

Representor

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In respect of Matter 4 and Matter 5 ref CH4psSS2 Q3 and Q4

1) Failure to apply correct site selection procedure, a Core planning principle of the national planning framework ,

2) Failure to ensure sustainable development ,a core planning principle of the national planning framework

3) Village sites fail to meet “low carbon transport “ aim of NPPF

Melton Borough Council has failed to properly consider and include in the new local plan a **Large Brownfield site** at Melton Airfield suitable for 1500 houses, a site well located within walking cycling range of Melton town centre with excellent potential for employment and transport & infrastructure links. This has been relegated to a reserve site only. This site makes so much sense to any reasonable it's unbelievable the council have not included it.

The only explanation can be the short-term approach to literally meeting housing targets whatever the environmental cost.

Instead MBC have developed an alternative policy of meeting housing targets for short term financial target gain. Overwhelming many small villages (rural hubs) with unsustainable greenfield site allocations.

These are villages with 2 hourly bus services, no shopping or medical facilities, completely full primary schools, limited road network, and negligible employment opportunities, villages such as Gaddesby and Great Dalby which until very recently were classed as unsustainable locations by national planning inspectors ,see appeal decision to proposed house at rear of 38 Main street ,Great Dalby for evidence.

Contrary to the MBC plan these villages do not have walking/cycling access to any facilities, there are no shops or employment within the villages and virtually all inhabitants need with the exception of primary schooling are met by the use of motor car travelling 5 or more miles.

As a consequence, the villages will become even larger dormitories, for affluent commuters. If it must go ahead, the housing allocation to villages should be entirely social or local need housing with a maximum of three bedrooms and 150m² floor area at a density of at least 35 dwellings per hectare on schemes designed to comply with Council for protection of rural England guidelines.