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The Victory Show was held on a 20-acre site at Foxlands Farm, in Cosby, over three days from Friday 30 Autust to Sunday September 1.

The show, which organisers said was the biggest of its kind in the country, also included up to 300 military vehicles, airshows, and re-created trenches.

Event organisers said thousands of visitors have attended across the weekend, which was dedicated to the memory of the D-Day landings 80 years ago.

Organiser Stephen Pepper said: "We started the show in 2005 as a one-off show and here we are 19 years on.

"We have created the largest World War Two show in the country. It's grown and grown over the years."

Mr Pepper said the battle re-enactments included tanks, infantry, and pyrotechnics.

Airshows took place on Saturday and Sunday, including an Avro Lancaster, a Hawker Hurricane, two Supermarine Spitfires and a Flying Fortress.

Mr Pepper said the highlight of the weekend was when the Lancaster bomber came over just after 19:00 BST on Saturday.



"You never get to see it really in the evening, which in my eyes was very poignant as that's what would have happened 80 years ago.

"They would have been taking off at that time of night for a night raid on enemy territory."

The weekend began on Friday with an educational day for hundreds of school children from across the county, where they learnt about what life was like during the 1940s.

On Saturday, Mr Pepper said the show attracted 6,000 to 7,000 visitors, including people from all over Europe, and the same numbers were expected on Sunday.

Mr Pepper added: "I'd like to thank everybody for supporting us for so many years to make the show the best of its kind in the country, in our tiny village of Cosby."

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Organisers of Cadeby Fete 2024 are hugely grateful to The Local Rock for its support in promoting this year's event and helping to make it such a success.

The fete is the main annual fundraiser for Cadeby Church and all money raised helps to keep the church in good repair and open daily for all who want to visit. This year, the event was held for the first time at Market Bosworth Rugby Club, where more than 500 visitors helped to raise an amazing £5,000.

Fete co-ordinator Rachel Parrish said: "The Local Rock is a true community magazine and goes out of its way to support people working to make a difference in their own communities.

"The magazine's support for this year's fete was especially welcome as we needed to spread the message about our new venue, and with The Local Rock being read by so many households in the area, it was the perfect way to let people know."

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# NatureSpot Survey on Littlethorpe Verge

Over the summer a survey was carried out along the verge of the western side of Cosby Road just south of Littlethorpe.

It is approximately three metres wide and backed by a mature hedge which includes Elm and Elder.

The verge is being managed to improve biodiversity as part of the County Council/Parish Council Verges Biodiversity Project.

The aim of the project is to demonstrate that by managing the verge as a wildflower meadow it can support a much greater variety of wildlife species.

The verge has been surveyed by NatureSpot but different species come and go throughout the year.

A much better understanding of the nature value of this site will be gained if local residents can add records of what they have seen.

People are therefore asked to take a photo if possible and include it with their record, using NatureSpot's submit records form.

No mowing takes place between April and August to allow the grasses and wildflowers to grow and bloom, providing food and cover to a wide variety of insects and other creatures.

A narrow 'visibility' strip is however regularly mown along the road edge.

The 2024 NatureSpot survey revealed 53 plant species along the verge plus a wide range of insects and other invertebrates.

A list of all the species found at the site, together with any images taken, can be found in the external website below.

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# **Logistics Hub to Go Ahead after Appeal**

A new logistics hub at St John's in Enderby looks set to go ahead.

Blaby District Council has lost a planning appeal for a new logistics hub at the location.

Drummond Estate and Inverock Ltd launched an appeal earlier this year after the Council's Planning Committee refused the outline application in October 2023.

The site is identified for employment use in the Blaby District Local Plan, adopted in 2019.

The Planning Inspector reviewed the Council's decision to refuse the applicational at a public hearing in July, granting permission for the scheme.

The application, from the Drummond Estate and Inverock Trust, includes plans for four warehouses, offices, gatehouses and, potentially, a training and education centre.

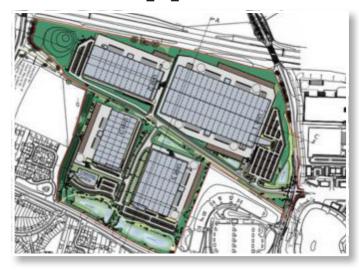
The hub is proposed for use as a storage and distribution centre with new access off Leicester Lane

A similar scheme, known as Hub 2, was granted outline permission on the same site in June this year.

The Council has also been ordered to pay the applicant's costs, which are currently unknown.

Further detailed applications will now follow, including the layout and appearance of the site.

Jonathan Hodge, Blaby District Council's Group Manager for Planning and Strategic Growth, said: "We acknowledge the Inspector's decision on this appeal and will work with the landowner and developers as more detailed plans for the site are received."



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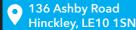
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# Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange –

### **Project Update & MP Quotes**

"The Planning Inspectorate's recommendation gives this new Labour Government the opportunity to respond to local people's concerns and calm the nerves thousands of people in Leicestershire who continue to anxiously await confirmation that this inappropriate development will be rejected."

"The Planning Inspectorate rightly highlights unresolved concerns relating to highway safety risks, inadequate traffic modelling by the applicant and the impact on the Aston Firs Travellers site as well as the impact on Narborough Level Crossing."

"I welcome the recommendation of Planning Inspectorate that the Secretary of State should withhold consent, given that the proposed development would bring substantial risks to the village of Sapcote and the wider road network, along with damaging the local landscape."

"As result the Planning Inspectorate have rightly highlighted that the harm that this proposal would do outweighs any benefits to the local area."

Dr Luke Evans, Member of Parliament for Hinckley and Bosworth, said:

"I cautiously welcome the new Transport Secretary's decision to give greater consideration to the proposed Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange, but I'm pleased to see that she is 'minded to refuse consent'.

"Both myself and Alberto Costa (as MPs for the area), local councils, statutory bodies, environmental groups and residents have raised serious concerns about the lasting and material impact of the proposal and the information given by the developer during the Planning Inspectorate's examination.

"It's as clear to me as it is to the public that the consequences locally far outweigh any proposed national benefits, especially when considering the concerns around the information and the basis being used to justify the proposal.

"I am pleased to see that the Secretary of State is inclined to agree.

"Alberto Costa and I will be working to find out what further information the Transport Secretary is seeking.

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# Cracking Down on Youth Vape Sales

Public health officials from across Leicestershire have called for a regional crackdown on the "concerning" and "inappropriate" illegal sale and marketing of vapes to under 18s.

The Association of Directors of Public Health for the East Midlands said: "The increase in youth vaping is concerning, and public health teams

across the East Midlands should continue to monitor the situation."

It called for trading standards to be given "the tools necessary to undertake enforcement work and other measures to protect children and young people".

The UK Vaping Industry Association said it agreed stronger measures were needed to cut off the supply of youth vaping and illicit products.

Nearly 8% of 11-17 year olds vape, according to figures from an online survey, external of 2,000 children by health charity ASH (Action on Smoking and Health).

The British Medical Association has called for action, saying vapes have no rightful place in young people's lives.

The Association of Directors of Public Health for the East Midlands includes senior



health officials from Derby, Derbyshire, Leicester, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, North Northamptonshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Rutland and West Northamptonshire.

Its report will be put to councils across the region to endorse, according to the Local Democracy Reporting Service.

The report said: "E-cigarettes are an age restricted product, and we are against inappropriate marketing practices that promote them to under 18's."

The UK Vaping Industry Association said bans could "supercharge the black market" and push the nation's smoke-free ambitions further out of reach "by deterring adult smokers from making the switch and driving current vapers into the hands of underground sellers or back to cigarettes".







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