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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)

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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

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

Housing site allocations - Rep 1

1. Please select the settlement and clearly reference the site you are interested in (please note you can select additional sites later after you have completed this one)

Site 1 (select one)

Please select one item

- Ab Kettleby
- Asfordby Hill
- Asfordby
- Bottesford
- Croxton Kerrial
- Easthorpe
- Frisby
- Gaddesby
- Great Dalby
- Harby
- Hose
- Long Clawson
- Melton Mowbray
- Old Dalby
- Scalford
- Somerby
- Stathern
- Thorpe Arnold
- Waltham
- Wymondham

Site reference or page/policy number: (Required)

FC4 page 13

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)

NPPF policy re flood risk requires an LPA to consider flood risks in the allocation of sites. Water Lane has 4 attendant flood risks 1. Fluvial 67% zone 2 as outlined in the EA maps for planning, and in your own SFRA appendix 2016 2.Surface Water, several areas 1/30 yr risk 3. Groundwater, highest level of risk on BGS maps of flooding likely at the surface 4 Reservoir breach, EA maps show flooding to depths of 0.3 to 2m in case of breach. NPPF 101 states " Development should not be allocated or permitted if there are reasonably available sites appropriate for the proposed development in areas with a lower probability of flooding. The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment will provide the basis for applying this test." And in PPG 014 ' flood risk and coastal change " According to the information available, other forms of flooding should be treated consistently with river flooding in mapping probability and assessing vulnerability to apply the sequential approach across all flood zones." i.e its not just the zoning that counts, the other 3 flood risks should also lead to a sequential approach. Your own SFRA 2015 and 2016 appendix, refer to this also. Following the 2016 SHLAA process there were 6 sites in Frisby all favourably commented on by MBC. Apart from minor surface water flooding at 1 other site, the 5 other sites have no flood risks. Flooding is a significant consideration in the NPPF and indeed it is one of the restrictive policies in the NPPF (footnote NPPF 14) that are a significant factor in considering a site NOT to be sustainable. Bearing in mind the above, Water Lane should never have been an allocated site in Frisby, and at most should have been a lowly reserve site.

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

Your section on the approach of the council to flood risk is poorly written and shows a lack of clarity of thought. While you pay lip service to a sequential approach to flooding you suggest that sustainability arguments could be strong enough to overcome flooding considerations. I think this should only apply in exceptional circumstances and is not something referred to in the NPPF on flood risk, or its associated PPG. This may have led to your poor decision making in Frisby. As a rural hub Frisby has a degree of sustainability, but that applies to all sites in Frisby, so even by your own logic that still should have put the other 5 sites ahead of Water Lane, by applying a sequential approach to flood risk. Other sites in Frisby also have more sustainable transport links by being within 800m of an hourly bus service (L.C.C. 6 C's Design Manual), do not sterilise mineral deposits (NPPF 143), and are not directly adjacent to the village conservation area. The NPPF and your own SFRA point out that faced with flood risk, alternative sites should be considered ACROSS THE BOROUGH. As there are 12 service centres, which by definition are more sustainable than a hub, across the Borough, then even if there were not an alternative site in Frisby there would be 12 alternative villages with greater sustainability across the Borough to turn to. Finally Frisby can provide its allocation of housing needed by the Borough without recourse to this site MBC should respect the site choice made by the Frisby Residents through their Neighbourhood Plan, and this should be reflected in your site allocations for the village.

5. Do you have additional sites to submit a response for?

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