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Dear Sir/Madam,

Local Plan - Issues and Options Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Melton Local Plan Issues and Options consultation.

See attached table of comments.

Yours sincerely



Grant Butterworth
Head of Planning

Para / Section / Page ref	Comment
Section 2.7 Vision & Objectives	
Question 3: Page 10	<p>Suggest to retain the strategic objective of:</p> <p><i>9. Reduce the need to travel by car and improve access to public transport.</i></p> <p>This is to ensure good public transport connectivity into Leicester.</p>
Section 7. Policy SS6. Alternative Development Strategies and Local Plan Review	
<p>Question 14: Page 30</p> <p>There is reference to meeting Leicester’s unmet need and a commitment to collaborate with other local authorities in order to meet any additional unmet need from within the Housing Market Area. However, in the reasons why the policy needs review in Para 7.2, the wording of the criteria of either option doesn’t not come across adequately.</p> <p>The Leicester & Leicestershire Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Needs (June 2022) identifies an apportionment of 69 dwellings per annum from 2020 – 36 for Melton. We would like to see a commitment to joint working in order to meet any unmet need from Leicester or the HMA.</p>	
Option 2: Reduce to locally specific criteria only	<p>The following sentence is welcomed in the introductory explanation for the review, but this commitment needs including in the proposed Policy criteria.</p> <p><i>“This option gives the opportunity to reinforce the Council’s commitment to collaborate with other local authorities in order to meet unmet needs from other authorities within the Housing Market Area.”</i></p>
Option 3: Additional criteria	<p>The following sentence is welcomed in the introductory explanation for the review, but this commitment needs including in the proposed Policy criteria.</p> <p><i>“This option gives the opportunity to reinforce the Council’s commitment to collaborate with other local authorities in order to meet unmet needs from other authorities within the Housing Market Area.”</i></p>
33. Policy IN2. Transport, Accessibility and Parking	
Question 71: Page 106	<p>The City Council is supportive of the provision of public and private electric vehicle chargers to encourage the uptake of zero emission vehicles, particularly for those people who need a private car to access Leicester when sustainable modes of transport cannot be met.</p>