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Introduction

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No

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About you (equalities questions)

Please provide the first 5 digits of your Postcode (for example LE13 1).

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Gender: How do you identify?

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If self-describe, please state :

Would you describe yourself as transgender?

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What is your sexual orientation?

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If other, please state:

What is your age?

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Do you consider yourself to have a health problem or a disability which has lasted, or is expected to last at least 12 months?

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If you selected other, please state:

What is your ethnic origin?

Please describe your ethnicity and race:

What is your religion?

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Please state your religion:

Vision and objectives

Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 1: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 1 - Option 1: No change:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 1 - Option 2: Refocused and simplified version [preferred option]:
Somewhat disagree

Question 2: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this section

Please, provide further context:

Option 1 would retain a specific focus for the conservation of the historic environment and the Borough's heritage assets, and their setting. Option 2 would not include this as a key focus which we consider would not demonstrate a positive approach to the historic environment within the Plan process.

The historic environment and heritage assets play a key part within all the seven key issues identified in Option 2 whether that be heritage led regeneration in a place (rural community or town centre), repurposing existing fabric rather than demolition and new build as part of climate change considerations, heritage contributions to local distinctiveness which link in to design codes and high quality, well-designed development, links between heritage and well-being, and synergy between natural and historic environments where opportunities that link the strands could result in transformational outcomes for a community and its place.

Question 3: What do you think are the most important objectives to be covered by our Vision? Please select your top 3

Question 3 - Improving facilities for all of the community and providing the new infrastructure needed to support our growing population:

Question 3 - Addressing the causes and effects of climate change:

Question 3 - Ensure local housing meets the local communities current and future needs:

Question 3 - Supporting a diverse, competitive and innovative rural economy:

Question 3 - Enhancing Melton Mowbray's town centre:

Question 3 - Promoting high quality and well-designed development to help create healthy, sustainable and safe communities:

Question 3 - Enhancing nature and minimising harm to the natural environment:

Question 3 - Other (please specify below):

Please, provide further context:

HE welcomes the seven key issues identified which are clearly of importance to the Borough. However, it our view that the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting should also form a key issue as they are an intrinsic part of the seven key issues already identified.

Policy SS1. Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development

Policy SS1: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 4: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 4 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 4 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 5: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

NPPF requirements for sustainable development include those relating to the historic environment, so whilst option 2 would be more tidy, either option would address historic environment matters in the round.

Policy SS3. Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites)

Policy SS3: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 6: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 6 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 6 - Option 2: Review the policy to better define meeting local need:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 6 - Option 3: Review the policy to enhance wider sustainability [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 7: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Deleting the policy would remove the Borough's existing clear aspirations for new speculative development and may result in unwarranted harm to the historic environment, heritage assets or their setting. A review as set out in Option 3 would seem more in line with the current aspirations of the Borough, and would continue to address historic environment elements.

Question 8: Under what circumstances do you think new homes in the borough's smallest and least sustainable settlements are justified?

Please, provide further context:

Question 9: Do you think criteria should be introduced to require homes built in the borough's smallest and least sustainable settlements to be built to the highest sustainability standards? If yes, what types of criteria do you think the policy should consider?

Please, provide further context:

Policy SS4. South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhoods

Policy SS4: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 10: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 10 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 10 - Option 2: Amend to reflect the 2021 Masterplan [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 11: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

The requirements of Policy SS4 en3 in respect of the historic environment, especially the setting of St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital Scheduled Monument (SM) and associated landscape connections and opportunities to enhance, better understand and experience the monument are a key part of what makes this area of development unique and a special place to live. As such, HE considers some policy safeguards for this should continue to be reflected through any new Local Plan.

Policy SS5. Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood

Policy SS5: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 12: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 12 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 12 - Option 2: Amend to reflect the 2021 Masterplan [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 13: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

HE considers some policy safeguards for the historic environment and heritage assets should continue to be reflected through any new Local Plan.

