

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 1

Throughout the majority of the Local Plan process Somerby was deemed to be a Secondary Rural Service Centre to be allocated 40 houses (Refer Emerging Options (Draft Plan) Jan 2016. In this report new homes were to be delivered “through a number of small allocations and small unallocated sites of 10 dwellings or less which enhance the sustainability of the settlement in accordance with the policy SS3 – Sustainable Communities”. Yet in the Pre Submission Draft Plan, November 2016 there was a fundamental change of approach and Somerby was designated a Service Centre with three sites being allocated each with in excess of 30 houses and in the case of SOM2 42 houses on a single site. This change of approach made a complete mockery of the prior consultation process and the local community had very little time to respond and voice their opinion. The designation of such large sites in a small village is wholly inappropriate.