

Matter 1 Duty to Co-operate 1.4 1.5

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para 1 **Background** FPC have enthusiastically embraced the concept of localism and accordingly formed a community led Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee [NPAC], which has worked collaboratively with FPC. The involvement of the village has been unprecedented in the borough according to our professional advisor and has resulted in the rapid progress to examination, now virtually completed.

para 2 **In answer to Qu 1.4** , The overwhelming view of the community ,NPAC ,and FPC is one of disenchantment with the lack of co-operation from M.B.C which has consistently refused to take any notice of the aspirations of the community as expressed in the developing N.P.

Qu 1.5

para 3 Worse than failing to co-operate, senior personel of M.B.C have expressly dismissed the contents of the developing N.P. on numerous occasions at planning meetings.

para 4 Consistently, Borough Councillors have been advised to give little weight to a N.P which has not yet been completed to adoption, despite numerous examples of a more considered and balanced approach elsewhere .

para 5 So frustrated has everyone become, that FPC have abandoned reference to our N.P when addressing planning committee meetings, as it risks squandering our allotted time to no avail. The village now questions the vast effort and expertise devoted to our involvement in this democratic exercise when the result is contrary to our original optimism that “ the developing N.P will influence the emerging L.P “. The resulting disillusion is tangible and discredits the concept of local involvement.

CONTEXT Chapter 3 of Melton LP

para 6 **Vision and Strategic Priorities “ A need for support for Neighbourhood Planning”**

para 7 **4.2.12 “ The Council will develop proposals promoted through NPs provided they are consistent with strategic objectives”.**

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SOLUTION Our experience has been shared by the majority of evolving rural PC NPs.

MBC must be coerced into meaningful discussions with a group representing the rural PCs to assure them that there will be an effective mechanism of ensuring that the MLP will accord NPs the prospect of influencing the emerging LP, in so far as there is broad strategic agreement.