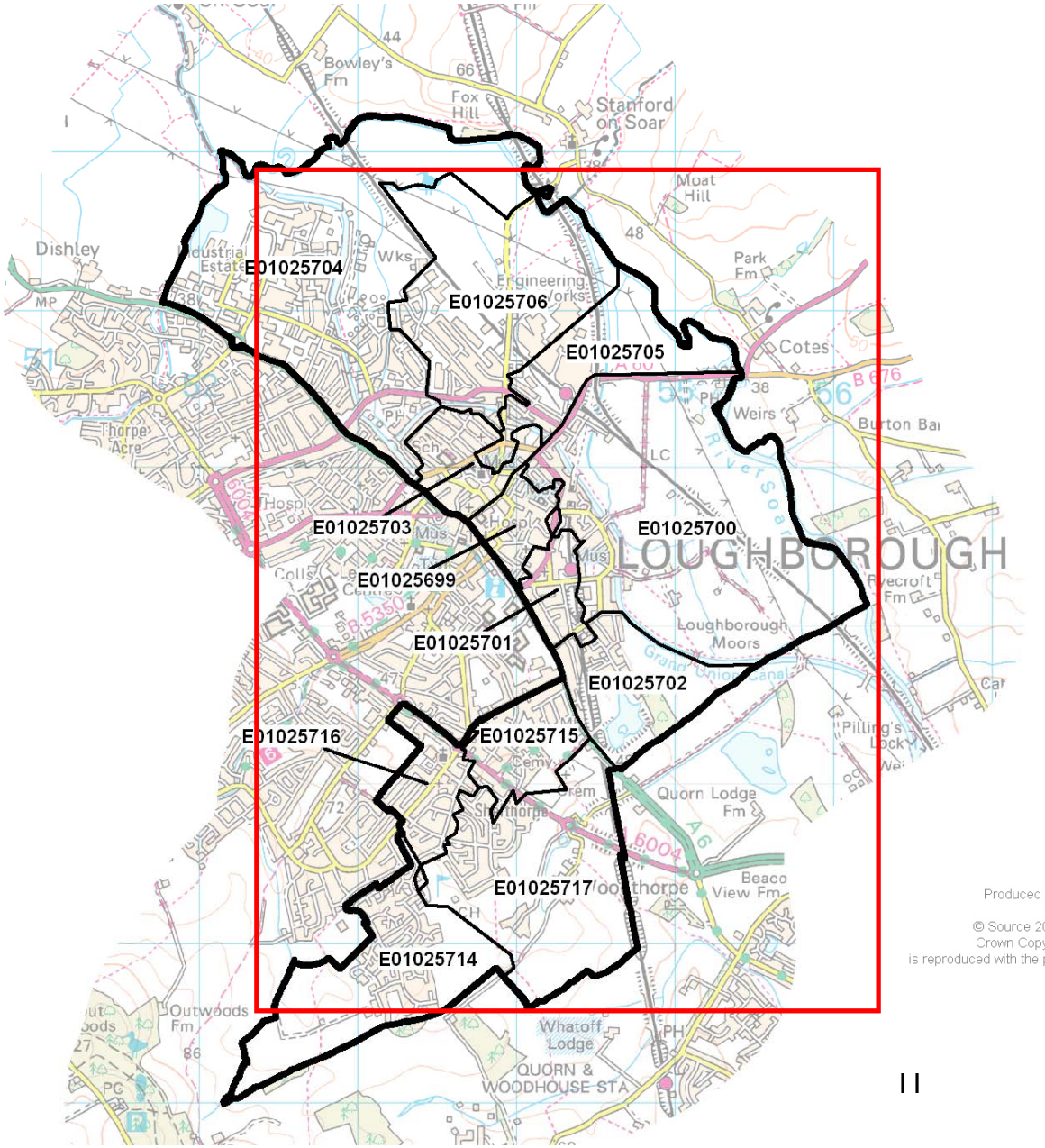
Loughborough has a younger orientated population structure, with 15-24 year olds comprising 1 in 4 of the population of the town, almost 10% above the Borough average

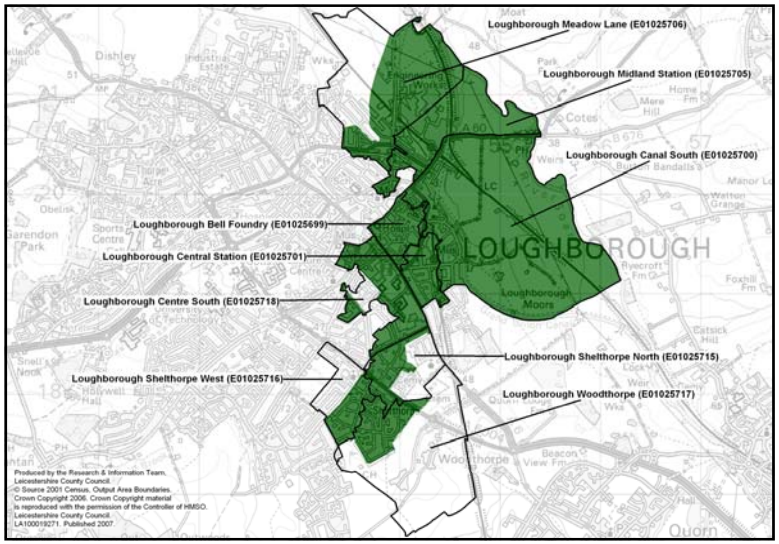
Loughborough is an ethnically diverse town – almost one in ten of the population was of Asian origin at the time of the Census

A masterplan has been produced to guide the regeneration of the town centre. This proposed the creation of distinct quarters in the town centre, as well as improving the retail and leisure offer, ease of movement and enhancements to public realm

Significant new employment land development is also expected to take place through the development of the Science Park.

Map 3 - Loughborough East Community Forum and Loughborough East Neighbourhood Priority Area





Above: Loughborough East Priority Area

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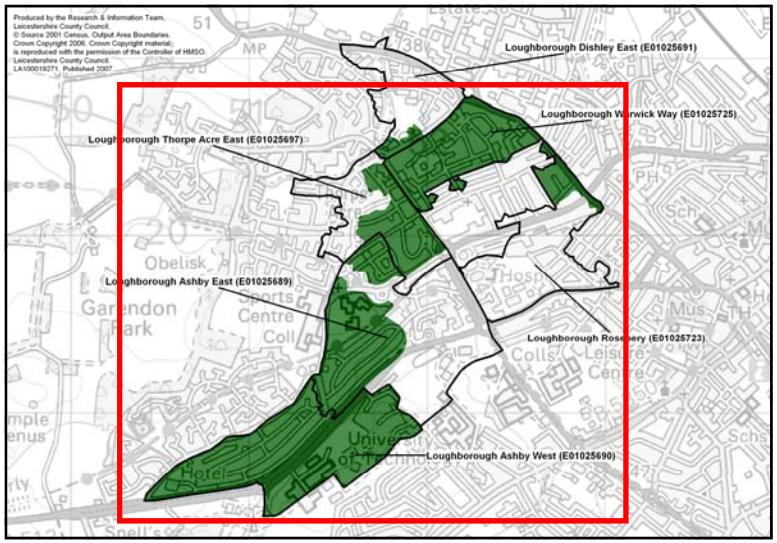
Map 4 - Loughborough North-West Community Forum and Loughborough West Neighbourhood Priority Area



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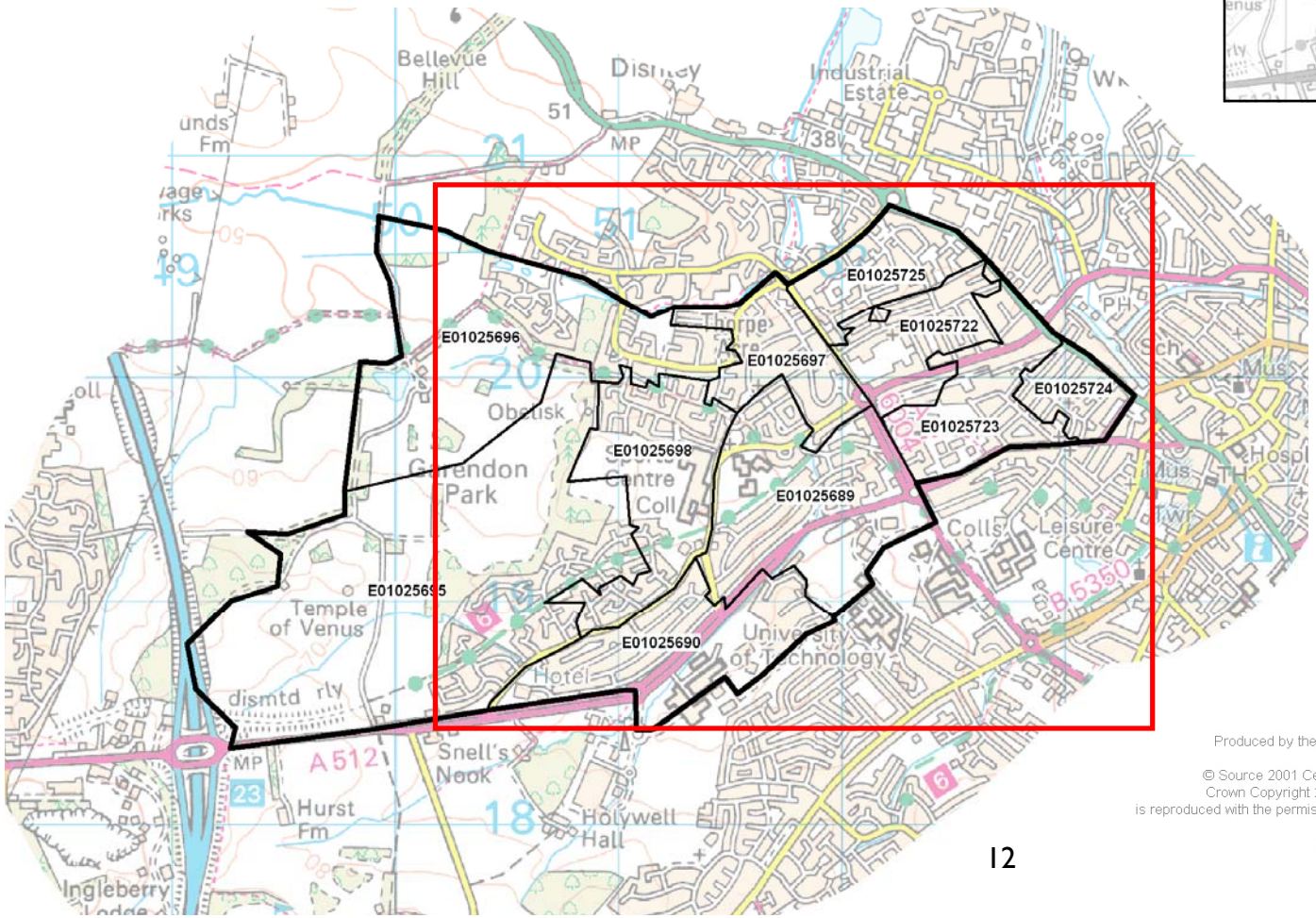

