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Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to respond to the proposed Melton Local Plan: Long Clawson.

I understand that the following schedule of changes is being proposed:

- LONG1 – 10 units
- LONG2 – n/a (0 units)
- LONG3 – 41 units
- LONG4 – 55 units
- LONG5 – 40 units
- LONG2 – (new site) 26 units

I agree that as a community, Long Clawson has to do its bit to support housing and development as part of the Melton Plan and the wider directive nationally. With this in mind I would like to offer my thoughts and response in relation to each site as follows:

LONG1 (10 units)

If it is proposed that this site (LONG1) is the **ONLY** development during a 12 month period then I see no reason to object.

- 10 houses – this is slightly higher than was originally cited as a sustainable number of houses (6 houses) to be built per year over a 20 year period in Long Clawson (please refer to the early stages of the consultation process). I do feel however that it is not unreasonable to offset these extra houses with those built over the following year.
- Keeping the number of houses built to approximately 6 houses per year will:
 - allow the Long Clawson community to absorb and integrate the new influx of residents in a manner that will positively support the community feel of the village;
 - enable the (already oversubscribed) school to explore alternative approaches for accommodating a small number of extra children to the village;
 - minimise the impact of additional cars commuting to and from the village; and
 - minimise the impact of extra residents using community facilities such as the surgery which is already struggling to cope with rising numbers of patients.

LONG3 (41 units); LONG4 (55 units); LONG5 (40 units); and LONG2 (new site; 26 units)

I strongly **OBJECT** to these proposed site (LONG3; LONG4; LONG5; and LONG2).

- The number of houses being proposed for each of these sites goes significantly beyond what is deemed a sustainable number of houses (6 houses) that could be built in Long Clawson in any one year period. Please refer to point above and early stages of the consultation process.
- Building such a high number of houses (between 26 and 55 houses) in one go will have a significant negative impact on the life of the village:
 - The Long Clawson community will struggle to absorb and integrate this large number of new residents to the village, adversely impacting on community life and spirit.
 - The village school is already oversubscribed; it is unreasonable to believe that it will be able to accommodate the high number of new children joining the village which undoubtedly will be high.
 - It is unrealistic to believe that the high number of new residents to the village will a) work in the village, or b) use the limited public transport available to get to work. This will result in a significant increase in traffic within, and travelling through the village.
 - Current village facilities are limited and in the case of the surgery, over subscribed. These facilities cannot be expected to support such increases in village resident numbers in one go.
 - The surgery like the school needs time to **gradually absorb** a small number of extra residents per year. These proposed sites do not allow for this.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Kind regards,

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