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5 Age

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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::

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

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?

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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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.

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

Policy SS2 – Development Strategy

1 CH4PSS2Q1: Do you consider that Policy SS2 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 CH4PSS2Q2: 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 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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The policy to put 35% of housing into the villages is unsound and not proportional. It is not planned for 20 years, just on land availability put forward by developers. It is not sustainable and does not take account of the Six-Hills proposal for a new village . The policy puts developer-led pressure on villages, it is not sustainable and is not positive.

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:

No appraisal of sustainability in the villages has been undertaken. The allocations are based on a tick box of facilities without regard for whether they can sustain the increase. No proper appraisal has been made of transport links and the realistic assessment of employment or commuting from the villages. No proper assessment of flooding in the villages has been undertaken and the whole plan relies on developers to fix the things that are too large for them to contemplate.

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::

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?

3 CH4PSS3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy SS3 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 SS3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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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.

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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::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

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

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?

2) Justified, 3) Effective, 4) Consistent 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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The allocation of housing to the Villages is not assessed on sustainability, it is only based on land that has been put forward by landowners for development. The allocations are highly biased to the north of Melton, particularly along the Nottinghamshire border. Development in these areas will not bring workers and jobs to Melton, but will feed commuting through the countryside to Nottingham, Leicester and Loughborough. The allocation to Long Clawson is large and has been further inflated by having a percentage of the shortfall given to it from other villages (where land is not currently available, but may be in the next 20 years). The numbers allocated have not been assessed on sustainability, just on land put forward.

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.

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

To make the plan sound the sustainability of the villages needs to be assessed. The inclusion of the new village at Six Hills would remove the pressure to cram so many houses into all the borough villages and would preserve the countryside and character of those villages.

With respect to development sites put forward in Long Clawson, no notice has been taken of the views of Heritage England with respect to LONG 2 and LONG 4. Both these sites impact severely on the character of the village conservation area and the historic setting and touristic amenity of the Manor Farmhouse and St Remegius Church (both 2* listed) and the setting of the Castle Field Scheduled Ancient Monument with the long-distant views across it to the escarpment beyond. Building on these two sites would be detrimental to the views from the road and the open character of the middle part of the village. This open area is traditionally the gap between the Clawson and Claxton villages (West End and East End)

Policy C7 – Rural Services

1 CH5PC7Q1: Do you consider that Policy C7 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 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 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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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.

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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?

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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The policy does not take account of places where the surface water drainage infrastructure is inadequate (such as Long Clawson) and where surface water already causes and unacceptable flooding problem. It puts an onus on the developer via SuDS to match the natural runoff, but does not impose a clause to actually reduce the runoff or improve the drainage infrastructure. As such it is not a sustainable policy.

4 CH7PEN11Q4: 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:

Make provision in the plan for improving the drainage through the village of Long Clawson before any further development is permitted in the village.

Policy EN12 – Sustainable Drainage Systems

1 CH7PEN12Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN12 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 CH7PEN12Q2: 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 CH7PEN12Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN12 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 EN12 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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The policy for SuDS should include all developments, not just major ones (what is major). The provision of so called Windfall sites and expansion of villages by piecemeal growth mean that significant increases in developed size can occur without proper drainage management.

4 CH7PEN12Q4: 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:

Make it a provision that SuDS need to be installed for all new properties.

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?

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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This policy should be sound and effective, but it is not because it is contradicted by the land allocations and lack of notice taken of the comments from Heritage England with respect to Long Clawson, especially sites LONG2 and LONG4, neither of which should have been proposed in the first place if this policy was effective.

4 CH7PEN13Q4: 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:

The Local Plan needs to better assess the heritage assets with respect to the land put forward for development. The Local Plan needs to take notice of Heritage England's comments and feed those into any assessment.

Policy IN1 –Transport & Strategic Transport Infrastructure

1 CH8PIN1Q1: Do you consider that Policy IN1 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 CH8PIN1Q2: 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 CH8PIN1Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy IN1 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 IN1 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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The allocations for development in the villages and Long Clawson in particular have not assessed the road infrastructure and the public transport infrastructure. It is notable that the 3 villages of Long Clawson, Hose and Harby are not on a main road and do not have an effective public transport infrastructure. The roads through the villages are mainly narrow as are the footpaths. Long Clawson in particular suffers by having on-street parking and a large number of blind bends. It also has pressure from HGV and very large farm vehicles.

4 CH8PIN1Q4: 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:

The Melton Plan should not try to develop the villages where there is an inadequate road and public transport infrastructure. It should concentrate on Melton and the very large villages of Asfordby and Bottesford that can support a commuting population with their good transport links (road, rail and bus).

Policies Maps

1 PMQ1: Do you consider that the Policies Maps are?

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 PMQ2: 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 PMQ3: Please give details of why you consider that the Policy Maps are not legally compliant or unsound or fail 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 Policy Maps or their compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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The policy maps for the villages only use land allocated by developers and the appraisal of that land is not well done. Villages with similar character and housing needs are treated very differently and the final maps reflect this.

4 PMQ4: 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:

Properly assess the land put forward for development with consideration of its heritage and landscape setting

5 PMQ5: Please indicate which Policy Maps you response relates to.

If multiple please indicate on separate lines for each. :

Long Clawson area map

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?

Written Representations

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

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