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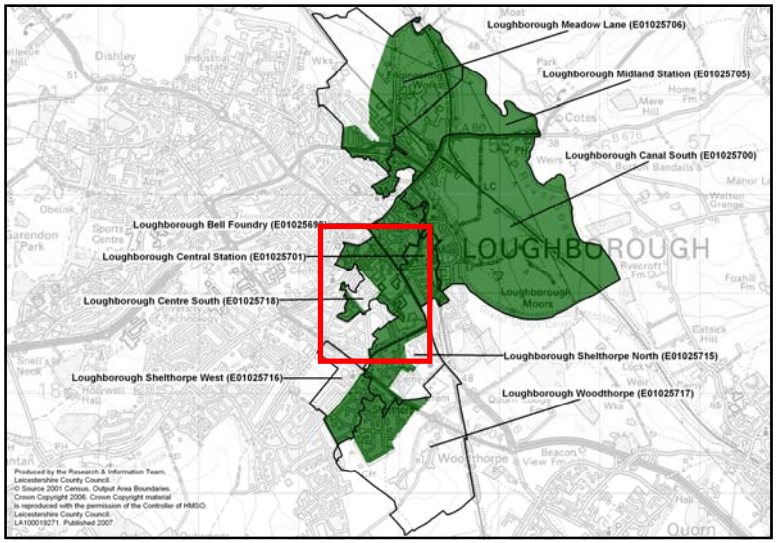
Map 5 - Loughborough South-West Community Forum and Loughborough East Neighbourhood Priority Area



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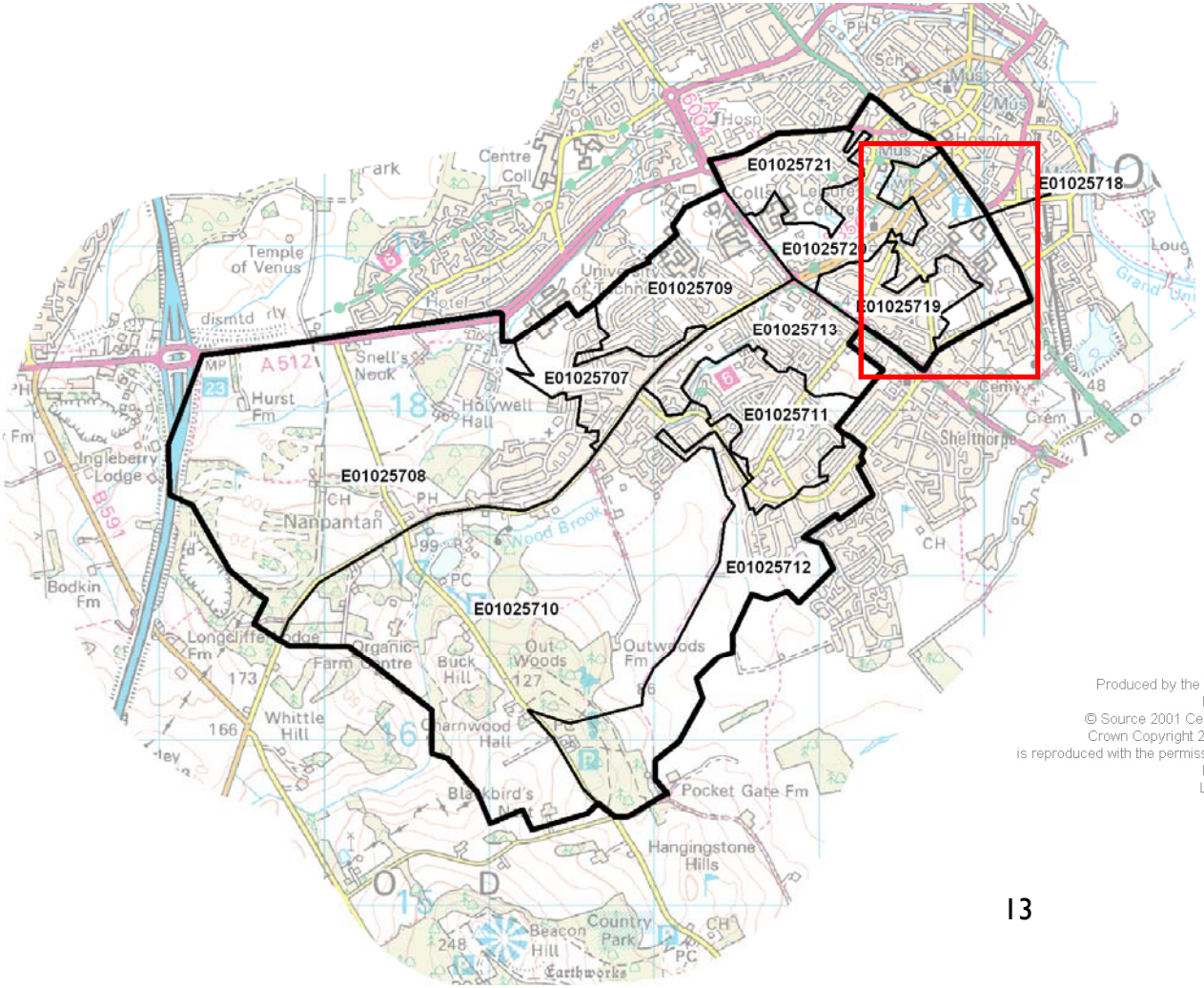

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1.2 Priority Neighbourhoods

1.2.1 Loughborough East

Neighbourhood Profile

The population in the priority neighbourhood was 12,698 at the 2001 Census.

The Loughborough East Priority Neighbourhood consists of nine areas within east Loughborough. The key evidence base for the priority neighbourhood is available within the neighbourhood profile produced by Leicestershire County Council's Research Team

The area has a relatively high proportion of younger people (23%) than for the County (19%) and those from the BME Community (15.1%) than for the County (7.3%).

Eight of the 9 LSOAs exhibit significant levels of multiple deprivation and the ninth area (Shelthorpe West LSOA) exhibits moderate levels of multiple deprivation.

The table opposite summarises the levels of deprivation in the LSOAs.

	Income	Income affecting children	Income affecting older people	Employment	Education	Crime	Health	Living Environment	Barriers to Services
Loughborough Midland Station LSOA (E01025705)	**S**	**S**	**S**	M	M	**S**	**S**	**S**	-
Loughborough Meadow Lane LSOA (E01025706)	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	M	M	**S**	M	-
Loughborough Bell Foundry LSOA (E01025699)	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	-	**S**	**S**	**S**	-
Loughborough Canal South LSOA (E01025700)	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	-
Loughborough Central Station LSOA (E01025701)	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	-	**S**	**S**	**S**	-
Loughborough Centre South LSOA (E01025718)	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	-	**S**	**S**	**S**	-
Loughborough Shelthorpe North LSOA (E01025715)	**S**	**S**	M	M	**S**	**S**	**S**	-	-
Loughborough Shelthorpe West LSOA (E01025716)	M	M	-	-	M	-	-	M	-
Loughborough Woodthorpe LSOA (E01025717)	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	-	-

"S" = Significant deprivation and within the 10% most deprived in Leicestershire
"M" = Moderate deprivation and within the 20% most deprived in Leicestershire
"-" = Not within the 20% most deprived LSOAs in Leicestershire

In all 1,010 children are estimated to live in income deprived households. In Woodthorpe LSOA it is estimated that 52% of children live in income deprived households and over a third of all children in the priority neighbourhood live in income deprived households.

It is estimated that 593 older people are affected by income deprivation within the priority neighbourhood, representing 27% of all older people in the area. In Meadow Lane LSOA this is as high as 36% of older people.