Policy SS6. Alternative Development Strategies and Local Plan Review

Policy SS6: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 14: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 14 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 14 - Option 2: Reduce to locally specific criteria only [preferred option]:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 14 - Option 3: Additional criteria:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 15: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

No key change for the historic environment as a result of the three options.

Definitions

Policy C2. Housing Mix

Policy C2: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 16: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 16 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 16 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:

Question 17: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policyPlease, provide further context

Please, provide further context:

No comment - outside HE remit.

Policy C3. National Space Standard and Smaller Dwellings

Policy C3: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 18: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 18 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 18 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 19: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

HE would recommend the Council considers appropriate wording in any new policy which perhaps focuses the requirement for Nationally Described Space Standards (NDSS) to affordable housing or dwellings of more than three bedrooms as suggested, or that could provide for any change of use of an historic building to residential use where habitable space may not meet the NDSS requirements, for example units over shops.

Definitions

Policy C4. Affordable Housing Provision

Policy C4: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 20: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 20 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 20 - Option 2: Amend the policy to reflect National Planning Policy Framework and new evidence [preferred option]:

Question 21: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Any requirements for affordable housing provision would need to meet other material considerations at application stage, including those for this historic environment so HE has nothing to add for Q20.

Definitions

Policy C7. Rural Services

Policy C7: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 22: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 22 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly agree

Question 22 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 23: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

HE agrees with the Council that a policy pertaining to rural services should be maintained in a new plan in some form, and should be extended to include the whole of the Borough. We are of the view that a relevant policy should continue to be included in any new plan to ensure settlements in the Borough are viable and attractive places to work, live and play, all of which can contribute to the enhancement and enjoyment of the local historic environment whether it falls within a Conservation Area or otherwise.

Policy C8. Self Build and Custom Build Housing

Policy C8: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 24: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 24 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 24 - Option 2: Address increasing needs:

Question 24 - Option 3: Address increasing needs and add local-specific criteria [preferred option]:

Question 24 - Option 4: Adding the two optional local eligibility tests:

Question 25: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Any requirements for such housing provision would need to meet other material considerations at application stage, including those for this historic environment so HE has nothing to add for Q24.

Policy C9. Healthy Communities

Policy C9: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 26: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 26 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 26 - Option 2: Revise the policy but also make health and wellbeing a key thread that runs throughout the entire plan [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 27: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Heritage can make a valuable contribution to well being in a variety of forms. He would welcome a revised policy that allowed synergy with other policies and key issues identified in the Plan as it progresses, especially the historic environment. We have undertaken various research into the subject and further information can be found on the links below. You may wish to consider some of the heritage counts information as possible monitoring criteria in the Sustainability Appraisal as the Plan progresses:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/wellbeing-and-the-historic-environment/>

<https://historicengland.org.uk/research/current/social-and-economic-research/wellbeing/>

Question 28: Do you think the Local Plan should require Health Impact Assessments for large scale developments?

Not Answered

Question 29: If you answered 'yes' to question 28, what size and types of development do you think should require them and why?

Please, provide further context:

No comment, outside HE remit.

Policy EC1. Employment Growth in Melton Mowbray

Policy EC1: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 30: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 30 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 30 - Option 2: Amendments to reflect Use Class Order, new evidence and National Planning Policy Framework:
Somewhat agree

Question 30 - Option 3: Create separate policies for employment allocations and employment development in Melton Mowbray:
Somewhat agree

Question 31: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

HE would object to the policy being deleted as it would be a fundamental part of the Plan. We would have no issues to raise should Option 2 or 3 be pursued as the Plan progresses as the historic environment would be dealt with elsewhere in the Plan and would remain as a material consideration for site allocations and development proposals.

Question 32: Unless submitted already as part of the Employment-only Call for Sites (June-July 2023), is there any employment site you want us to consider as a potential allocation? If there is, please submit the details, including a location plan showing the boundaries to planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk and add a note in this section

Please, provide further context:

HE has no sites to put forward for consideration within the Plan. However, we would recommend that site assessment work is undertaken in line with our guidance set out in Historic Environment Advice Note 3: The historic environment and site allocations in local plans - <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/>

Definitions

Policy EC2. Employment Growth in the Rural Area (Outside Melton Mowbray)

Policy EC2: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 33: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 33 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 33 - Option 2: Policy Wording Amendments [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 34: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

We agree with the Council's suggestion that the policy is not deleted for the reasons set out in section 15.3 for Option 1. Whilst Option 2 may broaden the policy, supporting justification text for the policy within the Plan would offer opportunity to highlight the special qualities of the rural area within the Borough. For example, including how the historic rural activity within the Borough has shaped some of the tourist and business activity experienced today.

Policy EC3. Existing Employment Sites

Policy EC3: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 35: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 35 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 35 - Option 2: Add specific class uses to policies:
Somewhat disagree

Question 35 - Option 3: Adding Flexibility to the Policy:
Somewhat agree

Question 36: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

We would have no issues to raise should Option 3 be pursued as the Plan progresses as the historic environment would be dealt with elsewhere in the Plan and would remain as a material consideration for site allocations and development proposals.

Definitions

Policy EC4. Other Employment and Mixed-use Proposals

Policy EC4: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 37: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 37 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 37 - Option 2: Wording amendments and define Mixed-use Development:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 37 - Option 3: Split the Policy:
Somewhat agree

Question 38: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

HE is of the view that the current policy wording clearly sets out expectations for development proposals and these should be incorporated into any new policy or policies.

Town Centre and Retail Evidence

Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 39: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 39 - Option 1: Focus on Melton Mowbray Town Centre:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 39 - Option 2: Carry out a full Town Centre and Retail Study including needs assessments:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 40: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this section

Please, provide further context:

We would suggest that funding opportunities for future place making/levelling up/other projects be taken into consideration when deciding the approach for retail evidence for the Plan. Refreshed evidence may assist with any funding applications the Council wishes to make during the Plan period. We provide further information about town centres on our website: https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/historic-towns-and-high-streets/

Definitions

Policy EC5. Melton Mowbray Town Centre

Policy EC5: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 41: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 41 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 41 - Option 2: Update and incorporate elements of the Town Centre Vision [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 42: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

HE agrees with the Council that a policy on this aspect is necessary within the new Plan. Option 2 would provide opportunity to link in with the town centre vision and perhaps highlight the heritage of the town and its special qualities.

Definitions

Policy EC6. Primary Shopping Frontages

Policy EC6: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 43: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 43 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 43 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 44: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

A refreshed primary shopping frontage policy would help conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.

Definitions

Policy EC7. Retail Development in the Borough

Policy EC7: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 45: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 45 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 45 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 46: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

A refreshed policy would help conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.

Definitions

Policy EC8. Sustainable Tourism

Policy EC8: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 47: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 47 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 47 - Option 2: Clarify the policy to focus on socio-economic benefits:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 47 - Option 3: Amend the Policy to define sustainable tourism:
Somewhat agree

Question 48: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Heritage led tourism contributes towards the UK economy:
<https://historicengland.org.uk/research/heritage-counts/heritage-and-economy/visitor-economy/> Amending the policy to include sustainable tourism offers opportunity to explore further opportunities to make use of the Borough's historic environment and special qualities. This also links in with comments raised previously in relation to the Vision and Objectives of the Plan.

Definitions

Policy EN2. Biodiversity and Geodiversity

Policy EN2: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 49: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 49 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 49 - Option 2: Amend the policy:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 49 - Option 3: Split the policy:
Somewhat agree

Question 50: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

HE would welcome a split policy approach as the elements are quite different.

The historic environment plays an important role in nature recovery. We work with other partners in relation to Countryside Stewardship, woodland management and other projects where nature recovery aligns with the historic environment. Further information can be found via our website: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/monuments-and-sites/wildlife-and-habitat-protection/>

The various elements of geodiversity underlie and define the character of our landscape and environment. A split policy approach would provide opportunity to link align historic environment matters with a range of issues including local distinctiveness as a result of building materials, historic landscape characterisation etc.

Definitions

Policy EN3. The Melton Green Infrastructure Network

Policy EN3: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 51: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 51 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 51 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 52: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

The Borough's green infrastructure network includes opportunities to link with the historic environment. HE would expect any revised policy to maintain the references to heritage assets and setting that are made in the extant policy.

Policy EN5. Local Green Spaces

Policy EN5: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 53: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 53 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Somewhat disagree

Question 53 - Option 2: Incorporate Green Belt criteria:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 53 - Option 3: Designate additional Local Green Spaces:
Somewhat agree

Question 54: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

No further comments to make.

Question 55: If you wish to propose a new area for Local Green Space, please send a map and supporting information to planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk and add a note in this section

Please, provide further context:

HE has no suggestions to put forward.

Policy EN7. Open Space, Sport and Recreation

Policy EN7: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 56: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 56 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 56 - Option 2: Update the policy, particularly the standards [preferred option]:

Question 57: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

No comment, outside HE remit.

Policy EN8. Climate Change

Policy EN8: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 58: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 58 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 58 - Option 2: Delete the policy, and make climate change a 'core thread' that runs throughout the entire plan:
Somewhat disagree

Question 58 - Option 3: Retain but update policy EN8 and make climate change a core thread that runs throughout the entire plan [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 59: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

The historic environment can play a valuable part in the route to net zero. One of HE's corporate objectives relates to climate change and it is a key part of our work: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/climate-change/> Updating the extant policy and including climate change as a thread through the Plan would ensure that opportunities could be included in relation to many Plan topics. We would expect this to be explored further in the SA as the Plan and SA progress.

Policy EN9. Ensuring Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Development

Policy EN9: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 60: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 60 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 60 - Option 2: Refocus the policy and split it into new more specific policies as required [Preferred approach]:
Somewhat agree

Question 60 - Option 3: Make the policy more robust and specific, to ensure all new development meets the highest standards:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 61: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

The historic environment offers opportunity to explore creative and innovative ways to ensure energy efficiency and low carbon development. We would recommend any approach taken forward continues to consider the historic environment to ensure the Plan can demonstrate a positive approach to the historic environment.

Policy EN10. Energy Generation from Renewable and Low Carbon Sources

Policy EN10: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 62: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 62 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 62 - Option 2: Review the policy to ensure it works well for all types of renewable energy schemes [preferred approach]:
Strongly agree

Question 63: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Historic England supports an approach to renewable energy generation which:
• Acknowledges the need for society to invest in a wide range of renewable energy generation technologies
• Recognises the potential environmental impacts of different technologies, including their implications for the historic environment
• Keeps the balance of environmental benefits and disadvantages of each technology under continual review
• Continually seeks to limit and mitigate adverse impacts.

Further information on links between the renewables and the historic environment can be found on our website:
<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/infrastructure/renewable-energy/>

Policy EN11. Minimising the Risk of Flooding

Policy EN11: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 64: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 64 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 64 - Option 2: Add new elements of national policy:

Question 64 - Option 3: Restrict policy to strategic overview and local matters:

Question 65: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

No comments to make as context of flood risk matter included in the policy is outwith HE's remit.

Definitions

Policy EN12. Sustainable Drainage Systems

Policy EN12: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 66: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 66 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Somewhat disagree

Question 66 - Option 2: Incorporate additional requirements:
Somewhat agree

Question 67: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

SuDS can contribute to existing public realm and new development proposals and can link well with historic environment elements including heritage assets or their setting. Including a policy on this would add to the Vision and Objectives of the Plan review.

