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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Consultation: Consultation on the Focussed Changes to the Melton Local Plan

Thank you for your consultation below.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Focussed Changes to the Melton Local Plan. Our comments relate specifically to Focused Change FC11 and the **(New) Policy IN1: Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy (MMS)**.

We note the proposal for a new Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (MMDR) from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road around the east of the town. We would like to point out that the new distributor road could present a number of challenges as any proposed route is likely to cross the River Eye and its floodplain.

The River Eye is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (As Amended). This means that any potential impacts of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (MMDR) on the River Eye SSSI should be anticipated, avoided and where necessary mitigated.

With that in mind, we would recommend early engagement with Natural England over the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (MMDR) so that any potential issues can be addressed before the planning application is submitted to ensure that progress is not stalled by concerns raised in relation to the River Eye SSSI in response to the statutory consultation.

Natural England now offers a [Discretionary Advice Service](#) (DAS) so that we can work with applicants, developers and consultants to take appropriate account of environmental considerations at an early stage of the planning process in order to improve the quality of applications before they are submitted. We believe this could help to save applicants time and money in the long term, whilst also securing good outcomes for the natural environment.

The advice could take the form of a meeting, telephone conversation or written advice. The advice is offered on a cost recovery basis with standard tariffs for the services requested. Further information about the service and tariffs can be found on the gov.uk [website](#). The first step is for the applicant to fill out a simple downloadable [DAS request form](#).

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. For any queries relating to the specific advice in this email only please contact me on 02080261940. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Kind Regards

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Natural England offers two chargeable services – The Discretionary Advice Service ([DAS](#)) provides pre-application, pre-determination and post-consent advice on proposals to developers and consultants as well as pre-licensing species advice and pre-assent and consent advice. The Pre-submission Screening Service ([PSS](#)) provides advice for protected species mitigation licence applications.

These services help applicants take appropriate account of environmental considerations at an early stage of project development, reduce uncertainty, reduce the risk of delay and added cost at a later stage, whilst securing good results for the natural environment.

We now offer free and chargeable advice to land owners and managers planning works on Sites of Special Scientific Interest through the [SSSI Advice Service](#).

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**Invitation to Consultation on Addendum of Focussed Changes Melton
Local Plan AND CIL Preliminary Charging Schedule - Thursday, 13th July
until Wednesday, 23rd August 2017**

In accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations (as amended) 2012, Melton Borough Council is consulting on the Addendum of Focussed Changes Melton Local Plan from Thursday 13th July to Wednesday 23rd August 2017.

The Melton Local Plan Addendum of Focussed Changes includes main items of new information and analysis published or completed since the draft Local Plan was published in November 2016 and the significant changes arising out of it as suggested modifications. The Addendum brings together all the proposed changes alongside setting out some further changes that are consequential, as a result of the inter-related nature of several of the strands of the Local Plan, the written and map-based sections and the evidence base and reasoned justification. The main changes can be viewed at:

[Focused changes to Melton Plan](#)

Any representations received will be considered alongside the representations received on the pre-submission draft Local Plan last year that are not a part of the addendum of focussed changes version by a Planning Inspector conducting the examination.

[Submit your representation](#)

Under Regulation 15 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 the Council is also consulting on the Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule.

Representations can be made in writing (using the formal representation form - available online or by request) or electronically using the council's on-line consultation portal – <https://meltonboroughcouncil.citizenspace.com>. The form and associated guidance notes can be obtained from the Council Offices, the council's website www.meltonplan.co.uk or by e-mailing the Planning Policy team. All representations should be posted or e-mailed to the address below.

Any representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified when the Local Plan has been submitted for independent examination, when the Inspector's Report is published and/or when the Local plan is adopted.

The Addendum of Focussed Changes, Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule CIL, Addendum Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment and other supporting documentation have been published on the Council's website at: www.meltonplan.co.uk. The consultation documents can also be viewed at the Parkside Offices, Station Approach, Melton Mowbray during normal office hours.

Copies of the plan and the addendum of focused changes will also be available to view at additional locations around the Borough and a number of public consultation drop in events will be arranged where Planning Officers will be available to discuss the addendum and explain how to have your say.

<https://www.meltonplan.co.uk/drop-in-events>

For full details of these locations and events please visit our website www.meltonplan.co.uk, e-mail: planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk or telephone 01664 502502 and ask to speak to a member of the Planning Policy team. A copy of any of the published documents (those on the website) can be requested from the local planning authority.



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