The priority neighbourhood experiences significant income deprivation and 4% of the population in the monitoring area receive Job Seekers Allowance.

Mean household income is below that of the County (£33,694) in every area. The lowest is in Bell Foundry LSOA (£19,861) and the highest in Midland Station LSOA (£31,076)

Educational attainment is well below the County average and the floor targets at KS2, KS3 & KS4

5% of pupils are excluded from school for some period of time compared to 2.7% in the County

The overall crime rate in the priority neighbourhood is 179.9 per thousand people compared to 88.2 per thousand people for the Borough. Violence against the person, criminal damage, theft from motor vehicles and theft account for more than half of all crime. In all 17% of all crime in the Borough is recorded in the priority neighbourhood.

The domestic violence rate in the neighbourhood is 3 times higher than for the County.

Smoking levels are estimated to be high in the area.

A quarter of all looked after children in Charnwood come from the area.

Parts of the areas are considered teenage pregnancy hotspots

1.2.2 Loughborough West

Neighbourhood Profile

The population in the priority neighbourhood was 12,298 at the 2001 Census.

The Loughborough West Priority Neighbourhood consists of 6 areas within east Loughborough. The key evidence base for the priority neighbourhood is available within the neighbourhood profile produced by Leicestershire County Council's Research Team.

The area has a high proportion of people aged 16 – 29 (51%) reflecting the large numbers of students living in the area compared to the County. The proportion of residents from the BME community (11.9%) is higher than for County as a whole (7.3%).

Four of the areas (Warwick Way, Dishley East, Ashby East and Thorpe Acre East LSOAs) exhibit significant levels of multiple deprivation. One area (Rosebery) exhibits moderate levels of multiple deprivation.

The table overleaf summarises the levels of deprivation in the priority neighbourhood.

	Income	Income affecting children	Income affecting older people	Employment	Education	Crime	Health	Living Environment	Barriers to Services
Loughborough Warwick Way LSOA (E01025725)	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	**S**	M	**S**	**S**	-
Loughborough Dishley East LSOA (E01025691)	M	-	-	**S**	-	M	**S**	M	-
Loughborough Ashby East LSOA (E01025689)	**S**	**S**	**S**	-	**S**	**S**	M	**S**	-
Loughborough Thorpe Acre East LSOA (E01025697)	**S**	-	**S**	**S**	M	M	**S**	-	-
Loughborough Rosebery LSOA (E01025723)	M	**S**	**S**	-	-	**S**	M	**S**	-
Loughborough Ashby West LSOA (E01025690)	-	**S**	M	-	**S**	-	-	-	-

"S" = Significant deprivation and within the 10% most deprived in Leicestershire
"M" = Moderate deprivation and within the 20% most deprived in Leicestershire
"-" = Not within the 20% most deprived LSOAs in Leicestershire

It is estimated that 30% of children in the area live in income affected households, approximately 494 children and that 411 older people, a quarter of older people, live in income affected households.

Mean household income is below that for the County (£33,694). The lowest is recorded in Thorpe Acre East LSOA (£20,493) and the highest in Dishley East LSOA (£30,128).

Educational attainment is significantly lower than the County as a whole and well below the floor targets at all Key Stages.

School exclusions are twice the level (5.4%) of the County (2.7%).

Crime rates in the priority neighbourhood are 102.3 per thousand people, slightly higher than for the Borough, 88.2 per thousand. Three categories of crime account for nearly half the crimes in the monitoring area: violence against the person, burglary from dwellings and criminal damage.

The rates of burglary from dwellings, cycle theft and domestic violence are significantly higher in the area than for the Borough.

Levels of smoking, binge drinking and low consumption for fruit and vegetables by adults are amongst the highest in Charnwood

A sixth of all looked after children in Charnwood are from the area.

Parts of the area have the lowest level of voter turnout in the Borough.

Social Capital Survey

The social capital survey was completed in Hastings LSOA (E01025699).

Compared to the average result for the rest of the areas surveyed we found that people in Loughborough Hastings had a stronger sense of belonging to their Local Authority District (Charnwood).

Overall, fewer people in Loughborough Hastings perceived their neighbourhood as a good place to live when compared to than the average for other areas surveyed. However, more people said they like to mix with people of the same culture, religion and faith.

Residents of Loughborough Hastings were less likely than the average for other areas to say that people could be trusted and would help each other. Fewer people in Loughborough Hastings said they have given unpaid help to those other than family or to clubs/organisations in the last 12 months compared with the rest.

In Loughborough Hastings, the number of people joining in and participating in the community is comparable with the average of other areas surveyed. This includes, attending public meetings, initiating local activities or contacting an organisation like the police to deal with a problem.

2. Bradgate and Rothley and Mountsorrel and Birstall Community Forum

The map overleaf (Map 6) show the Bradgate, Rothley, Mountsorrel & Birstall Community Forum with LSOAs and Neighbourhood Priority Areas.

The Forum includes the Main Town of Birstall, the key rural centres of Anstey, Mountsorrel, Rothley and Woodhouse, a priority neighbourhood and a rural area around the towns.

2.1 Main Towns

2.1.1. Birstall

Unemployment in Birstall is in line with the Borough average

Average household income is high, with an average of £31,000 across the LSOAs that comprise Birstall and significant year on year increases in levels of income can be observed

Parts of Birstall Watermead (LSOA E01025684) are ranked 9th most deprived in Charnwood in terms of living environment, however other than this levels of deprivation in Birstall are not widespread

Birstall exhibits a trend towards an ageing population, with 18.9% of the population aged 65+, compared to the average of 14.9% for the Borough. There is also above average representation in the 0-14 age group

Charnwood Borough Council's Core Strategy Preferred Options paper identified land north of Birstall as a preferred option for an urban extension. Significant residential and employment development is currently taking place at Hallam fields

2.2 Key rural centres

2.2.1 Anstey

Indices of multiple deprivation

Anstey is covered by 4 Local Super Output Areas. Looking at the Indices of Multiple Deprivation for these four areas indicates that for most measures Anstey is in the 50% least deprived areas in the country.

The table below summarises the levels of derivation in the Anstey.

	Income	Income affecting children	Income affecting older people	Employment	Education	Crime	Health	Living Environment	Barriers to Services
Anstey East LSOA (E01025671)	-	-	-	-		M	-	-	-
Anstey North LSOA (E01025670)	-	-	M	-	M	M	-	-	-
Anstey South LSOA (E01025673)	-	-	M	-	-	M	-	M	-
Ashby West LSOA (E01025762)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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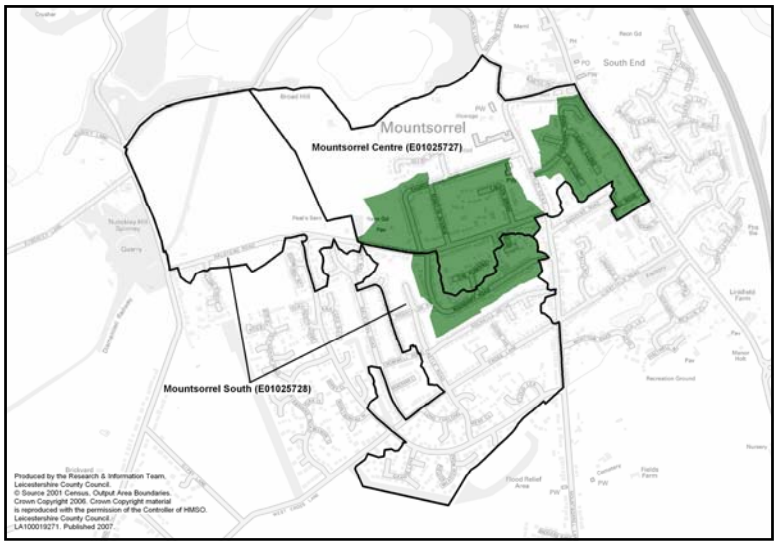
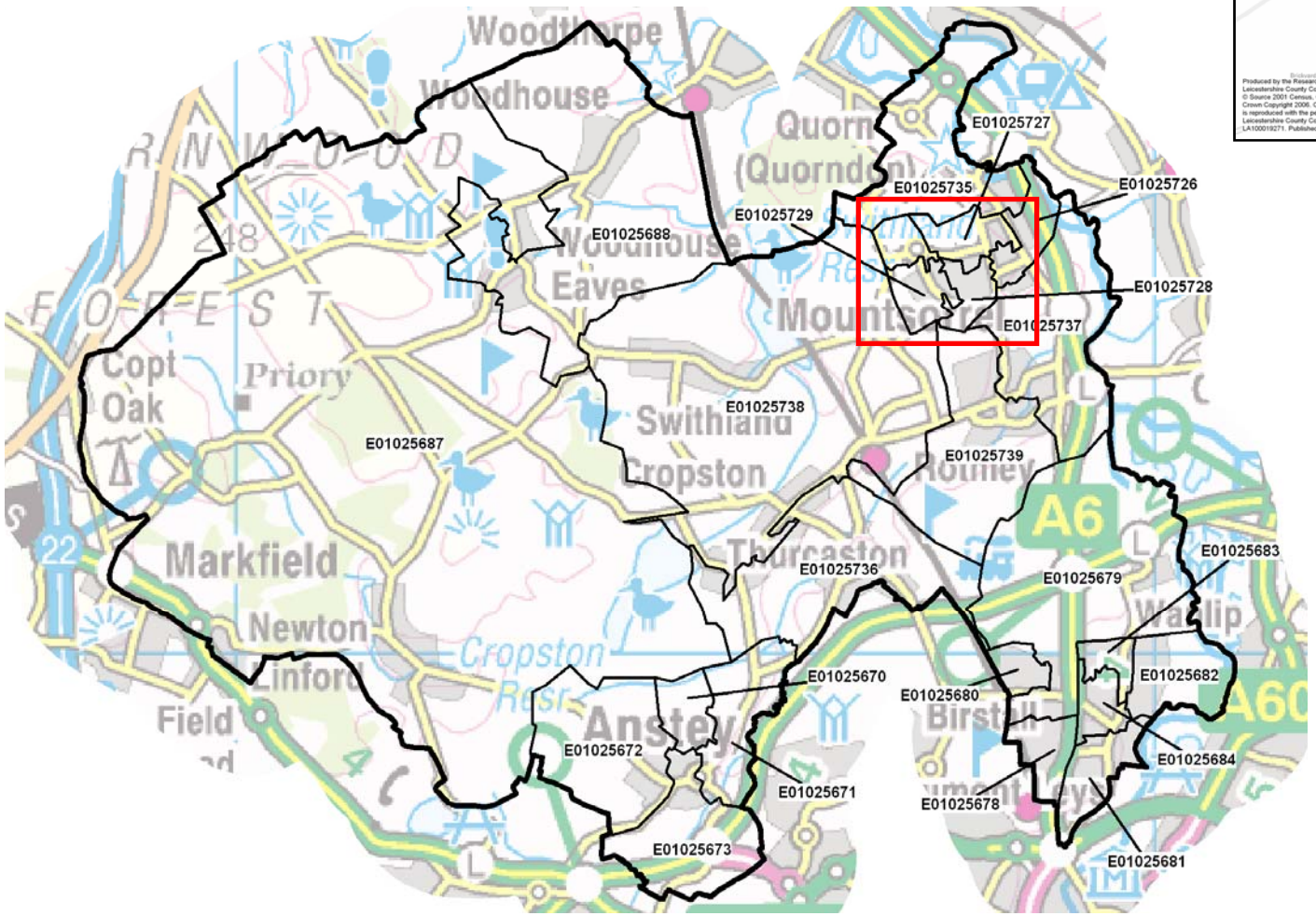
Map 6 - Bradgate, Rothley, Mountsorrel & Birstall Community Forum and Mountsorrel Neighbourhood Priority Area



Above: Mountsorrel Priority Area



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Parish Plan

A Parish Plan for Anstey was created in 2004 / 2005. From the research undertaken in the development of the Parish Plan a number of issues of concern were identified. These were;

- Improving the variety of shops and reducing the number of take away food outlets
- Address crime and anti-social behaviour including littering and vandalism
- Creating a meeting place for young people and increasing the range of activities available to them (including more sports groups)
- Improving public transport connections to Fosse Park and Glenfield (particularly the hospital)
- Improving parking and reducing traffic congestion
- Improving pedestrian and cycling safety
- Better community information
- Protect Anstey from enlargement

Since the Parish Plan was prepared a number of actions have taken place to address these issues, including;

- Lighting improvements
- Plans in place for the development of indoor and outdoor facilities for young people
- New notice boards erected
- Village website constructed

2.2.2 Mountsorrel

Indices of multiple deprivation

Mountsorrel is covered by 5 LSOAs. Two of these Mountsorrel South LSOA and Mountsorrel Centre LSOA are a Priority Neighbourhood (see below).

The remaining area does not display signs of multiple deprivation however parts of the town do experience significant deprivation in terms of access to services and moderate deprivation in terms of crime.

Mountsorrel South West LSOA (E01025729) experiences significant deprivation for access to services and housing.

The area between Quorn and Mountsorrel, Mountsorrel North LSOA (E01025735), experiences moderate deprivation for access to services and housing.

Mountsorrel North LSOA experiences moderate crime deprivation.

Parish Plan

A Parish Plan was prepared for Mountsorrel in 2005 / 2006. From this research a number of issues have been identified as concern for local people.

- Lack of community facilities for young people
- Playing fields, community halls and play facilities need significant improvement
- Reduce crime including a stronger police presence, CCTV, curfews on young people and measures to reduce alcohol consumption on the streets
- Speeding and illegal and irresponsible parking

2.2.3 Rothley

Indices of multiple deprivation

The town is covered by 2 LSOAs – Rothley East and West. The Indices of Multiple Deprivation do not indicate any significant or moderate deprivation in Rothley.

Access to services

Based on the Access to Services Report (July 2007) Rothley is considered to have "very good" access to services. This means that people in the Parish have access to at least 6 services including a post office, library, school and place of worship.

2.2.4 Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves

Indices of multiple deprivation

The two villages are covered by one LSOA Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves (E01025688). The Indices of Multiple Deprivation do not indicate any significant or moderate multiple deprivation in Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves. The area experiences moderate deprivation for access to services and housing.

Parish Plan

A Parish Plan for Woodhouse was prepared in 2005 / 2006 and a number of issues arose from its development. These were:

- Improving the fabric of the Village Hall and the Scout Hut
- Increasing the visibility of Police
- Enforcing parking restrictions
- Making roads safer
- Improving routes for horse riders
- Bringing a dental practice to the village
- Improving transport links outside the village particularly increasing frequency
- Development in the village should be contained within the existing settlement boundaries
- Investigate how renewable energy could be incorporated into the village

Access to Services

Based on the Access to Services Report (July 2007) Woodhouse is considered to have "good" access to services. This means that people in the Parish have access to at least 5 services likely to include a mobile library, school, place of worship, pub and community hall.

2.3 Priority Neighbourhoods

2.3.1 Mountsorrel

Neighbourhood Profile

The population in the priority neighbourhood was 3,414 at the 2001 Census.

The Mountsorrel Priority Neighbourhood consists of two areas within Mountsorrel known as Mountsorrel Centre LSOA (E01025727) and Mountsorrel South LSOA (E01025728). The key evidence base for the priority neighbourhood is available within the neighbourhood profile produced by Leicestershire County Council's Research Team.

The area has a relatively high proportion of younger people (23%) than

for the County (19%). The proportion of the population from the BME Community (3.7%) is lower than for the County (7.3%).

Mountsorrel Centre LSOA experiences significant multiple deprivation.

The table below summarises deprivation in the priority neighbourhood.

	Income	Income affecting children	Income affecting older people	Employment	Education	Crime	Health	Living Environment	Barriers to Services
Mountsorrel Centre LSOA (E01025727)	**S**	**S**	**S**	-	**S**	M	M	-	-
Mountsorrel South LSOA (E01025728)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M

"S" = Significant deprivation and within the 10% most deprived in Leicestershire
"M" = Moderate deprivation and within the 20% most deprived in Leicestershire
"-" = Not within the 20% most deprived LSOAs in Leicestershire

It is estimated that 116 children (30%) of all children in Mountsorrel South live in income deprived households. Within the priority neighbourhood as a whole the estimate is 162 children (20%) of all children.

It is estimated that 18% (64 people) of older people live in households affected by income deprivation.

Average household incomes in Mountsorrel Centre LSOA (£28,154) are below the County average (£33,694).

Crime rates in the area are 75.9 per thousand slightly lower than for the Borough at 88.2 per thousand. Criminal damage is significantly higher than for the Borough as a whole. Violence against the person, criminal damage and damage to motor vehicles account for over half of all recorded crime in the monitoring area.

Domestic violence rates (20 per thousand) are over twice as high as for the County (9 per thousand).

Educational attainment in the monitoring areas is below the average for the County and below the floor targets at all key stages.

The rate of school exclusions (7%) is more than twice the level for the Borough and County as a whole (2.7%).

The estimate for the number of adults and children eating the recommended amount of fruit and vegetables is low within the monitoring area compared to other areas of the Borough.

The area is the least self-contained in the Borough and has the highest number of residents using private cars and vans to travel to work in the Borough.

2.4 Rural areas

Indices of multiple deprivation

The area is covered by 4 LSOAs – Wanlip (E01025679), Bradgate and Beacon (E01025687), Thurcaston and Cropston East (E01025736) and Swithland and Cropston West (E01025738)
Parts of the rural area experience significant deprivation in terms of

crime and access to services and moderate deprivation in terms of the living environment.

Bradgate and Beacon LSOA (E01025687 covering Bradgate Park) experiences significant deprivation in terms of crime and for access to services and housing

The Bradgate and Beacon area experiences moderate levels of deprivation in terms of living environment.

Swithland and Cropston West LSOA (E01025738) experiences significant deprivation for access to services.

Access to services report

The report identifies the parishes of Ulverscroft and Swithland as having minimal services.

3. Syston, Thurmaston and Wreake Villages Community Forum

The map overleaf (Map 7) shows the Syston, Thurmaston and Wreake Villages Community Forums with LSOAs and Neighbourhood Priority Areas.

The Forum includes the main towns of Syston and Thurmaston, the key rural centre of East Goscote, a priority neighbourhood and a rural area around the towns.

Thurmaston has been identified as a growth location in the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan, with reference being made to a location 'adjoining the Leicester Principal Urban Area within Charnwood Borough' . The Regional Plan proposes a Sustainable Urban Extension of 4875 dwellings. Revised advice from the County Council has adjusted this figure to 4375 dwellings plus a strategic employment site of 25 hectares.

