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Matters and Questions  
Melton Local Plan Examination

Dear Examiner,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Plan in the context of Matters and Questions. I am a Somerby resident and a member of the Neighbourhood Plan there, so when examples are necessary to illustrate my points, I will reference my Parish or village, but I believe observations may also apply for the other rural parts of the Borough.

***Matter 11 Managing Development***

10.1 What would improve Policy D 1 and make it more deliverable is if criterion c) proposed a more detailed approach to new development in villages with historic settlement character, given the growth targets in rural areas and the magnitude and speed with which this will occur.

Mentioned earlier, Historic England and London School of Economics have published comprehensive research and guidance on the social and economic benefits of new development which have architectural integrity with surrounding historic areas, and this includes the patterning of streets and roadways. It would be beneficial to expand criterion c) so that the Policy lists categories of a new development that should be considered when demonstrating new build 'respects' the local vernacular, and contributes to the delivery of the Plan's vision.