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Dear Parish Council

Re: Rural Conference / Rural Strategy

Back in 2019 a Rural Strategy approved by the Council following was completed by Cllr Cartwright and Officers visiting most of the Parish Councils to understand the issues affecting them at the time. The Rural Strategy will be refreshed this year to ensure it still reflects the key areas of focus for our rural work and any changes.

At the Rural Conference back in March 2023 where many but not all the Parish Councils attended an exercise was completed whereby, we asked two important questions.

- 1: What were the key achievements for your Parish in the last 4 years?**
- 2: What are the ongoing/emerging challenges for your Parish?**

A great deal of feedback was provided at the time and this data has already been published and will be considered as part of the refresh of the Rural Strategy.

I am however conscious that not all the Parish Councils were present at the Rural Conference and those that did attend only had a small delegation rather than all the Parish Council members.

So as to be fully inclusive would you kindly ask your members of the Parish Council to consider the two questions above and provide a response no later than **September 30th 2023** by emailing Cat, catharine.stilling@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

There will also be an opportunity to submit comments at the next Parish Forum on **Thursday 21st September 2023**.

Whilst we are unable to fix everything, we have been very clear on that, the Borough Council uses this data to inform and advise as an evidence base for what its priorities are therefore it is in your interests to keep your Parish Councils data up to date, a simple process by completing the two questions above.

Cat and I look forward to receiving your responses by **30th September 2023**.

Kind regards

Cllr Martin Cartwright

Executive Member for Rural affairs