

Dear Madam,

Melton Local Plan Examination – Somerby & SOM 2 MBC/023/16

In write in connection with the Melton Local Plan Examination.

I have attempted to categorise my representation under the various Matters.

Matter 10

There seems to be a major disconnect between the Leicestershire Local Transport Plan 3 (2011-2026) (LLTP3) and MBC draft local plan both in the anticipated number of dwellings and the vision of future transportation in rural areas. MBC view that a large increase of dwellings in rural areas is feasible whilst there is no evidence of this being supported by an equivalent improvements in rural roads under the LLTP3. In fact the LLTP3 stated the East Midlands Regional Spatial strategy had a policy of urban concentration to deliver the required housing numbers with “much more of the additional housing likely to be delivered through the extension of existing urban areas including Leicester, Melton Mowbray...”

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents 2017 Rural Road Safety report states “Seventy two per cent of car user deaths occur on rural roads, and in 2015 there were 563 car user fatalities. The pattern is similar for serious injuries, and in 2015 there were 4,785 serious injuries to car users in rural areas. This accounted for over 60% of the total number of serious injuries to all car users in 2015. The nature of rural roads: narrow, bendy but with high speeds is a likely cause for the severity of collisions experienced.”

MBC fails to consider the impact of the expansion of Somerby and increased traffic will have on rural road safety and the road improvements required within the village and through other small villages such as Burrough on the Hill, Pickwell, Cold Overton, Twyford etc.