

Logged in with [mfardell@melton.gov.uk \(/po...](#)

[Manage Consultations \(/planning-policy-team/manage_consultations\)](#) | [Support \(/admin_support\)](#) | [Log Out \(/logout\)](#)

[Go to this Consultation's Dashboard \(https://meltonboroughcouncil.citizenspace.com/planning-policy-team/copy-of-focussedchanges-addendum-consultation-s/cons...](#)

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

Response 420146337

🔍 [Back to Response listing \(https://meltonboroughcouncil.citizenspace.com/planning-policy-team/copy-of-focussedchanges-addendum-consultation-s/consultation/published_select_respondent?_b_index=60&uuld=420146337\)](https://meltonboroughcouncil.citizenspace.com/planning-policy-team/copy-of-focussedchanges-addendum-consultation-s/consultation/published_select_respondent?_b_index=60&uuld=420146337)

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)

JOHN RUST

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 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)

FC1 4.2.1 The Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2014 Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA)(Jan 2017), the Towards and Housing Requirement for Melton report (TAHR)(Jan 2017), and its addendum (June 2017) identify Melton Borough as forming part of the Leicester & Leicestershire Housing Market Area. It The HEDNA provides a consistent, objective assessment of need for housing (OAN) following the approach prescribed by Government in Planning Practice Guidance and identifies an Objectively Assessed Need for the equivalent of 170 new dwellings each year from 2011 to 2036 for the Borough of Melton, driven by: • natural population increase (i.e. births exceeding deaths); • more people moving into the area than leaving;. • the trend for smaller households, including more people living alone; • existing shortfalls in housing, particularly affordable housing in rural areas and . • economic growth trends • an adjustment for market affordability • the ability to service the economy with sufficient people of working age.

4.2.2 The Melton TAHR indicated that taking account of wider considerations, there was a clear justification for planning for between 5,750 and 7,000 dwellings, equivalent to 230-280 dwellings per annum. The Council has agreed a housing requirement of 245dpa, within that range. -----

----- Response The Plan is unsound due to:- After being party to producing the HEDNA and contributing to its cost (£9k) the MBC on realising that the HEDNA which provided a consistent, objective assessment of need for housing (OAN) following the approach prescribed by Government in Planning Practice Guidance and identifies an Objectively Assessed Need for the equivalent of 170 new dwellings each year from 2011 to 2036 for the Borough of Melton, was not supporting their figure of 245dpa they then commissioned their TAHR using the same consultant as the HEDNA at further cost so as to justify the original requirement of 245dpa. I am not convinced that there was or still is "justification for planning for between 5,750 and 7,000 dwellings" The Plan will cause major harm within the boroughs villages, by focusing on the 4000+ housing requirement in Melton to finance the relief road and still maintaining a 65% to 35% split between the town and villages. The large scale expansion of villages is based on a desktop and tick box sustainability assessments carried out by consultants who have little local knowledge. The increase in housing within the villages was then divided on a percentage of the existing population making their sustainability assessments meaningless. In a number of villages which due to past growth without a corresponding investment in infrastructure are now struggling to accommodate this proposed excessive growth. Water, Sewage, Surface water flooding, Roads, Pavements, Parking, Primary schools Medical Practises have been raised as major problems when actual planning applications have been considered so highlighting the lack of thoroughness in the Local Plan preparation. There is intention to improve the Melton Town infrastructure along with a new relief road, considering that 35% of the development will be in the villages it would have been expected that a proportionate investment in the rural infrastructure would be planned The plan makes no reference to the amount of traffic that will be generated on the already overloaded rural roads or the negative impact on climate change caused by car travel from remote villages North of Melton on the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire borders to areas of quality employment. There is an opportunity to produce a plan without overloading the rural infrastructure, destroying the historic rural character of the villages and the settings of their historic buildings and national monuments by building the fully serviced garden village next to the A46 trunk road at Six Hills. The propose 3000 dwellings would allow the villages to expand at a rate in line with local need and wishes of the residents in line with the neighbourhood plans, any borough housing shortfall being offset by the Six Hills Garden Village.

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