

## News release from The Co-operative Group

### **TRANSPORT MODELLING COSTS REQUESTED BY THE CO-OPERATIVE GROUP UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

The Co-operative Group has written to Leicestershire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act requesting specific details of costs regarding transportation modelling work undertaken by the Council for the proposed eco-town. The request from The Co-operative Group follows a payment demand from the Council, who believe the Co-operative Group should pay the costs in full.

*A statement from the Co-operative Group explained that, 'The Co-operative Group has always been willing to pay reasonable costs to the County towards its transport modelling. The invoice that we have been presented with is in our opinion unreasonable and excessive. Despite repeated requests over the last few months for the County to provide detailed justification for the costs, this information has not been forthcoming. In order to resolve this and provide us with the evidence to settle the County's claim we will serve a request under the Freedom of Information Act on the County to provide the necessary details later this morning.'*

To view the Freedom of Information request letter sent to Leicestershire County Council please visit the eco-town consultation website at [www.ecotownforleicestershire.coop](http://www.ecotownforleicestershire.coop)

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