

Statement from The Co-operative Group

ECO-TOWN FOR LEICESTERSHIRE: CO-OPERATIVE GROUP WELCOMES HALCROW ASSESSMENT

The Co-operative Group has welcomed a new report produced by consultants appointed by the four local authorities, Halcrow, into its proposals for the eco-town for Leicestershire (published today, Thursday 18 December).

The report highlights the considerable potential benefits that the eco-town would deliver for Leicester and the city region. It also notes a number of areas which it is encouraging the Group to look into in more detail.

Commenting on the report, Ruairidh Jackson, Head of Planning and Property Strategy for the Co-operative Group, said:

“There is some really good material in this report about our proposals - it's great to see the benefits that we can deliver in terms of new jobs, new homes, new infrastructure, new approaches to cutting carbon, and new community facilities all being recognised and highlighted.

“We think this is very encouraging for us – more and more, people are starting to see and grapple with the issues that the eco-town is all about: sustainable growth, investment, new homes and jobs, more environmentally responsible ways of living. This report will add further momentum to that and, in our opinion, help people to make better informed decisions about how to respond to the challenges we all face moving forward.”

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