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Include unanswered questions

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)

Charnwood Borough Council

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)

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)**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 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)

Charnwood Borough Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the focused changes to the Melton Local Plan prior to its submission for Examination. Charnwood BC is pleased to note that Focused Change 1 - Spatial Strategy recognises the objectively assessed need for housing identified through the latest Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment 2017 (HEDNA). This takes the 2014 Subnational Population Projections (SNPP14) as its starting point and in order to arrive at an objectively assessed need for homes (OAN) it makes adjustments to take into account 10-year migration trends and affordability. The HEDNA also considers an economic led scenario, which in the case of Melton concludes a need for homes that is above the adjusted demographic scenario of 134 dwellings per annum (dpa). The HEDNA recommends the economic led scenario as the basis for the OAN for Melton, identified as 170 dpa (2011-2036). However, the "Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough Council" (Melton TAHR) report seeks to justify an increase to the 245 dpa in the Melton Local Plan, identified in Focused Change 1. The report identifies a variety of different reasons which would require an increase in the housing requirement in Melton above the economic led OAN of 170 dpa identified in HEDNA. However, there is no clear justification as to how the exact final figure of 245 dpa has been arrived upon from the various reasons provided. The use of different assumptions from those previously applied in producing the recent HEDNA appears to conflict with the requirement of assessing housing and economic needs across the wider HMA, especially when the distribution of this development has yet to be formally agreed. This may have implications not only for Melton but could have significant impacts on the wider HMA. It also raises the question why a unilateral evidence exercise that departs from HMA agreed evidence has been undertaken. The HEDNA identifies an OAN for Melton of 170 dpa (2011 - 2036); this already contains an increase to support economic growth which has not been informed by an HMA wide distribution process. A significant increase to 245 dpa, well above the OAN which has been identified through HEDNA, should be agreed through the Strategic Growth Plan, under the Duty to Cooperate. In simple terms, Melton is planning for 2,775 homes above the demographic scenario over the period 2011-2036. This is reliant on housing need that arises from elsewhere in the HMA or wider afield and cannot be explained through existing migration patterns appearing to be based upon a highway led strategy. This is likely to have wide-reaching implications across the HMA and should therefore be agreed through a strategic planning process.

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

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

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

(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

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

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

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

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