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## Focused Changes - Melton Local Plan Consultation (<https://meltonboroughcouncil.citizenspace.com/planning-policy-team/copy-of-focussedchanges-addendum-consultation-s/>)

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### About you

**\*\*CONSENT TO PUBLISH\*\*** Please note: your response will be published after the consultation closes. Please confirm you understand and agree to publish your name by ticking the box below.

*Please select one item*

(Required)

Yes, you may publish my name with my response

### What is your name?

Name (Required)

Sam Silcocks

**Please indicate if you are completing this survey as a resident or other type from the list below (tick all that apply)**

*Please select all that apply*

(Required)

- Agent
- Developer
- Landowner
- Resident
- Stakeholder
- Consultee
- Other (please specify below)

If you are representing someone, please provide their name here:

Tata Steel (UK) Limited

**Did you complete a previous representation for the Melton Local Plan consultation held in November 2016?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

Yes

No

**FC1 Spatial Strategy (Policies SS2 and SS3)**

**Would you like to submit a representation for: FC1 Spatial Strategy (policies SS2 and SS3) section of the focused changes?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

Yes

No

**1. FC1 Spatial Strategy (policies SS2 &SS3)**

**1. Please indicate which part of the focused changes addendum for the Melton Local Plan or supporting documents this representation relates to.**

Focused change policy or paragraph reference:

Policy SS2 and Paragraph 4.2.2

**2. Do you believe that this policy/section of the Melton Local Plan:**

(Required)

Is legally compliant

Please select one item

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Is sound

Please select one item

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Complies with the duty to co-operate

Please select one item

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**3. If you answered No to 'sound', please answer this question... Do you consider that this policy is unsound because...**

Please select all that apply

- it's not positively prepared
- it is not justified
- it isn't effective
- it's not consistent with National Policy

Please provide comments for why you believe it is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. OR If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of this policy, or its compliance with the duty to co-operate: (Required)

We have reviewed the focused changes, the 2017 Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Need Assessment ("LLHEDNA") and the 'Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough' ("THRMB"). We support the 'policy on' approach to determining the housing requirement and consider that a 280 dwelling per annum ("dpa") figure should be applied owing to the clear social and economic benefits, combined with the lack of any additional negative environmental implications in the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum when compared to the previous housing target of 245 dpa. In terms of the THRMB, this correctly identifies that the assessment of the Objectively Assessed Housing Need ("OAHN") in the LLHEDNA presents a 'policy off' position and that there are a set of wider considerations that need to be carefully considered in determining the housing requirement. This approach is clearly supported by the National Planning Practice Guidance. These wider considerations are identified in Figure 1 and each of these can clearly be linked back to the provisions in the National Planning Policy Framework ("the Framework"). It is also evident from the THRMB that there is a clear need for the Housing Requirement to exceed the OAHN in this instance. The reason for this being to ensure the alignment of the housing and employment strategy by securing the right type of work force to match the borough's employment base; supporting local services; delivering the Transport Strategy; meeting the objective of boosting significantly the supply of housing; the delivery of affordable housing for local people to meet the objectively assessed need identified in the LLHEDNA; and the opportunity to meet unmet need elsewhere. Combined these factors present a strong and convincing case for an increased housing requirement.

The two most influential factors in terms of what the revised housing target should be appear to be the alignment with the Employment Land Study and meeting the need for affordable homes. These present a housing requirement of between 230-274 dpa and 280 dpa per annum respectively. With regard to the latter, the Framework is clear at Paragraph 47 that the full, objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing should be met, as far as is consistent with the policies set out in the Framework. Given the general alignment between the upper limit of the employment based range and meeting the affordable homes need, we consider that further consideration should be given to increase the housing requirement to 274-280 dpa. Such an approach has the potential to optimise the economic and social benefits from delivering higher housing provision, and, in accordance with the assessment of this option (Option 3) in the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum, does not identify any additional environmental implications when compared to the previous housing target of 245 dpa (Option 2). Please note that we have not undertaken a detailed review of the methodology and assumptions behind the Objectively Assessed Housing Need ("OAHN") figures now presented in the LLHEDNA. We are not, therefore, in a position to comment on whether the reduced OAHN figure this represents an accurate and robust position based on the latest evidence base and we will leave this for others to comment on.

Please describe what changes you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound

The housing requirement should be increased to 280 dpa

## FC2 - Melton Sustainable Neighbourhoods (policies SS4 & SS5) - Chapter 4

**Would you like to complete a representation for the focused change relating to: FC2 Melton sustainable neighbourhood policies?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Yes
- No

## FC3 Growth Strategy & Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA)

**Would you like to complete a representation for FC3: Growth Strategy and HEDNA?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Yes
- No

## 4. FC4 Housing site allocations

**Would you like to complete a representation for the focused change relating to FC4: Housing Site Allocations, reserve sites and site specific policies?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Yes
- No

## FC5 Housing Mix

**Would you like to submit a representation for FC5 Housing Mix?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Yes
- No

## FC6 - Affordable Housing

**Would you like to submit a representation for FC6: Affordable housing?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Yes
- No

## FC7 Gypsies and Travellers policies

**Would you like to submit a representation for FC7: Gypsies and Travellers?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Yes
- No

## FC8 Economy

**Would you like to make any comments on FC8 Economy?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Yes
- No

## FC9 Indoor Sports Facilities

**Would you like to submit a representation for FC9 Sport?**

*Please select one item*

- Yes
- No

## FC10 Infrastructure Delivery Plan

**Would you like to submit a representation for the focused changes proposed for FC10: Infrastructure?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Yes
- No

## FC13 Policies map

**Would you like to submit a representation for FC13 Policies Map?**

*Please select one item*

- Yes
- No

## Examination

**40. Can your representation seeking a change be considered by written representations or do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Written Representations
- Participate at the Oral Examination

If you wish to speak at the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary?

In order to contribute to the discussion in relation to the housing requirement.

## Receive news and updates

**48. If you would like to be updated on any Melton Local Plan news and updates, then please indicate your preferences below and we will make sure you are kept informed.**

*Please select one item*

(Required)

- Yes, send me regular news and updates
- No, please do not send me any emails

**49. Would you like to be kept informed of other council services? If so, please indicate your preferences below: (By ticking the box, you are opting in to receive news and updates from Melton Borough Council only for the options you have selected. We will not share this data with any other provider).**

(Required)

**Benefits**

Please select all that apply

- Yes I'm Interested - add me to the list
- Not interested - do not send me anything
- 

**Community**

Please select all that apply

- Yes I'm Interested - add me to the list
- Not interested - do not send me anything
- 

**Tourism & events**

Please select all that apply

- Yes I'm Interested - add me to the list
- Not interested - do not send me anything
- 

**Local Plan only**

Please select all that apply

- Yes I'm Interested - add me to the list
- Not interested - do not send me anything
- 

**Online services**

Please select all that apply

- Yes I'm Interested - add me to the list
- Not interested - do not send me anything
- 

**Town centre**

Please select all that apply

- Yes I'm Interested - add me to the list
- Not interested - do not send me anything
- 

**Waste and recycling**

Please select all that apply

- Yes I'm Interested - add me to the list
- Not interested - do not send me anything

**To thank you for taking part in this online survey, you have the chance to be entered into our FREE prize draw to win vouchers worth up to £100. If you would like to be entered into the draw, please indicate so below:**

Please select one item

(Required)

- Yes, please enter me into the FREE prize draw
- No thanks