Policy IN1. Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy

Policy IN1: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 68: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 68 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 68 - Option 2: Reflect the latest position in the policy [preferred option]:

Question 69: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

No comments to make as the questions relating to the policy are outwith HE's remit.

Definitions

Policy IN2. Transport, Accessibility and Parking

Policy IN2: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 70: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 70 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 70 - Option 2: Amend policy wording to align with national and local guidance [preferred option]:

Question 71: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

No comments to make as the questions relating to the policy are outwith HE's remit.

Policy IN4. Broadband

Policy IN4: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 72: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 72 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 72 - Option 2: Amend policy [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 73: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

The Covid19 pandemic introduced new ways of working, particularly in respect of homeworking. This, in turn, has changed shopping habits and the use of local services which can contribute to the vitality and sustainability of settlements. Maintaining and increasing the offer of services in settlements contributes towards an appreciation of the place's heritage and creates a sense of place.

Definitions

Policy D1. Raising the Standard of Design

Policy D1: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 74: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 74 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 74 - Option 2: Review and strengthen policy so it sets out strategic principles for high quality new development [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 75: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Based on past and current research and workstreams, as well as corporate objectives, HE is well-placed to play a leading role in promoting high-quality design in historic places and we continue to research into this subject. We have provided advice on design coding in historic environments and increasing housing density in historic environments amongst others. Further information can be found on our website: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/design-in-the-historic-environment/>

Question 76: Do you think the current design policy criteria covers all design issues adequately, that the current policy works well? Would you like to suggest any criteria to be added or removed from the policy?

Please, provide further context:

HE has nothing to add to the extant policy items as they currently provide for the historic environment.

Question 77: How important do you think each of the following design considerations are for a new development?

Question 77 - Attractiveness: creating a pleasant environment to live and work:
Very important

Question 77 - Sensitive to context: responds well to its surroundings:
Very important

Question 77 - Distinctiveness: builds upon the unique characteristics of its surroundings and creates a sense of place in itself (design features such as scale, massing, materials, landscaping and architectural detailing).:
Very important

Question 77 - Neighbour amenity: does not adversely affect neighbours and nearby uses:
Very important

Question 77 - Legible places: places that are easily understood by their users, particularly when moving around.:
Very important

Question 77 - Connectedness: created new and weaves into existing networks:
Very important

Question 77 - Comprehensive: ensuring development is designed and delivered in a coordinated way, and avoiding piecemeal schemes:
Very important

Question 77 - Safe and attractive streets and spaces: create spaces and environment that feels safe and secure to be in.:
Very important

Question 77 - Environmental sustainability and adapting to climate change:
Very important

Question 77 - Mix of uses: the right range of uses and densities:
Very important

Question 77 - Protecting and enhancing heritage assets:
Very important

Question 77 - Car parking:
Very important

Question 77 - Community consultation: opportunities for community to get involved and help shape development proposals:
Very important

Question 77 - Other: please state below any other key deign considerations not highlighted above:

Please, provide further context:

Question 78: Do you think there is a need for specific policy guidance about the use of design coding within the local plan?

Not Answered

Question 79: If you responded 'yes' to question 78, please provide reasons?

Please, provide further context:

RE: Q.78. Specific policy guidance about the use of design coding within the new Plan - This could be achieved within the Plan review or potentially as a separate development plan document.

Should the Council consider various approaches to design coding might be used such as by a developer for a specific scheme or through a Neighbourhood Plan then an overarching policy could be of use in setting out expectations.

Equalities Impact

Question 80: Do you have any views on the potential impact of the proposals raised in this consultation on people with protected characteristics as defined in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010?

Not Answered

Question 81: If you responded 'yes'/'unsure' to question 80, please provide your reasons and whether there is anything that you think could be done to mitigate any impacts identified

Please, provide further context:

Appendix A. Summary of the conclusions of the Local Plan Review

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Please use the comment box below to provide any information you would like us to consider in relation to the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Please, provide a reference to the section and your comments: