



**EXAMINATION – MATTERS AND QUESTIONS
MELTON LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION
STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF:
DAVIDSONS DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED**

MATTER 10: Infrastructure Delivery

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10.1 In the light of new policy IN1 on the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy and the policy for Transport, Accessibility and Parking (old Policy IN1), does the Plan provide an evidence-based, integrated and effective policy framework for transport that will support the implementation of the spatial strategy? How will any impacts on areas beyond the Borough boundary be addressed?

10.2 Taking account of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, the delivery schedule in Appendix 4 and the process for updating them, Policy IN2 and other supporting policies in the Plan, are there grounds for reasonable confidence that the necessary infrastructure will be provided to support the timely implementation of the spatial strategy?

10.1.1 Focused Change FC11 sets out a newly worded Policy IN1 relating to the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy. This sets out a transport strategy to be funded and delivered by private developers and the public sector comprising a Melton Mowbray Distributor Road from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road around the east of the town, along with a package of complementary measures including enhanced pedestrian, cycling and public transport facilities and access to the town centre and other local journey attractors from the proposed sustainable urban extensions.

10.1.2 The evidence to support this strategy is set out in the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Options Appraisal Report, Jacobs, July 2016 (MBC/T6) and the Melton Mowbray Infrastructure Delivery Plan, April 2017 (MBC/INF1).

10.1.3 Paragraph 8.3.14 of FC11 advises that the Council envisages that the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road would be delivered in part by developers in association with the proposed northern and southern urban extensions, through financial contributions from other developments in Melton Mowbray and by securing public funding. Reference is made to the funding secured from the Department of Transport's Large Local Major Transport Schemes Fund to prepare a business case to underpin future funding bids. An accelerated timescale is set out to deliver the northern

and eastern sections of the route commencing in 2020, with completion by 2022.

10.1.4 In developing its proposals for the South Melton Sustainable Neighbourhood, Davidsons Developments has worked closely with Leicestershire County Council and the Borough Council in developing proposals to deliver part of the southern link road from Burton Road to Dalby Road and from Kirby Lane to Leicester Road in association with proposals for the development of 1,500 homes and associated community facilities (application ref 16/00515/OUT).

10.1.5 As part of the work to support the outline planning application, ADC Infrastructure has prepared a Transport Assessment to demonstrate how the proposals for 1,500 homes as part of the sustainable urban extension could be delivered without severe impacts on the highway network. Along with the delivery of sections of the southern link road, the proposals would provide improvements to Kirby Lane as an interim solution pending the completion of the full southern link road. ADC Infrastructure has worked closely with officers from Leicestershire County Council in developing the proposals for the southern link road, including the commissioning of modelling using the Leicester and Leicestershire Integrated Transport Model (LLITM). The outline application includes detailed design proposals of the proposed sections of the southern link road and roundabout junctions at Burton Road, Sandy Lane, Dalby Road and Leicester Road.

10.1.6 Work undertaken for the outline planning application confirms that, whilst challenging, the development would be able to fund the delivery of the sections of the link road as proposed. Leicestershire County Council, Melton Borough Council and Davidsons Developments have worked together to submit a bid to DCLG for forward funding through the Housing Infrastructure Fund to assist in the early delivery of the southern link road. In progressing the planning application, Davidsons is liaising with the Borough Council over the package of section 106 contributions, recognising the priority to secure the delivery of the southern link road.

10.1.7 The new Policy IN1 confirms that where necessary, the Council or the Local Highway Authority will use their compulsory purchase powers to deliver sections of the distributor road if required. Davidsons supported this commitment to using compulsory purchase powers in the Focused Change.