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## MELTON LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION 2018

### WRITTEN STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF MR STEPHEN LEE AND THE VB TRUST

#### MATTER 1: LEGAL REQUIREMENT AND THE DUTY TO CO-OPERATE

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**Paragraph 1.5: Does the Plan set out a clear strategic policy framework for the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans? How will any inconsistencies between emerging NP's and the Plan be resolved?**

1. It is considered that the emerging Melton Local Plan, particularly policies SS2 and C1(A), are sufficiently prescriptive in informing Neighbourhood Plans in respect of individual development targets for individual settlements. However, it is apparent that in some cases, such as Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold, the emerging NP's are not consistent with the emerging Local Plan and allocations being made do not accurately reflect the emerging allocations of the Local Plan.
2. Paragraph 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the supporting National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) clearly state that a neighbourhood plan should support the strategic development needs set out in the Local Plan and plan positively to support local development.
3. The NPPG is also clear that the local planning authority should work with the qualifying body to produce complementary neighbourhood and Local Plans. It is important to minimise any conflicts between policies in the neighbourhood plan and those in the emerging Local Plan, including housing supply policies. This can help minimise potential conflicts and ensure that policies in the neighbourhood plan are not overridden by a new Local Plan.
4. It is clear that the emerging Local Plan needs to have a mechanism in place so that it overrides any inconsistent NPs upon adoption and that any NPS that are currently

emerging are reconsidered to ensure consistency with the emerging Local Plan once adopted. At present, this is not clearly established in the emerging Local Plan.