

## Response ID ANON-MWX6-MJEQ-Y

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Gender: How do you identify?

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If self-describe, please state :

Would you describe yourself as transgender?

[REDACTED]

What is your sexual orientation?

[REDACTED]

If other, please state:

What is your age?

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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What is your religion?

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Please state your religion:

## 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:

Neither agree nor 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:

As set out in the consultation document, it is a requirement for policies to be correctly and accurately aligned and consistent with the policies of the National Planning Policy Framework. It is considered that the approach of the National Planning Policy Framework to employment in the rural area is one of flexibility and that policies should amongst other things enable the growth and expansion of all types of businesses. It also highlights that businesses and their needs may be located in areas beyond settlements and that are not well served by public transport.

It is therefore considered of high importance that policy focussed on employment growth in the rural area is flexible and broad to facilitate growth and support a prosperous rural economy. Any policy on this matter must be consistent with National Planning Policy Framework and provide and support clear opportunities for economic development and growth.

Separately, it is also noted that subsection 1 of the current policy specifically references the re-use of existing farm buildings for employment purposes. It is however noted that there are no other policies within the plan which refer to the re-use of rural buildings. For clarity, completeness and consistency with the National Planning Policy Framework, it is considered that reference in other policy or supporting text should be made to the re-use of buildings in the rural area for other purposes such as for residential or tourism.

## 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:

Neither agree nor disagree

Question 37 - Option 2: Wording amendments and define Mixed-use Development:

Somewhat agree

Question 37 - Option 3: Split the Policy:

Neither agree nor disagree

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:

Option 2 is supported in relation to making wording amendments to policy EC4, however the suggestion to make the policy more restrictive and prescriptive through making a specific definition for 'mixed use development' is of great concern and is not supported.

As in relation to comments on policy EC2, it is considered highly important that policies remain flexible and supportive of employment growth and needs, and that this provides clear support and flexibility for the delivery of employment growth in the rural area in accordance with Chapter 6 of the National Planning Policy Framework

## 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:  
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 47 - Option 2: Clarify the policy to focus on socio-economic benefits:  
Somewhat agree

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

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:

Given that policy EC2 highlights support for tourism proposals in the rural area, it is considered important that EC8 is consistent with this position. In its current form, it is considered that the policy appears to indicate a restrictiveness to the delivery of tourism beyond settlements. It is considered that this can be best achieved through the rewording of the policy so that it supports those developments with social and economic benefits to their wider communities.

Further to this, it is considered important that any revision to the wording of the policy does not become too prescriptive and stifle opportunities in the rural area.

Definitions

## 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:  
Neither agree nor disagree

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

It is considered that reviewing policy EN10 to ensure that it works well for all types of renewable energy schemes would be a sensible approach. It is particularly considered that there should be flexibility contained in the policy so that it may support and respond effectively to evolving evidence and technological changes to renewable energy generation.

It is also considered important that the policy is clear in its support for renewable energy schemes where the council would be a consultee as opposed to the decision maker (e.g. county matters such as Anaerobic Digestion or proposals at a scale of Nationally Significant Infrastructure).