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Chapter 1: Introduction
1 CH1Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 1 is?
Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant:: Yes
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Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate: No
2 CH1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it i not?
1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective

3 CH1Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 1 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Chapter 1 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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It appears that the criteria for being a Primary Rural Location is based purely on amenities and facilities available in the villages. No consideration has been given to the infrastructure or sustainability of growth within these villages.

It is not "positively prepared" to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements - the infrastructure requirements of many of the villages has been ignored for decades, with flood defenced and bypasses allocated to sites in and around Melton. We have already presented Melton Borough Council with "evidenced" proof of the unsustainability in our village. Meeting with Mr P Reid on 29th May 2016. To date it has been ignored.

It is not "Justified" - based on proportionate evidence and is not the most suitable strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives. A reasonable alternative is a site at Six Hills. It would have the capacity for a total of 3000 houses, built over the plan period. It's own, custom built school, shop, post office and infrastructure to cope. This would be a reasonable alternative which would allow the villages to grow at their historic rate or as requirement demands.

This plan is not "effective", it is not deliverable over the plan period - some villages have already got their 20 year allocation of houses passed by the Council and therefore this is not "appropriate growth".

Our village has historically grown by 4 - 6 houses a year. This rate of growth has now caused our village to be unsustainable on our current infrastructure. Sites are being put forward by Melton Borough Council of 55, 45 and 30 in our village. We, and other villages like us, cannot absorb this level of development in one hit. The plan is being developer-led in the villages, where they are only interested in large scale conurbations, tacked on to historically linear villages.

4 CH1Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 1 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 1 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

#### lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Melton Borough Council should pause, consider the Six Hills development which would be wholly sustainable and could, if handled correctly, become a national example of garden village design.

The need to re-visit their sustainability appraisals, and base this study on more than just facilities and amenities. They need to engage with the residents and listen to what they have said and facts that they have already presented.

#### Chapter 2 - Melton Borough Today - A Portrait

1 CH2Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 2 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Nο

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH2Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH2Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy Chapter 2 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 2 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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2.3.5 Mentions "other large villages, particularly south of Melton".

If this is the case, out of their 1800 rural allocation of houses why are 1197 of these to be built in villages north of Melton. The industry base of the town is also to the south. The only villages to the south are Great Dalby 72 houses, Gaddesby 55 houses and Sommerby 72 houses. To the North of Melton there is Bottesford 400, Eastthorpe 36, Stathern 91, Harby 109, Hose 72, Long Clawson 127, Scalford 36, Thorpe Arnold 18, Waltham 109, Croxton Kerrial 72, Asfordby Hill 72, Ab Kettleby 18 and Old Dalby 36. This is a very disproportionate split. There is not one Primary Rural Service Centre south of Melton. Long Clawson is not situated on or even near a main road.

Again, these villages cannot sustain the level of development they have been allocated.

4 CH2Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 2 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 2 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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They should have considered more custom built sites. Great Dalby Airfield or Six Hills development sites. The villages are already unsustainable. Most of these villages have residents who commute to Nottingham, Newark, Leicester and beyond and do not associate with Melton.

# **Chapter 3: Vision and Strategic Priorities**

1 CH3Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 3 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Nο

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

No

- 2 CH3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 3 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Melton Mowbray town centre is blighted and partially severed by high volumes of road traffic, including many heavy good vehicles, travelling across and through the town. This adversely affects local businesses, the attractiveness of Melton Mowbray to visitors, the ability of local people to go about their daily business, and the vitality and viability of the town centre as a whole.

5: Connectivity

Arising from 4 above, there is poor effective road connectivity through and across the town.

6: Flooding

There is a significant flood risk in some areas.

Re: the above statement. This is also true of our village. Classed as a Primary Rural Location, we have not had the luxury of such surveys to assess our sustainability. We do not have a bypass in the pipeline either.

We also have evidenced flooding within the village which is well documented throughout our parish records. Melton Council have known of these for many years, but it is not mentioned in their SFRA. It is only in Appendix 1 of the plan that this problem is given scant mention - "There continues to be evidence that surface water drainage needs to be addressed before further sites are developed". This is not just a surface water problem. As we have already presented to the council, there are two culverted watercourses running through the village, which, according to their own surveys, are undersized and unfit for purpose (surveys done some 10 years ago). They seem to have forgotten this. We now also have raw sewerage coming up through the main road and the surface water drainage system (now taking an overland route through parts of the village) is also utilising the BT conduits in the village to escape, this is also not helping our broadband connectivity. There is a brochure coming your way with all this evidence contained within. from Clawson in Action.

