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If you selected other, please state:

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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:

Strongly disagree

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

Strongly agree

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:

It is important for the Vision and Objectives to be ambitious, but they must also be realistic. The economic strategy underpinning the Local Plan was always wildly optimistic for an area that experiences locational disadvantages, poor infrastructure and lacking in a skilled, available workforce. The Vision was also devised prior to the pandemic which has had far reaching and permanent effects on the local economy and how people work and shop.

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:

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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:

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Question 3 - Other (please specify below):

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Please, provide further context:

Protecting local heritage and the character of our villages.

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:

Strongly agree

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

Strongly disagree

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 para 16 expects Plans to:

contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals; serve a clear purpose, avoiding unnecessary duplication of policies that apply to a particular area (including policies in the Framework, where relevant). Policy SS1 does neither and the Parish Council is not aware of any cases where it has been used in the determination of a planning application.

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:
Somewhat agree

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:

Policy SS3 has given rise to unintended consequences. Greenfield sites have been developed while brownfield and contaminated sites have been left abandoned because of the high 'local need' bar. The overly prescriptive approach to 'local needs' has also left some communities with a declining, ageing population that is unable to support basic services such as shops, pubs etc. The risk of overdevelopment has only arisen because the Borough Council abandoned village envelopes.

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:

The Borough's smallest and least sustainable settlements e.g. Burton Lazars and Little Dalby should be treated as 'countryside' where new homes are restricted in accordance with NPPF paragraph 80. However, there may be local circumstances that justify a variation which can be explored by neighbourhood plans. There is a broader requirement to review the settlement hierarchy as the criteria used are no significantly out-of-date. For example, superfast broadband is now nearly universal while the growth of home-working makes the availability of local employment a less important consideration. The categorisation of Great Dalby as a 'Rural Hub' was and remains unjustified.

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:

All homes should be built to the highest standards- not just those in the smallest and least sustainable settlements.

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]:
Neither agree nor disagree

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 soaring cost of the proposed southern section of the MMDR has meant that the Highway Authority consider it no longer viable. Without this section, the South Melton Mowbray neighbourhood should be re-visited.

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:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 12 - Option 2: Amend to reflect the 2021 Masterplan [preferred option]:
Neither agree nor disagree

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:

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:
Strongly agree

Question 14 - Option 2: Reduce to locally specific criteria only [preferred option]:
Strongly disagree

Question 14 - Option 3: Additional criteria:
Strongly 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:

The Council's preferred development strategy is tested for its deliverability through the plan process, including independent examination. Alternative strategies are not tested to the same degree. In any event, there is a legal obligation placed on the planning authority to keep its Local Plan up-to-date. The policy wording is highly vulnerable to changes in the NPPF.

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:
Strongly disagree

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

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 policy
Please, provide further context

Please, provide further context:

The low proportion of smaller homes currently available locally makes it difficult for older people who want to downsize, those on low incomes and benefits, and younger people who want to find their first home. In Burton and Dalby Parish, there is a particular need for two and three-bedroomed houses and bungalows rather than four, five or more bedroomed housing. The Parish Council is keen to see greater restrictions on larger properties in order to provide a more balanced housing mix.

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:
Somewhat agree

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:

The Parish Council is not convinced that new homes are being constructed to an unsatisfactory space standards or that the Borough Council has the resources to check.

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:
Strongly disagree

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

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:

The size thresholds should be amended to be NPPF compliant and the requirements for First Homes needs to be addressed. While the Parish Council would support a lower threshold of 5 units or fewer, Melton is not a designated rural area, so the Borough Council would first need to seek designation under Section 157 of the Housing Act 1985.

The Parish Council recognises that since the current Local Plan was prepared significant build cost inflation has occurred while borrowing costs have increased. This impacts on developer contributions and the scope for affordable housing delivery.

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 disagree

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

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:

The retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship is primarily an issue for Melton's villages as Melton Mowbray itself has a good range of viable services and facilities.

Neighbourhood Plan should be encouraged to identify the services and facilities to be protected by the policy. Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Policy B&D13 is a good example.

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:
Strongly disagree

Question 24 - Option 2: Address increasing needs:
Strongly disagree

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

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

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:

The Parish Council is concerned that the 'self/custom build' label will be used to justify development in unsuitable locations. All such permissions should be subject to a planning condition or a planning obligation requiring a self-build or custom-build house to be built on the site that accords with the statutory definition.