3.1 Main Towns

3.1.1 Syston

84.7% of the working population in Syston are economically active, the highest proportion of the main towns in Charnwood. Unemployment is low at 2.6%, however a quarter of all jobs are manufacturing based, with the proportion of the population working in high-end services lower than average.

Household income levels vary between £32,000 for Syston West and £28,300 for Syston East. Both wards have seen significant and similar year-on-year increases which are amongst the largest increases in the Borough.

Both wards have amongst the lowest proportions of 16 year-olds remaining in education, at around 70%. Parts of Syston East are ranked in the top ten most deprived in Charnwood in terms of educational deprivation.

Parts of Syston West are ranked as 3rd most deprived in the Borough for barriers to housing and to key services

Leicestershire Town and Village Centre Survey

Overall, respondents were positive about the environment and facilities in and around the centre.

The cleanliness and tidiness of the centre, having a greater range of shops and more specialist shops were seen as the areas that needed the most attention.

Groups of people hanging around the street, street canvassers, rubbish and litter lying around and people being drunk and rowdy in public spaces were seen as the most significant problems in Syston.

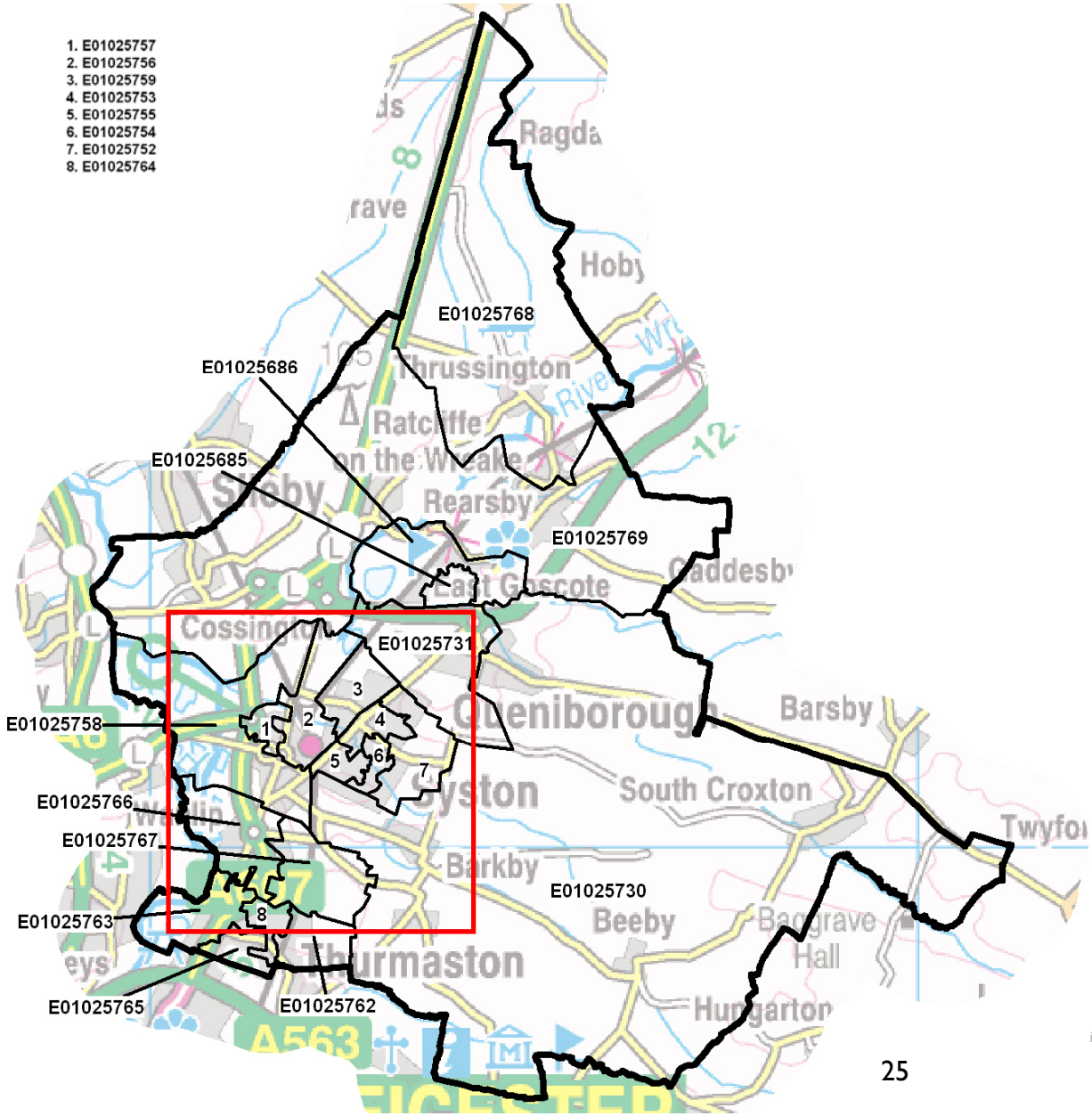
Social Capital Survey

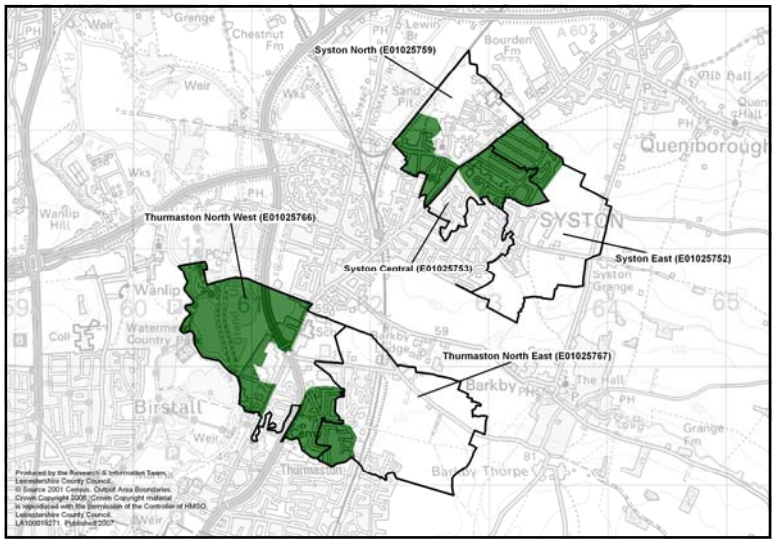
Respondents to the survey from Syston had a stronger sense of belonging to their Local Authority District than the average of all other areas.

In Syston, fewer people than the average of the other areas called the neighbourhood a close, tight knit community. However, more people than the average for the rest said they were happy living among people of different lifestyles and that their neighbourhood was one where people from different backgrounds get on well together.

More people in Syston than the average of other areas gave unpaid help

Map 7 - Syston, Thurmaston & Wreake Villages Community Forum and South Charnwood Neighbourhood Priority Area





Above: Charnwood South Priority Area

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to friends and neighbours (informal volunteering), and formal volunteering was around the same as the average of the rest.

People from Syston were higher than the average of other areas in terms of joining in, for example, initiating local activities, a campaign or network.

3.1.2 Thurmaston

Thurmaston continues to indicate significant reliance on the manufacturing industry, which accounts for over one in three jobs in the village. Service sector employment in below average

Thurmaston has the fifth lowest mean household income in Charnwood, at £26,350, which is the lowest outside Loughborough

Thurmaston has the highest Asian population of the main towns in Charnwood at 17%

Just under two-thirds of residents consider themselves to be in "good health" – the lowest rating of the seven main settlements, and approximately 5% below the average for Charnwood

The Thurmaston Health Check (2003) sets out a vision to guide development in the village. A number of key issues were identified – lower than average house prices, crime issues and a lack of facilities for young people.

Indices of multiple deprivation

Thurmaston is covered by 6 LSOAs, two of which are a priority neighbourhood (see below).

One of these Thurmaston South East LSOA (E01025762) exhibits moderate levels of multiple deprivation.

The table below summarises deprivation in the town (outside the priority neighbourhood).

	Income	Income affecting children	Income affecting older people	Employment	Education	Crime	Health	Living Environment	Barriers to Services
Thurmaston South East LSOA (E01025762)	-	-	-	M	M	-	M	-	-
Thurmaston South West LSOA (E01025763)	-	-	-	-	-	-	M	M	-
Thurmaston Central LSOA (E01025764)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thurmaston South LSOA (E01025765)	-	-	-	M	-	-	M	-	-

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"-" = Not within the 20% most deprived LSOAs in Leicestershire

Leicestershire Town and Village Centre Survey

Overall, respondents were positive about the environment and facilities in and around the centre.
Having more facilities such as seating and toilets, more parking and a

greater range of shops were seen as the areas that needed the most attention.

Dirty pavements and chewing gum, rubbish and litter lying around and road safety and speeding were seen as the most significant problems in Thurmaston.

3.2 Key Rural Centres

3.2.1 East Goscote

Indices of multiple deprivation

East Goscote is covered by 2 lower super output areas East Goscote Centre LSOA (E01025685) and East Goscote North LSOA (E01025686)

The indices of deprivation indicate that East Goscote Centre LSOA (E01025685) experiences significant deprivation in relation to older people living in income affected households.

Access to services

Based on the Access to Services Report (July 2007) East Goscote is considered to have "very good" access to services. This means that people in the Parish have access to at least 6 services including a post office, library, school and place of worship.

3.3 Priority Neighbourhoods

3.3.1 South Charnwood – Syston

Neighbourhood profile

The South Charnwood Neighbourhood Profile will be published in Autumn/ Winter 2007.

3.3.2 South Charnwood – Thurmaston

Neighbourhood Profile

The population in the priority neighbourhood was 3,106 at the 2001 Census.

The priority neighbourhood covers two LSOAs in Thurmaston, known as Thurmaston North East and Thurmaston North West. The key evidence base for the priority neighbourhood is available within the neighbourhood profile produced by Leicestershire County Council's Research Team.

The population of the area is characterised by having a higher proportion of children (22%) and a lower proportion of people of retirement age (17%) than for the County (both 19%). The proportion of the population from the BME Community (9.4%) is higher than for the County (7.3%).

Thurmaston North West LSOA exhibits moderate levels of multiple deprivation deprived based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.

The table overleaf summarises deprivation in the priority neighbourhood.

	Income	Income affecting children	Income affecting older people	Employment	Education	Crime	Health	Living Environment	Barriers to Services
Thurmaston North West LSOA (E01025766)	-	M	**S**	M	M	-	-	**S**	-
Thurmaston North East LSOA (E01025767)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

"S" = Significant deprivation and within the 10% most deprived in Leicestershire
"M" = Moderate deprivation and within the 20% most deprived in Leicestershire.
"-" = Not within the 20% most deprived LSOAs in Leicestershire

Across the whole of the priority neighbourhoods it is estimated that 102 (17%) older people live in income deprived households.

106 children in the priority neighbourhood are estimated to live in households experiencing income deprivation, representing 15% of children. In Thurmaston North West LSOA this is as high as a quarter of all children.

Mean household income levels are significantly below (North West - £24,426 and North East - £27,843) the average for the County (£33,694).

Educational attainment in the monitoring area at KS4 is significantly below the County and Borough average and well below the floor targets. At KS2 attainment in Maths is similar to the County as a whole but below the floor targets. At KS3 attainment in English is below the County average and below the floor targets.

School exclusions (6%) are around twice the level of the County (2.7%).

The area has the second highest level of obesity in Charnwood.

Crime rates (114.5 per thousand people) are slightly higher than for the Borough (88.2 per thousand people). Theft from stores is extremely high and violence against the person and domestic violence are also higher than the average for the Borough. Violence against the person, store theft, criminal damage and damage to motor vehicles account for over half of all crime.

The rate of domestic violence (20 per thousand people) is more than twice that for the County (9 per thousand).

The area has the second highest proportion of commuter journeys by car in the Borough.

The priority neighbourhood is estimated to have the second highest obesity rate in the Borough.

3.4 Rural Areas

Indices of multiple deprivation

The rural areas are covered by 4 LSOAs.

The northern part of the area is covered by two LSOA Thrussington, Seagrave and Six Hills (LSOA E01025768) and Rearsby, Ratcliffe and Cossington (LSOA E01025769) and are both moderately deprived for access to services.

The western part of the area is covered by 2 LSOAs – Queniborough East, Barkby and South Croxton (E01025730) and Queniborough West (E01025731)

Parish Plans

There has been 3 parish plans in the area in recent years.

The Cossington Parish Plan was completed in 2006 / 2007. The key issues identified in the plan include:

- Make the school available for community use
- Organise a holiday play scheme
- Greater police visibility
- Create community space as part of the church refurbishment
- Improve GP services
- Need an evening bus service to Syston
- Improve footpath maintenance

The Rearsby Parish Plan was completed in 2005 / 2006. The key issues identified in the plan include;

- Need a local shop
- Increase services at the village hall including youth club, GPs, older persons group
- Lack of visible policing
- Problems with anti-social behaviour, motoring and dog fouling
- Lack of youth facilities
- More bus shelters and improved services to Leicester and Loughborough
- Traffic calming measures
- Development of business should be focussed on the Business Park
- More small scale affordable housing

The Wanlip Parish Plan was completed in 2005 / 2006. The key issues identified in the plan included;

- Concern about increased traffic and safety
- Concerns about heavy vehicles in the village
- Want a 20 mph speed limit
- Improving the public realm

Access to services report

The report identifies the parish of Barkby Thorpe as having no services or skeletal services.

The report also identifies the parishes of Beeby, Cossington Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake and South Croxton as having minimal services.

4. Shepshed & Hathern Community Forum

The map overleaf (Map 8) shows the Shepshed & Hathern Community Forum with LSOAs and Neighbourhood Priority Area.

The Forum includes the main town of Shepshed, the key rural centre of Hathern, and the rural area around the towns.

4.1 Main Towns

4.1.1 Shepshed

Unemployment in Shepshed is marginally above the average for the Borough. Manufacturing jobs still account for almost one in four jobs in the town, with numbers employed in high-end services and administration below average

Numbers of 16 year olds choosing to remain in full-time education are amongst the highest in the Borough

A report detailing the case for regenerating Shepshed was published in 2002. This stated that the town centre had a number of severe issues, particularly regarding the retail offer. A number of measures are proposed, including the development of gateway sites, reducing through traffic and developing niche retail opportunities and the report concludes that Shepshed has potential to capitalise on its location proximate to the M1 and within reach of Derby, Leicester and Nottingham

Indices of multiple deprivation

Shepshed is covered by three LSOAs. One of these Shepshed West LSOA (E01025747) exhibits moderate levels of multiple deprivation.

Shepshed West LSOA also exhibits significant deprivation in terms of education skills and training and moderate deprivation in terms of employment.

Shepshed North East LSOA (E01025743) exhibits moderate levels of deprivation in terms of the living environment.

Leicestershire Town and Village Centres Survey

Overall, respondents were positive about the environment and facilities in and around the centre, but 43% of those surveyed suggested that the retail provision does not meet their needs and 22% that the town centre had declined over the last 12 months.

Having a greater range of shops, more specialist shops and more leisure facilities were seen as the areas that needed the most attention.

Groups of people hanging round the streets, dirty pavements and chewing gum and people not treating each other with respect and consideration were seen as the most significant problems in Shepshed.

55% of respondents said policing in Shepshed was insufficient and should be increased whereas 32% said it was about right.

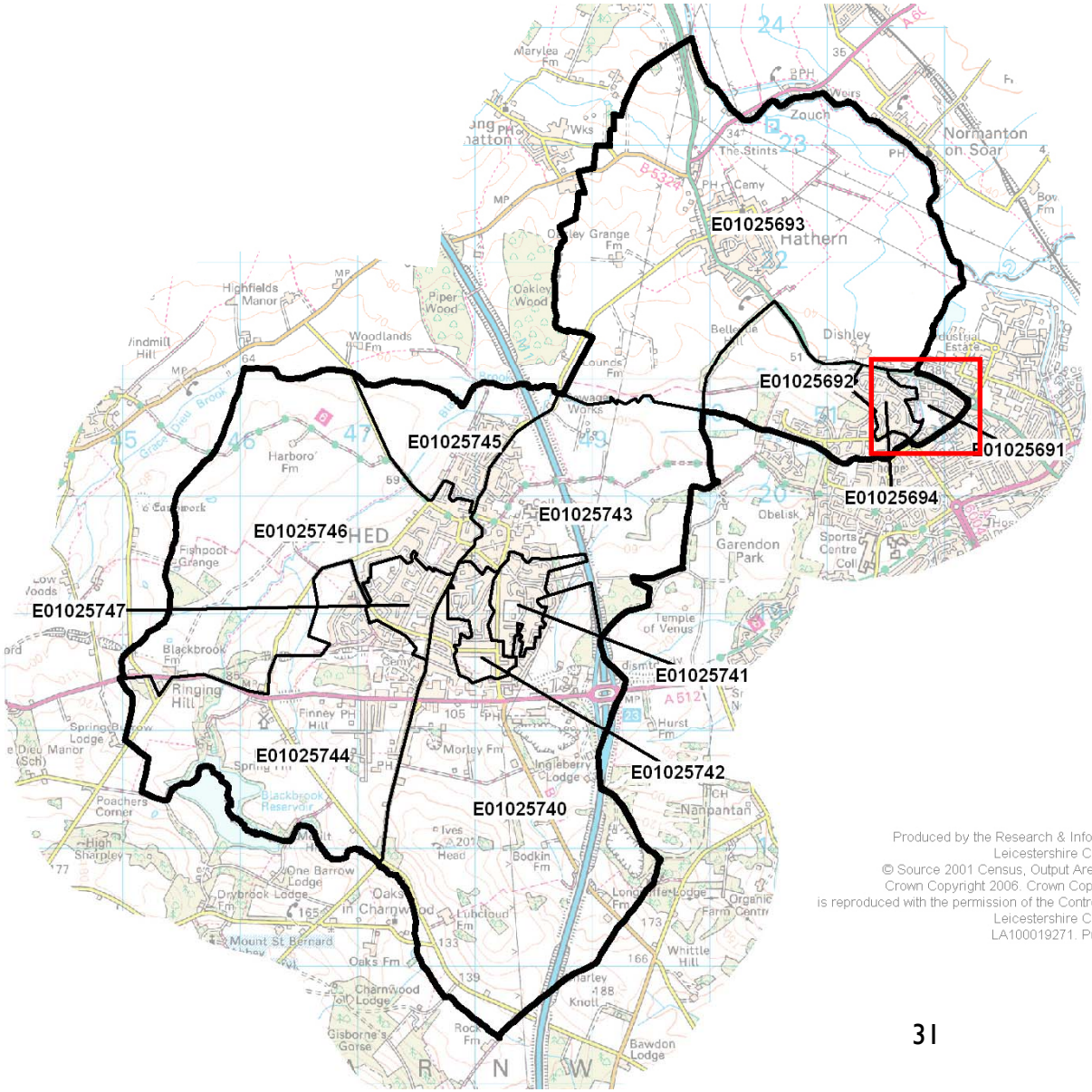
4.2 Key Rural Centres

4.2.1 Hathern

Indices of multiple deprivation

The village is covered by a single LSOA (E01025693). The Indices of Multiple Deprivation do not indicate any significant or moderate deprivation in Hathern.

Map 8 - Shepshed & Hathern Community Forum and Loughborough West Neighbourhood Priority Area



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Above: Loughborough West Priority Area

Access to services

Based on the Access to Services Report (July 2007) Hathern is considered to have "very good" access to services. This means that people in the Parish have access to at least 6 services including a post office, library, school and place of worship.

4.3 Rural Areas

Indices of multiple deprivation

The area is covered by 5 LSOAs

The areas to the south and west of Shepshed are significantly deprived areas for access to services and housing. The areas are Shepshed South LSOA and Shepshed South West LSOA (E01025740 and E01025744).

5. Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and The Wolds Community Forum

The map overleaf (Map 9) shows the Quorn, Barrow, Sileby & The Wolds Community Forum with LSOAs.

The Forum includes the key rural/service centres of Barrow-upon-Soar, Quorndon, Sileby and Wymeswold, and the rural area around the rural/service centres.

5.1 Key Rural Centres

5.1.1 Barrow upon Soar

Indices of multiple deprivation

The Indices of Multiple Deprivation do not indicate any significant or moderate deprivation in Barrow.

The Parish Plan

A Parish Plan for Barrow was created in 2006 / 2007. From the research undertaken in the development of the Parish Plan a number of issues of concern were identified. These were;

- Increase the number of shops in the village linked to stimulating tourism
- Not enough properties for rent and a need for starter homes.
- Traffic and traffic congestion
- Access for wheelchair and pushchair users particularly at the train station
- Lack of public transport in the evenings and weekends
- People wish to protect green spaces and conserve historic buildings

5.1.2 Quorndon

Indices of multiple deprivation

The Indices of Multiple Deprivation do not indicate any significant or moderate deprivation in Quorndon.

5.1.3 Sileby

Indices of multiple deprivation

Sileby South East LSOA (E01025751) is moderately deprived in terms of education, training and skills.

5.1.4 Wymeswold

Indices of multiple deprivation

The Indices of Multiple Deprivation do not indicate any significant or moderate deprivation in Wymeswold.

Parish Plan

A Parish Plan for Wymeswold was created in 2005 / 2006. From the research undertaken in the development of the Parish Plan a number of issues of concern were identified. These were;

- Noise pollution particularly from vehicles
- Litter, fly tipping and path maintenance
- Demand for a local doctor's surgery
- Better information about courses available for learning
- Additional and more frequents bus services

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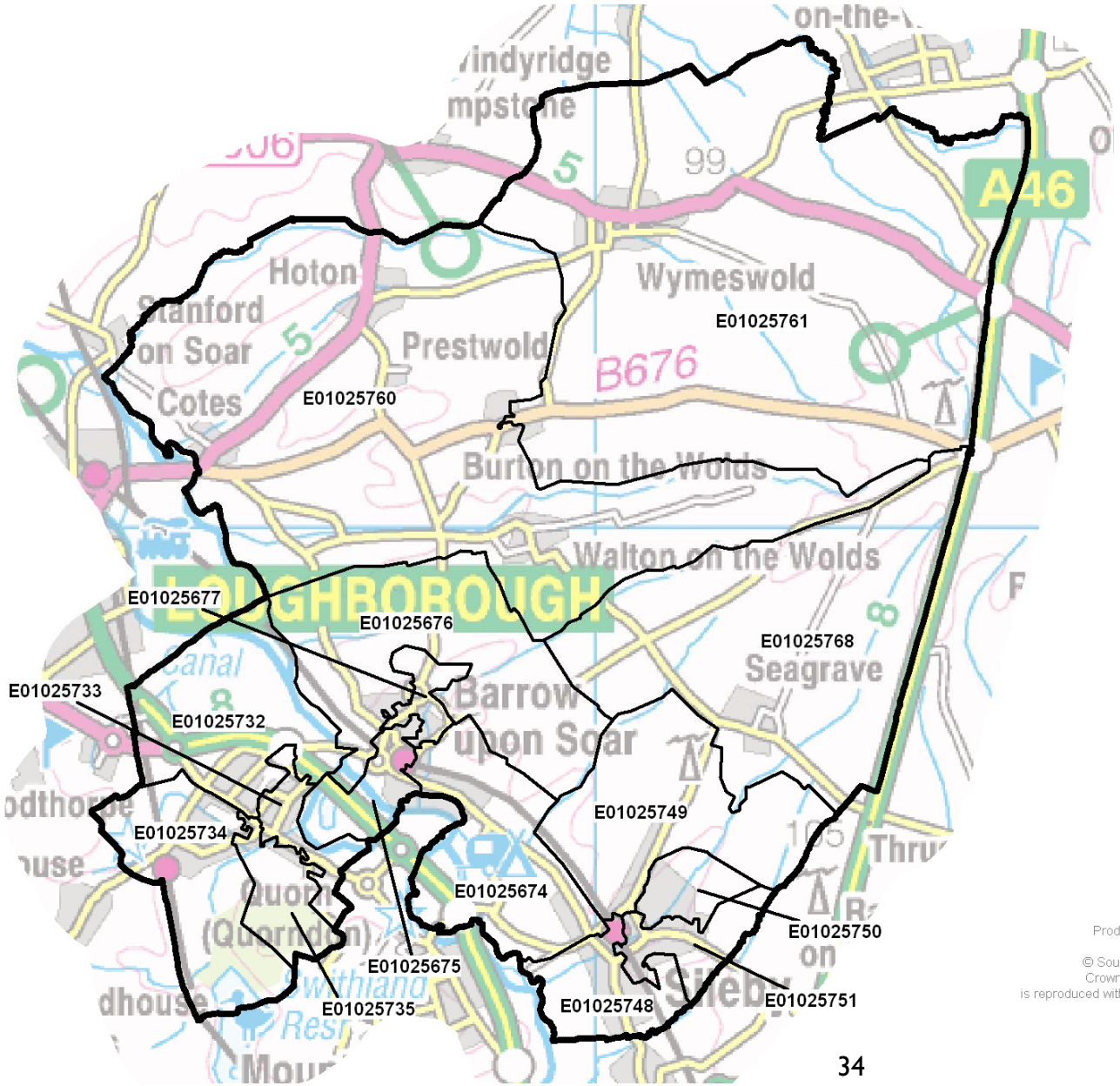
Map 9 - Quorn, Barrow, Sileby & The Wolds Community Forum



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- Traffic and road safety (pedestrian safety) particularly heavy vehicles using the A6006.
- Crime and a desire expressed for CCTV and a greater police presence
- More activities for young people

Based on the Access to Services Report (July 2007) Wymeswold is considered to have "good" access to services. This means that people in the Parish have access to at least 5 services likely to include a mobile library, school, place of worship, pub and community hall.

As part of the preferred options in the Local Development Framework proposals are developing for the development of a Science Park at Wymeswold Airfield.

5.2 Rural areas

Indices of multiple deprivation

Sileby North (LSOA E01025749), a rural area to the North of Sileby exhibits significant levels of multiple deprivation.

The table opposite summarises deprivation in the area.

	Income	Income affecting children	Income affecting older people	Employment	Education	Crime	Health	Living Environment	Barriers to Services
Sileby North LSOA (E01025749)	-	**S**	-	**S**	M	-	**S**	M	-
Barrow South West LSOA (E01025675)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M	-
Quorn North LSOA (E01025762)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M
The Wolds East LSOA (E01025761)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M
The Wolds West LSOA (E01025760)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M

"S" = Significant deprivation and within the 10% most deprived in Leicestershire
"M" = Moderate deprivation and within the 20% most deprived in Leicestershire
"-" = Not within the 20% most deprived LSOAs in Leicestershire

Parish Plans

One Parish Plan has been completed in recent years, at Burton-on-the-Wolds, in 2004 / 2005. The key issues identified were;

- Make the school available for community use
- Improve street and footpath lighting
- Greater police visibility
- Improving evening bus services (frequency) and general reliability

would be useful
- Traffic volumes through the village are an issue
- Parking on pavements and other traffic related issues including speed
- Future house building should provide for different income levels
- Village cleanliness should be improved as should recycling facilities

Access to services report

The report identifies the parishes of Hoton and Cotes as having no services or skeletal services

The report identifies the parish of Prestwold as having minimal services.

Social Capital Survey

The survey was conducted in The Wolds West LSOA (E01025760)

Compared to the average result for the rest of the areas surveyed we found that the Wolds was stronger in perceptions of neighbourliness and neighbourhood connections. People in this area also had strong interactions with friends and family.

It is not only perceptions of neighbourhood. People in the Wolds feel that there is a strong sense of helping each other and that they can trust their neighbours. The investment in formal and informal volunteering is also stronger than the average for other areas and the feeling that if you put something in you get something back is strong.

The Wolds was also quite strong in terms of proactive involvement in local groups and on local issues but lower in terms of voting in County, District and Parish Elections—though not in a General Election.

A higher proportion of those surveyed (75%) compared to survey as a whole (43%) feel that their neighbours can be trusted.

A higher proportion of those surveyed (78%) compared to survey as a whole (71%) are satisfied with the overall delivery of public services.

Appendix

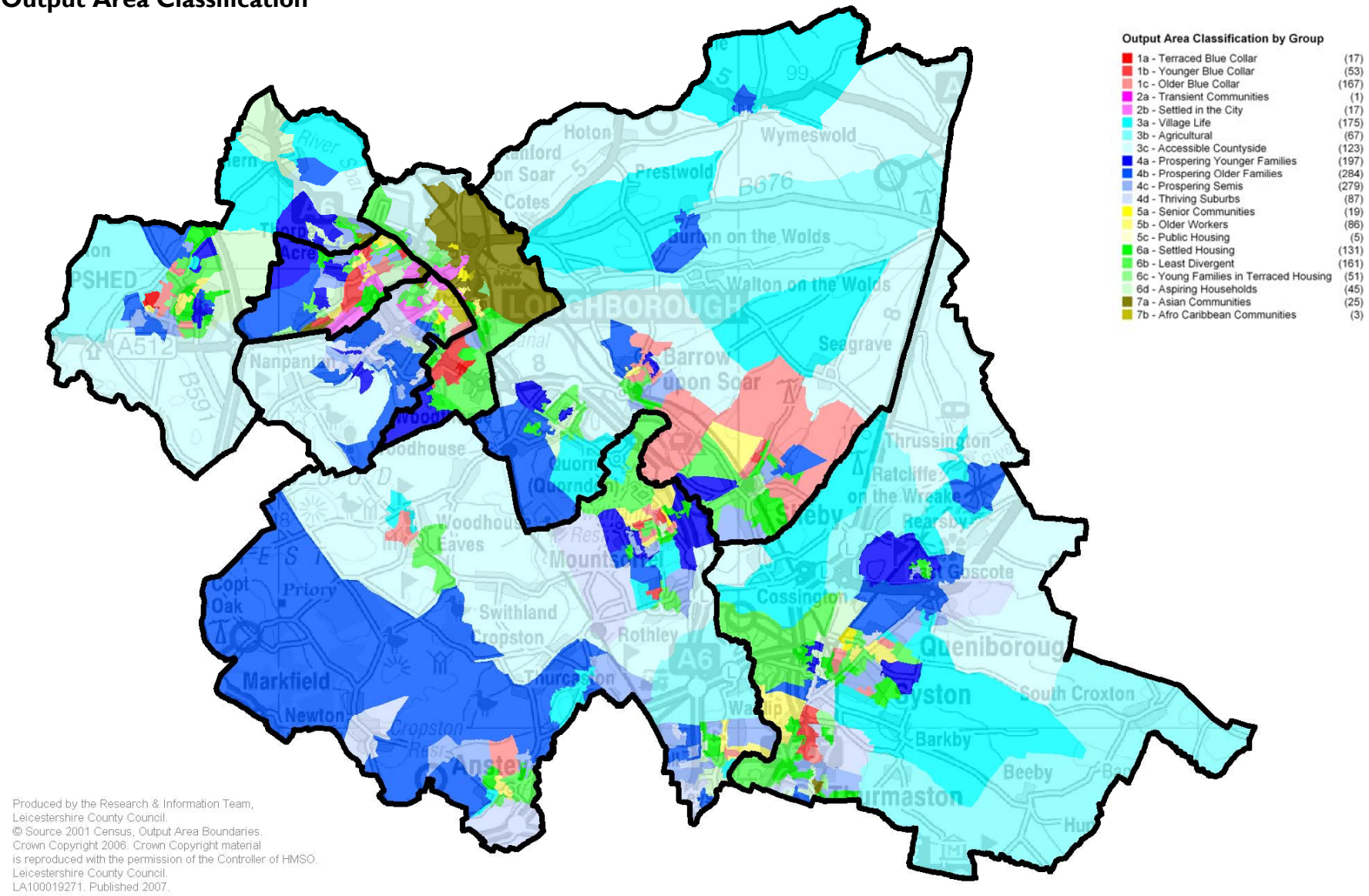
List of Community Forums and LSOAs

Community Forum	LSOA Code	Name
Bradgate, Rothley, Mountsorrel & Birstall	E01025670	Anstey North
	E01025671	Anstey East
	E01025672	Anstey West
	E01025673	Anstey South
	E01025678	Birstall South West
	E01025679	Wanlip
	E01025680	Birstall West
	E01025681	Birstall South East
	E01025682	Birstall East
	E01025683	Birstall North
	E01025684	Birstall Centre
	E01025687	Bradgate and Beacon
	E01025688	Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves
	E01025726	Mountsorrel East
	E01025727	Mountsorrel Centre
	E01025728	Mountsorrel South
	E01025729	Mountsorrel South West
	E01025735	**Mountsorrel North**
	E01025736	Thurcaston and Cropston East
	E01025737	Rothley East
	E01025738	Swithland and Cropston West
	E01025739	Rothley West
Loughborough East	E01025699	Loughborough Bell Foundry
	E01025700	Loughborough Canal South
	E01025701	Loughborough Central Station
	E01025702	Loughborough Tuckers Road
	E01025703	Loughborough Toothill Road
	E01025704	Loughborough Derby Road East
	E01025705	Loughborough Midland Station
	E01025706	Loughborough Meadow Lane
	E01025714	Loughborough Shelthorpe South
	E01025715	Loughborough Shelthorpe North
	E01025716	Loughborough Shelthorpe West
	E01025717	Loughborough Woodthorpe
Loughborough North-West	E01025689	Loughborough Ashby East
	E01025690	Loughborough Ashby West
	E01025695	Loughborough Garendon East
	E01025696	Loughborough Thorpe Acre West
	E01025697	Loughborough Thorpe Acre East
	E01025698	Loughborough Garendon West
Loughborough North-West (cont)	E01025722	Loughborough Knightthorpe Road
	E01025723	Loughborough Rosebery
	E01025724	Loughborough Oxford Street
	E01025725	Loughborough Warwick Way
Loughborough South-West	E01025707	Loughborough Nanpantan East
	E01025708	Loughborough Nanpantan West
	E01025709	Loughborough Holywell
	E01025710	Loughborough Outwoods West
	E01025711	Loughborough Outwoods East
	E01025712	Loughborough Outwoods South
	E01025713	Loughborough Outwoods North
	E01025718	Loughborough Centre South
	E01025719	Loughborough Southfields South
	E01025720	Loughborough Centre West
	E01025721	Loughborough Southfields North
Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and The Wolds	E01025674	Barrow South West
	E01025675	Barrow South East
	E01025676	Barrow North
	E01025677	Barrow Centre
	E01025732	Quorn North
	E01025733	Quorn East
	E01025734	Quorn West
	E01025735	**Mountsorrel North**
	E01025748	Sileby South West
	E01025749	Sileby North
	E01025750	Sileby East
	E01025751	Sileby South East
	E01025760	The Wolds West
	E01025761	The Wolds East
	E01025768	**Thrussington, Seagrave & SixHills**
Shepshed & Hathern	E01025691	Loughborough Dishley East
	E01025692	Loughborough Gorse Covert
	E01025693	Hathern
	E01025694	Loughborough Dishley West
	E01025740	Shepshed South
	E01025741	Shepshed East
	E01025742	Shepshed Central
	E01025743	Shepshed North East
	E01025744	Shepshed South West
	E01025745	Shepshed North
	E01025746	Shepshed North West
	E01025747	Shepshed West
Syston, Thurmaston & Wreake Villages	E01025685	East Goscote Centre
	E01025686	East Goscote North
	E01025730	Queniborough East, Barkby & South Croxton

Community Forum	LSOA Code	Name
	E01025685	East Goscote Centre
	E01025686	East Goscote North
	E01025730	Queniborough East, Barkby & South Croxton
	E01025731	Queniborough West
	E01025752	Syston East
	E01025753	Syston Central
	E01025754	Syston South
	E01025755	Syston South West
	E01025756	Syston North East
Syston, Thurmaston & Wreake Villages	E01025757	Syston Centre
(cont)	E01025758	Syston West
	E01025759	Syston North
	E01025762	Thurmaston South East
	E01025763	Thurmaston South West
	E01025764	Thurmaston Central
	E01025765	Thurmaston South
	E01025766	Thurmaston North West
	E01025767	Thurmaston North East
	E01025768	**Thrussington, Seagrave & SixHills**
	E01025769	Rearsby, Ratcliffe & Cossington

N.B. LSOAs shown in bold type fall within more than one Community Forum

Map 10 - Output Area Classification



Output Area Classifications were developed by ONS in collaboration with Leeds University. It is based on a number key variables derived from the 2001 Census. The information is based on residents/households and is therefore an accurate reflection of the community that live in that area.

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Rural Community Council
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Leicestershire Economic Partnership
www.lsep.co.uk

Leicester Shire Intelligence
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Association of Parish and Local Councils
www.lraplc.org.uk

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