- 9. Reduce the need to travel by car and improve access to public transport
- 10. Reduce traffic congestion in Melton Mowbray

The rural bus service through the Vale of Belvoir (Hose, Harby, Long Clawson) runs between Bottesford and Melton. The first bus is 8 am, which would not allow an onward journey to a higher employment centre. This has made the villagers highly dependent on car transport to centres of employment.

Yes, there is traffic congestion in Melton, but, due to on-street parking and an increased dependence on cars there is also heavy congestion within the villages - there is no mention of 12. Improve access to services and facilities, including health, schools, social care, jobs, recreation, sport and education, broadband

- 13. Promote sustainable communities
- 14. Improve facilities for all the community
- 15. Improve the health of the Borough and reduce health inequalities within the community

**Environment Objectives** 

16. Promote high quality and innovative design which is visually attractive, reflects local context and distinctiveness, and, contributes to a safe and accessible environment, to make places better for people

A 55 house development, smack in the middle of a linear village, with high density houses on an elevated plot, bang in front of a Grade II\* Manor House and Church, blocking off the open aspect of the village to the wider escarpment is not promoting high quality, innovative design, is not visually attractive and does not reflect the local context and distinctiveness of this rural location. I would not make this village a better place. Of the 7 sites originally outlined in the SHLLA for Long Clawson, four of them are green field sites.

Improve the local economy and infrastructure - there has been no investment in our village infrastructure for decades. Development will only compound existing, documented problems.

- 17. Conserve the historic environment and Melton Borough's heritage assets
- 18. Protect the rural character of the Borough
- 19. Reduce the risk of flooding and avoid development in areas prone to this problem?
- 4 CH3Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 3 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 3 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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Melton Borough Council should re-visit their SA and base it on more than amenities and facilities. As the villages are to take 35% of development then I think they are entitled to have a traffic report, and flood risk assessments etc. I think Melton Borough should have listened to the concerns of residents which have been raised over the past two years instead of sticking their heads in the sand and hoping that these problems will disappear. The villages are now beyond the stage where a "sticking plaster" approach will cure the problems of unsustainability.

They seem to have just done a tick box survey across the rural areas without any real consideration or assessment of the viability of these villages. They should have looked at the wider village instead of just assessing the viability of each site within it.

They have the opportunity at Six Hills to build a whole new village, green, sufficient infrastructure, excellent transport links - but will not consider it as they feel they do not have the time to consult on it before filing the plan. I would suggest that they delay filing the plan, consider this application and take the pressure off the unsustainable villages.

# Chapter 4: Growing Melton Borough - The Spatial Strategy

1 CH4Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 4 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Nο

- 2 CH4Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH4Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 4 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 4 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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- 4.1 Sustainable Development
- 4.1.1 Sustainable development is at the heart of the planning system and is a key national objective. The NPPF requires the planning system to fulfil the "Three Strands of Sustainability":-
- An environmental role contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment.

As already mentioned, many of the villages taking the 35% of housing outside of Melton are not sustainable. Long Clawson has documented, parking, flooding, school capacity and footpath problems. This makes us unsustainable - this has been ignored.

Of the 1800 houses to be built in rural locations, 1197 of them are north of Melton. The Bottesford to Melton bus services runs six days a week and does not allow time for an onward journey to a higher employment centre. As such, development in these villages will necessitate the need for car ownership, further congesting on our already overloaded country roads. We have a traffic/speed survey to back these claims. As the employment land allocation is south of Melton, together with the main existing employment base, this means all this traffic will have to pass through Melton morning and night, if they are to fill these projected jobs.

4 CH4Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 4 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 4 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Build a new, custom made village south of Melton or consider Six Hills or Great Dalby airfield site, where the necessary infrastructure can be built in.

### Policy SS1 - Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development

1 CH4PSS1Q1: Do you consider that Policy SS1 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

No

- 2 CH4PSS1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH4PSS1Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy SS1 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy SS1 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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As previously mentioned, the Neighbourhood Plan group had a meeting with Mr P Reid on 29th May 2016. He was presented with a "fact pack" on Long Clawson. Within this was documented proof (from Melton Borough Council's own records) that both the culverts in the village were unfit for purpose and unsustainable. These surveys were done some 10 years ago. With the advent of creep development within the village, land drainage issues on development sites requiring land drainage and bad planning decisions, this situation has worsened and the property flooding still continues. This situation is worsening and we still have 30% climate change to look forward to.

Raw sewerage now bubbles up into the main road after heavy rainfall. This has happened 3 times this year already. The surface water drain take an overland route to The Sands as their capacity is insufficient.

Our school, a capacity of 105 pupils, currently has 109 pupils. The Education Authority's projection for 2021 is that there will be a deficit of 14 place - this is without further development. The school is on a restricted site, sits in the middle of the conservation area and is unlikely to get the £1.4m needed for an extension

from S106 contributions. One suggestion is that the children are bussed to nearby villages, this would fragment our community, it would mean that 4 year olds would be put on school busses and is not a "sustainable" solution to this problem. With the 127 houses we are assigned in the Melton Plan, this would take our pupil figures of 149. The hard standing in the playground (which is all they can use in winter as the grass is too boggy) would mean that each child had a play-time outdoor space of 4.6 m2.

In addition to this, we presented our speed watch survey results which indicate that our road system is already beyond capacity. The doctor's surgery is situated within the centre of the village together with the school, pub, shop and crèche. There are some 25 - 35 cars that appear every morning, parking over the dropped kerbs, village greens, footpaths and junctions to service these industries. In addition to this there are the patients and customers. Although the surgery may have capacity to take on further patients from the 24 villages that it services, our village does not. This is a pedestrian hazard, as we cannot use the pavement and have to cross the main road from between parked cars. For wheelchair and pushchair users, they are forced to use the road. This is causing isolation within the village for our more vulnerable residents.

4 CH4PSS1Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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In my opinion, from a sustainability point of view, Melton Borough Council need to start again, right back at the beginning. They should have had greater consultation within the villages and listened to the input of residents, and residents' groups.

If they are not prepared to take the time to do this then they should consider other, sustainable, custom made sites, preferably south of Melton nearer to the industry base that they have planned, which would make the transport aspect more feasible from a sustainable view point.

## Policy SS2 - Development Strategy

1 CH4PSS2Q1: Do you consider that Policy SS2 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH4PSS2Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH4PSS2Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy SS2 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy SS2 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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If Melton is to take 65% of housing allocation, this means that Melton will grow by 8%. If Clawson is to take its allocation of 127 houses + windfall sites, then Clawson will grow by 15%. This is disproportionate. In addition, there is talk of developing all the sites in Clawson in "one hit" so that section 106 contributions can provide the school places necessary for these developments. Our school is currently over-subscribe, and is projected to be so until at least 2021. This is not sustainable. This is not well thought through and a "sticking plaster" approach has been taken towards our village infrastructure problems for a long time. This level of development will certainly not "enhance the level of sustainability" for Clawson.

4 CH4PSS2Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Re-visit the Sustainability Appraisal and do more than a tick box exercise on it.

Policy SS3 – Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites)

1 CH4PSS3Q1: Do you consider that Policy SS3 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH4PSS3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
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The sustainability appraisal that is at the core of the Melton Plan has not been positively prepared. It was a tick box exercise. Every policy or settlement site based on the information provided in the sustainability appraisal therefore falls into question. It says it will respect ecological and heritage assets. One of the proposed sites (current application underway) is smack opposite a Grade II\* listed Manor House. The only II\* listed private dwelling left in the Vale. 55 houses here will crowd in the openness of the village, build on a greenfield site, ruin the setting of both the Church and Manor House and dominate the skyline as the site rises to 9 metres. Four of the six sites in Clawson are on greenfield sites. Two are on farm sites. If the Council had spent more time assessing the sustainability of the villages and less time in Melton, they would have already realised this.

4 CH4PSS3Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound: Re do the Sustainability Appraisals across the villages. Or, build a new village with sufficient infrastructure, transport links etc.

Policy SS4 – South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Development Location)

1 CH4SS4Q1: Do you consider that Policy SS4 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes, No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Yes

- 2 CH4SS4Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
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- 3 CH4SS4Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy SS4 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy SS4 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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As previously mentioned. There will be 1197 houses + windfall sites, built north of Melton town. This refers to development south of Melton for 2000 homes. This site gets investment in infrastructure, bus services, facilities and road system. The villages north of Melton get none of this, are further away from the supermarkets and sports facilities and have no promise of improved services and yet they are taking a similar amount of housing.

4 CH4SS4Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound: Build a new village. Closer to Melton than Bottesford, Harby, Hose, Clawson etc with sufficient infrastructure.

Policy SS5 - Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood

1 CH4SS5Q1: Do you consider that Policy SS5 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Yes

- 2 CH4SS5Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3) Effective
- 3 CH4SS5Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy SS5 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy SS5 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Again, improved transport links, a move towards different modes of transport. The villages north of Melton have a dwindling bus service, the do not have the room to encourage cycling, walking etc, they do not have the room to expand. This plan is all based in Melton and Melton's needs, it has scant consideration for the wider borough.

4 CH4SS5Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Re visit the Sustainability Appraisal - listen to information coming from the villages, build either in Melton and/or a new village near Melton.

## Policy SS6 - Alternative Development Strategies and Local Plan Review

1 CH4SS6Q1: Do you consider that Policy SS6 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Yes

- 2 CH4SS6Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH4SS6Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy SS6 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy SS6 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Although legally compliant, they should have considered these options at an earlier date. Unfortunately for Bottesford, where development is at a high rate, it may well come too late.

4 CH4SS6Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound: Get on with it.

# Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant

1 CH5Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 5 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes, No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH5Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
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Since their Sustainability Appraisal is insufficient, it therefore throws into question the SHLAA sites proposed in the villages. In Clawson, four of the six sites are on greenfields. All of which present an open window from the linear village to the wolds escarpment and beyond. One of them will ruin the setting of a Grade II\* listed building and all have the potential to increase the flood risk to the village through SUDS system failure. Wouldn't it be more pertinent to build houses that are not wholly dependent on a SUDS system to prevent flooding to other properties. As we have seen this year, large volumes of silt are washed off the escarpment and block the village drains, if this happens to these SUDS systems, with no fail-safe in place, then property flooding will occur. This is of little consolation to properties at risk and will certainly "not" enhance their quality of life or environment.

4 CH5Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 5 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 5 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Do not build sites that are dependent on SUDS to prevent flooding elsewhere. These are long-term, untested systems that will require maintenance for the lifetime of the development - which could be 100s of years. If the maintenance company servicing these systems goes into administration, then there is a high probability that these systems will silt and cause an increase in flooding.

## Policy C1 (A) - Housing Allocations

1 CH5PC1(A)Q1: Do you consider that Policy C1 (A) is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

No

- 2 CH5PC1(A)Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective, 4) Consistant with National Policy
- 3 CH5PC1(A)Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C1 (A) Housing Allocations is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C1 (A) Housing Allocations or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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According to this Long Clawson has a capacity for 141 houses. Please see the Clawson in Action Sustainability Appraisal that has been put forward to Melton Council as an objection to this plan, together with the "Evidence Base" which factually proves our claims about the unsustainability of this village.

4 CH5PC1(A)Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Re do the Sustainability Appraisal then reconsider the SHLAA sites. Alternatively, build a new custom-made village.

### Policy C1 (B); Reserve Sites

1 CH5PC1(B)Q1: Do you consider that Policy C1 (B); Reserve Sites is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

No

- 2 CH5PC1(B)Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH5PC1(B)Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C1 (B); Reserve Sites is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C1 (B); Reserve Sites or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

#### Please insert text here.:

The reserve site in Clawson has already been recommended for refusal by Highways on the grounds that there is no footpath into the centre of the village. As such, residents would have to walk up a narrow, dangerous road to access the amenities. Alternatively, they could drive. This is not sustainable, this is forcing sites that are inappropriate to make numbers up. It's a desperate attempt to meet targets.

- 1. The degree to which the allocated requirement is unmet; should this not be on sustainability and not on weather the housing allocation is met.
- 2. The likelihood that the allocated sites and outstanding permissions in the relevant Service Centre or Rural Hub will be delivered;
- 3. Evidence of the extent of community support;
- 4. The wider public benefits arising from the development;
- 5. Compliance with each of the criteria of Policy SS3.

The Melton Plan is completely developer led. They are playing a numbers game and allocating houses that are not in sustainable villages. This appears to force through less desirable/tenable sites if the "allocation" of houses in the village is not met.

4 CH5PC1(B)Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

## lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Re-visit the Sustainability Appraisal. Decide which locations are tenable based on more facts that just amenities and facilities. Look at flooding issues, parking, access, schools and listen to local residents who are best placed to assess the environment in which they live and investigate thoroughly any concerns arising.

# Policy C2 – Housing Mix

1 CH5PC2Q1: Do you consider that Policy C2 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH5PC2Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3) Effective
- 3 CH5PC2Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C2 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C2 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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This is a whole assumption. There has been no assessment of the individual needs of the Rural Services Centres and their own housing mix. In Clawson we have a higher % first-time buyer houses than Melton. Do we need any more - the current ones are difficult to sell.

4 CH5PC2Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

A more extensive assessment of the housing needs in the villages. A borough wide assessment seems to have been based on statistics for Melton, which is an entirely different environment to the villages surrounding it.

## Policy C3 - National Space Standard and Smaller Dwellings

1 CH5PC3Q1: Do you consider that Policy C3 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Yes

- 2 CH5PC3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH5PC3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C3 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

## Policy C4 - Affordable Housing Provision

1 CH5PC4Q1: Do you consider that Policy C4 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Yes

- 2 CH5PC4Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH5PC4Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C4 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C4 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

See comments to previous section.

### Policy C5 – Affordable Housing through Rural Exception Sites

1 CH5PC5Q1: Do you consider that Policy C5 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Nο

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Nο

2 CH5PC5Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

2) Justified

3 CH5PC5Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C5 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C5 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

#### Please insert text here.:

In Clawson we have "affordable" housing. It takes a long time to sell. We have a higher % of affordable housing than Melton. To use exception sites, as I understand, sites that are probably not particularly acceptable for housing in general, is forcing villages to take development where it is not best placed - affordable or not.

4 CH5PC5Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Greater assessment of your village sites, instead of lumping Melton's needs onto the wider Borough.

# Policy C6 – Gypsies and Travellers

1 CH5PC6Q1: Do you consider that Policy C6 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH5PC6Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH5PC6Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C6 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C6 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

# Policy C7 – Rural Services

1 CH5PC7Q1: Do you consider that Policy C7 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH5PC7Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3) Effective
- 3 CH5PC7Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C7 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C7 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Although facilities and amenities within the villages may well have the capacity to expand no assessment has been done to see if the wider village is sustainable enough to cope with this expansion - ie, higher number of cars on the roads, increased parking needs etc.

4 CH5PC7Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound: Greater assessment of the villages or custom build one.

### Policy C8 - Self Build and Custom Build Housing

1 CH5PC8Q1: Do you consider that Policy C8 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Yes

- 2 CH5PC8Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH5PC8Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C8 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C8 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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4 CH5PC8Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

## Chapter 6: Melton's Economy - Strong and Competitive

1 CH6Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 6 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH6Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH6Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 6 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 6 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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4 CH6Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 6 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 6 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

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

1 CH6PEC2Q1: Do you consider that Policy EC2 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Nο

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH6PEC2Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3) Effective
- 3 CH6PEC2Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EC2 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EC2 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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On farm diversification, I think there is also a need to consider location. There are a lot of farms on the top of the escarpment, if they were to build caravan sites, glamping sites or industrial units, it could ruin the scenic beauty of the Vale.

4 CH6PEC2Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Enhance this policy to include aesthetics. Location, scale and environment.

# Policy EC3 - Existing Employment Sites

1 CH6PEC3Q1: Do you consider that Policy EC3 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH6PEC3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH6PEC3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EC3 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EC3 or its compliance

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lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

## Policy EC8 - Sustainable Tourism

1 CH6PEC8Q1: Do you consider that Policy EC8 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH6PEC8Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH6PEC8Q4: Please give details of why you consider Policy EC8 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EC8 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

# Policy EN1 - Landscape

1 CH7PEN1Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN1 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH7PEN1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH7PEN1Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN1 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EN1 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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- 4 of the 6 SHLLA sites in Long Clawson are not sensitive to historical areas of separation. They would all "crowd" in the village block the view of the escarpment from the village, block the view of the historic village from the footpaths that kriss-cross the vale and to stick 55 houses, at high density on one plot in a village that has an historic "linear design" is not being sensitive to the current setting.
- 4 CH7PEN1Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally

compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

Re-assessment of sites based on a thorough Sustainability Appraisal. More sensitivity to each village's individual characteristic instead of blanket policies that are not tailored to individual requirements of a settlement.

### Policy EN2 - Biodiversity and Geodiversity

1 CH7PEN2Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN2 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH7PEN2Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH7PEN2Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN2 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EN2 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

# Policy EN6 – Settlement Character

1 CH7PEN6Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN6 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH7PEN6Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH7PEN6Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN6 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EN6 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Contribute positively to the individual character of a settlement;

- 2. Contribute to the setting of historic built form and features;
- 3. Contribute to the key characteristics and features of conservation areas; and
- 4. Form a key entrance and/or gateway to a settlement

The SHLLA sites in Long Clawson do not meet any of these criteria and yet the Planning Officers have recommended "permit" on them all.

It is one thing to write a policy but if the Council are not will to enforce or consider these policies when making planning decisions or allocating sites then they are of little or no use at all.

When SHLLA sites have been put forward, with an allocation of houses, large, high density sites have been put forward, which are not sensitive to the individual characteristics of settlements, not in keeping with historical character and now threaten to crowd in the openness which makes a village a village.

With their planned sites it threatens to turn quaint villages in to urban town-like developments. Without any inward investment in infrastructure. Decisions being

made now are detrimentally altering the characteristic of our villages across the borough.

4 CH7PEN6Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

#### lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

No large sites in any of the villages. Nothing above 10 - 15. Less dense sites to retain the rural character and more sensitivity to the landscape, coupled with the enforcement and consideration of these policies when their allocated sites are put forward instead of the primary need to build high volumes of houses. This plan is developer led and Melton Council do not seem to be in a position to stop them.

#### Policy EN7 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation

1 CH7PEN7Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN7 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH7PEN7Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH7PEN7Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN7 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EN7 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

## **EN8 – Climate Change**

1 CH7PEN8Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN8 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH7PEN8Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH7PEN8Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN8 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EN8 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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SUDS systems require maintenance for the lifetime of the development which could be 100s of years. In Clawson developments are being put forward that, if the SUDS system is not maintained correctly, or the system is overtopped then it WILL increase the flood risk to the wider village. There is a very well documented history of flooding (property flooding) within Clawson, in two key areas.

Would it not be more responsible to build SUDS systems into developments that are not completely dependent on their maintenance to prevent flooding elsewhere. Would a greater assessment of sites within the villages, where the drainage directly leads to a KNOWN flood risk area are taken out of the equation and greater consideration for sites that would not cause flooding elsewhere should a system failure or storm event occur. The use of SUDS is being used as an excuse to build in areas, that if failure occurred, it would cause property flooding further down the watercourse. Should the management company responsible for the maintenance of these systems go into administration, then who will be responsible for their upkeep. We can already see that the Council both Borough and

County are incapable of de-silting existing systems within the villages.

4 CH7PEN8Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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Re-assessment of SHLAA sites that are not directly linked onto water courses that are a known flood hazard. The need to build houses seems to outweigh the quality of life of existing inhabitants.

## Policy EN11 - Minimising the Risk of Flooding

1 CH7PEN11Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN11 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH7PEN11Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH7PEN11Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN11 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EN11 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Proposals for flood management or other infrastructure offering improvements that lower the risk of flooding will be supported, subject to the proposal not resulting in an increase in flood risk elsewhere.

Melton Borough Council will ensure that development proposals do not increase flood risk and will seek to reduce flood risk to others.

Any large development, wholly dependent ONLY on a SUDS system to prevent property flooding to others in the catchment, should not be allowed. To be completely dependent, on one system, managed, maintained and overseen by a company which may or may not be in business in 10 years time, with no fail-safe procedures/systems in place should a storm event occur is unsound.

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Do not be completely dependent on SUDS to negate flooding further down the catchment should this "engineered" system fail. SUDS is a good idea for large sites, to prevent the creep effect of developments on a watercourse that currently has no flood problems but to be dependent completely on this system, for the protection of others down the watercourse is, in my opinion not sustainable and not beneficial to those who suffer the property flooding as a result of this.

# Policy EN13 - Heritage Assets

1 CH7PEN13Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN13 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH7PEN13Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH7PEN13Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN13 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy EN13 or its

compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Seeking to ensure the protection and enhancement of Heritage Assets including non-designated heritage assets when considering proposals for development affecting their significance and setting. Proposed development should avoid harm to the significance of historic sites, buildings or areas, including their setting. In Long Clawson, there is a privately owned Grade II\* listed Manor House, in its grounds is set an ancient fish pond, related to the Scheduled National Monument next door. Immediately to the south of this property is a development site for 55 houses. This site elevates 9 metres above the village and is currently an open view out of the village and across the escarpment and wider vale. This high density development threatens to dry up this ancient pond, ruin the setting of both the Grade II\* listed Church and Manor House and crowd in the openness of the village. This has not been a consideration to date, and a "permit" has been advised by the Planning Officer. Again, it is alright to have these policies - someone needs to enforce them.

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The Council needs to decide its parameters on this. "Substantial Harm" to a listed building, according to Heritage England, is akin to knocking it down. When Heritage England write to say it would be "less than substantial harm", it does not mean it's ok to go and do it. For my interpretation - it would be ruined - but still standing. Greater clarification on their interpretation on information from their Consultees on applications.

Policy IN2: Infrastructure Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy

1 CH8PIN2Q1: Do you consider that Policy IN2 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH8PIN2Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 2) Justified
- 3 CH8PIN2Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy IN2 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy IN2 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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The investment required in the villages to make them sustainable in unobtainable on Section 106 contributions alone. The villages have suffered a lack of investment for decades. Asfordby in particular, with a by-pass and flood defences cannot now take their allocation and this shortfall has now been lumped onto other, less sustainable villages. Long Clawson has property flooding, it has congestion problems, it has parking problems, it is a winding, single track road for most of the day due to the expansion of the Doctor's surgery, which can cope with extra capacity, but the village cannot. The school is beyond its capacity and is projected to be until 2021 - is this sustainable? Will we get two new culverts, a new school and a by-pass on Section 106 contributions? This refers to "essential infrastructure" for Melton Mowbray, it does not consider "essential infrastructure" for the villages. The Plan can refer to the residents of Melton having their quality of life being affected by traffic, this is also the same in the villages, particularly the centre of Clawson, but there is no consideration of this.

4 CH8PIN2Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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Melton Council should have done a more in-depth assessment of the villages, their individual characteristics (for protection), their sustainability and ability to take further development - this has not been done. Any policies based on this information are incorrect, as the base evidence is incorrect and lacking in detail.

IN3: Broadband

1 CH8PIN3Q1: Do you consider that Policy IN3 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH8PIN3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH8PIN3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy IN3 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy IN3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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## **Chapter 9: Managing Development**

1 CH9Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 9 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH9Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 2) Justified, 3) Effective
- 3 CH9Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 9 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 9 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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4 CH9Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 9 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 9 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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### Policy D1 - Raising the Standard of Design

1 CH9PD1Q1: Do you consider that Policy D1 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

. Yes

- 2 CH9PD1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH9PD1Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy D1 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy D1 or its compliance with

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## Policy D2 - Equestrian Development

1 CH9PD2Q1: Do you consider that Policy D2 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH9PD2Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH9PD2Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy D2 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy D2 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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# Policy D3 - Agricultural Workers' Dwellings

1 CH9PD3Q1: Do you consider that Policy D3 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 CH9PD3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 CH9PD3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy D3 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy D3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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# Monitoring Framework

1 MFQ1: Do you consider that the Monitoring Framework is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

- 2 MFQ2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?
- 3 MFQ3: Please give details of why you consider that the Monitoring Framework is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Monitoring Framework or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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#### Examination

1 EXQ1: 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?

Participate at the Oral Examination

#### If you wish to speak at examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary::

Clawson In Action has already given documented evidence to Melton Council, in May 2016 on the unsustainability of our village. It was backed by an evidence base of documentation and photographs. This information has been completely ignored by the council. We would like the opportunity, if necessary, to represent our village and its inhabitants to the best of our ability. We have a 390 signature petition from the villagers who are very concerned at the level of housing we are required to take based on an infrastructure that is already well beyond its remit. They feel it is only a matter of time, in our present situation (without development) that a major accident will happen within the village.

2 EXQ2: Moreover please indicate if you wish to continue to be involved in the Local Plan (Please tick appropriate boxes).

If you wish to be notified at the address/e-mail provided when the Melton Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government, If you wish to be notified at the address/e-mail provided when the Inspector's Report is available to view, If you wish to be notified at the address/e-mail provided in Part A when the Melton Local Plan is adopted, If you/your organisation wish to be included in future consultations on the Melton Local Plan

# Acknowledgement

1 I understand the above statement and agree I have complied with its requirements

I agree