The Revised Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy Viability Study 2017 that was published to accompany the Melton Local Plan, advised caution with regard to the implementation of policies to support prospective self-builders and custom builders.

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:
Somewhat agree

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

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:

Like climate change, health issues should permeate through all the policies of the Local Plan so that a separate policy becomes unnecessary. For example, access to sport and recreation facilities, and healthcare should be used to determine the settlement hierarchy. The Local Plan should be subject to a Health Impact Assessment.

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

Unsure

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:

It is clear that Borough Council's Development Management Team does not currently have the capacity or capability to properly assess Health Impact Assessments even if they were submitted.

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:

For the reasons stated, Policy EC1 needs revision but the Parish Council is indifferent as to how this is achieved.

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:

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:
Somewhat 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:

The provision of EV charge points for non-domestic buildings is already covered by Building Regulations.

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:

See Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Policy B&D24 as an example of how an effective policy could be constructed to deal with these issues.

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:
Somewhat agree

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

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

Changes to other economic policies would make Policy EC4 redundant.

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:
Strongly agree

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:

The National Planning Policy Framework states that local plans should be supported by relevant and up-to-date evidence. Retail policies based on pre-pandemic evidence are unacceptable.

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:
Somewhat disagree

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

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:
Somewhat agree

Question 43 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Neither agree nor disagree

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:

Changes to the Use Classes Order, permitted development rights, National Planning Policy Framework and Policy Guidance make Primary Shopping Frontages policy redundant unless a refreshed Retail Study demonstrates a need.

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 agree

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

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:

This really only applies to Asfordby and Bottesford which already have Neighbourhood Plans in place to address this issue.

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:
Somewhat agree

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:
Neither agree nor 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:

'Tourism' is not a use class and other Local Plan policies adequately cover E and B2 use class developments.

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:
Neither agree nor disagree

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

Question 49 - Option 3: Split the policy:
Neither agree nor disagree

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:

It is likely that Biodiversity Net Gain requirements will be adequately covered by national legislation and guidance.

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:

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 agree

Question 53 - Option 2: Incorporate Green Belt criteria:

Somewhat agree

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

Strongly disagree

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:

Neighbourhood Plans are best placed to identify Local Green Spaces.

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:

All those identified by 'made' neighbourhood plans.

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:

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Strongly agree

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:

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:
Somewhat agree

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

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

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:

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:
Somewhat agree

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

Question 60 - Option 3: Make the policy more robust and specific, to ensure all new development meets the highest standards:
Somewhat 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 policy has been overtaken by the building regulations regime and any residual building design requirements are already covered by Policy D1/Design of Development Supplementary Planning Document which contains a whole section on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy.

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]:
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:

Geothermal energy ranges from shallow-depth ground source heat pumps that are already operating on a small scale to heat individual homes, up to deep geothermal extraction. The former is already covered by national policy/building regulations and the later is outside the scope of the Local Plan as it is a County matter.

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:
Somewhat agree

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

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

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:

The National Planning Policy Framework and the Practice Guidance contain full policy and guidance on planning for flooding, including the sequential and exception tests and the need for flood risk assessments with planning applications.

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:
Strongly disagree

Question 66 - Option 2: Incorporate additional requirements:
Strongly 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:

Current policy is well behind best practice.

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:
Strongly disagree

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

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:

Changes are required to reflect the non-delivery of the southern section of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road.

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:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 70 - Option 2: Amend policy wording to align with national and local guidance [preferred option]:
Neither agree nor disagree

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:

The Leicestershire Highways Design Guide is not NPPF compliant. In particular, parking standards (other than residential) are taken from RPG8 (see paragraph 3.148) which was been revoked in 2013. Furthermore, they are expressed as maximum vehicular parking standards contrary to NPPF paragraph 108 which states that 'maximum parking standards for residential and non-residential development should only be set where there is a clear and compelling justification...'.
Requirements for EV chargepoints are already set by Building Regulations.

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:
Somewhat 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:

New residential or employment development should incorporate open access ducting to industry standards, to enable all premises and homes to be directly served by fibre optic broadband technology (Fibre to the Premise).

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:

Needs to incorporate Neighbourhood Plan design coding.

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:

Cross-reference to Neighbourhood Plans.

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 design 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?

Yes

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

Please, provide further context:

Borough Council's Design of Development Supplementary Planning Document is not design code compliant.

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?

No

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: