Have your say on conservation area plan

VIEWS are wanted on a proposed conservation area for Hugglescote.
Residents are being asked to share their opinions on the plan, which would see a conservation area centred upon Dennis Street in the village.
Residents have until Friday July 21 to offer their opinions.
A conservation area is defined as an area of special architectural and historic interest, where it is important to preserve or improve its character and appearance.
Jim Newton, head of planning and regeneration at North West Leicestershire District Council, said: “Conservation areas are intended not solely to protect individual buildings but also to protect the general character of the area. It’s not about preventing change. It’s about managing change in a way that works with the area’s special character.”
“When we are considering planning applications within conservation areas, we’re required to pay special attention to the preservation or enhancement of its character or appearance. Building uses, materials, scale of buildings, street furniture, surfacing and spaces between buildings are all issues which may affect the quality of an area.”
“I would encourage as many Hugglescote residents as possible to share their opinions on this plan.”
The council has prepared a rapid appraisal of the village and drafted a potential conservation area boundary, which can be viewed online. To see the plans and comment, go to: nwleics.gov.uk/hugglescote

Pupils’ forensic skills put to test

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MURDER MYSTERY: The youngsters from the Darus Salam Mosque were on the case

Youngsters cracked case of murder in the lab

Youngsters put forensic science skills to the test to solve a murder

Twenty-five children, aged nine to 17, from the Darus Salam Mosque, who go to 10 schools across Leicester, set out to solve the Murder in the Lab at the University of Leicester.
The event was designed to encourage academic achievement in children of Bangladeshi heritage and to support widening participation and access to higher education.

“We want to encourage academic achievement in children of all backgrounds but the day’s focus was very much on pupils of Bangladeshi heritage from the area, I am from the same heritage and I hope the children can see there are role models they can look up to that are here to help them in their academic achievement.”

Shaf Islam, managing director of Chutney Ivy restaurant, in Leicester, provided iftar – basic food – packs for all children and staff involved as the event fell during Ramadan.