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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

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::
No

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

2 CH1Q2: 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 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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1. Defined settlement roles for the 'villages' are not sound. The first draft plan adopted a points system which did not stand up to scrutiny; rather than correct mistakes MBC simply replaced it with the 'four criteria' approach which is more subjective and so harder to criticise. In particular MBC has insufficient evidence of 'employment opportunity' in the villages. I asked Regulatory Services and the Economic Development Team for their evidence/database for employment opportunity in Somerby and they have none. They say 'in terms of the number of employed people, unfortunately we don't hold that information, especially on

areas that include several businesses as any industrial estate'. Employers don't usually share that information'. They cite 'John O Gaunt industrial Estate' as an employment opportunity - there is no such thing - presumably they refer to John O Gaunt Rural Industries ? They were very ready to 'share information' with me - 14 people work there, all but 3 being self-employed ie. almost no employers as such. They confirm MBC have not asked them. The Economic Development team suggest I try the Melton Times business directory ! (but they 'don't know how updated they keep it...'. This is no standard of evidence for a local plan.

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.

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In rural Melton ('the villages') reasonably accurate measurement of employment numbers and, more importantly, employment opportunity, must take place. These are not the same thing. Two questions must be asked of businesses 1. how many people do you employ 2. how many more people do you want/expect to employ in the next 5/10/15/20 years. Only an identified positive value to 2. is evidence of 'employment opportunity' and thus for designation of a settlement as a 'service centre'.

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::

Yes

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

Yes

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?

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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compliant

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.

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

compliant

Chapter 3: Vision and Strategic Priorities

1 CH3Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 3 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 CH3Q2: 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 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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There is a circular argument around population size and employment opportunity. This runs that more people are needed to create consumer demand and provide employees, but more businesses are required to employ them, and more houses must be built to accommodate them, then they need jobs ... this 'prepetual growth' strategy is not universally accepted as the best or only strategy. Many would say it is eventually doomed to failure when we run out of land and/or resources. Enlargement is not improvement; 100 people on high income is better than 100 people on low income, but 150 people is THE SAME as 100 people on low income in terms of prosperity and wellbeing. The need for 'more of everything' is not evidenced locally; the focus should be on improving lives not simply increasing the number of them.

Similarly, raising or attracting younger people to support/finance older (retired) people is a plan destined to fail in the long run, because all young people grow, then we need even more young people ...

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.

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

Increasing prosperity and improving quality of life in the Borough should be demonstrated before encouraging increase in population by mass house-building. This is fundamental to real sustainability.

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:

Yes

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 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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Employment opportunity in the rural areas has not been researched or evidenced sufficiently to justify the settlement roles imposed on the Service Centres or rural hubs. I have tested this by asking MBC for the evidence of employment opportunity in my own parish of Somerby - they are unable to do so.

In terms of 'illegality' I am thinking of possible judicial review - taking into account irrelevant considerations and/or failing to take into account relevant considerations, in either case the 'consideration' being employment opportunity which has not been measured sufficiently to support a policy.

In terms of 'soundness' it is unproven that 'The number of homes needed in Melton Borough relates directly to the sustainability and success of the local economy'. This is a matter of political opinion. Increasing quantity cannot be assumed to improve quality.

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.

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Comprehensive research into future employment opportunity (not just present employment levels) before deciding on the need for, or levels of, population growth and housing development. In other words evidence before policy.

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::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

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

Yes

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?

2) Justified

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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This policy says the council will 'always work proactively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible'. This is a deliberate policy to maximise enterprise opportunities for developers whilst making it harder for existing people to object. It is biased to the advantage of commercial developers. Pre-determination in advance of due process is illegal. Not every development that is 'possible' is necessarily good. Our Council exists only partly to implement policies from central government; it also exists to represent local opinion to central government. In the rural areas (perhaps in Melton Town as well, I don't know) this policy is unrepresentative of local opinion.

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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Rewrite as '[The Council] will always work proactively with applicants and residents, giving equal weight to both, jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible'.

This would remove any possible perception of pre-determination and provide more sound basis for planning decisions.

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:

Yes

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 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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A policy minimum (6125 homes and 51 hectares of employment land) is unsound without a policy maximum. It is the same as saying 'as many as possible', which conflicts fundamentally with 'sustainability' and does not allow measurement of degrees of success or failure. A percentage of an infinite number is still an infinite number.

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.

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Set upper as well as lower targets. Slightly less than the stated figures might not be failure and greatly more might not be a great success.

For example, the upward and downward parameters for 'success' could be 5%:

'Provision will be made for the development of between 5820 and 6740 homes and between some 48 and 54 hectares of employment land'.

Policy SS3 – Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites)

1 CH4PSS3Q1: Do you consider that Policy SS3 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:

Yes

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?

1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified

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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Again, this policy admits to no maximum amount of development, either across the Borough or in/around any one settlement. This is insufficiently precise for a policy.

It fails to admit the real and relevant consideration that some developments might - even in theory - be too numerous or too big. The policy contains an impossible infinite number.

The upper limit to the size of 'unallocated' developments in the service centres, Rural Hubs and Settlements is meaningless without a limit on the maximum number of them. Again it amounts to a policy of 'as many as possible'.

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

Amend to:

Outside of those sites allocated through the local plan, planning permission will be granted for small scale development of up to

- 10 dwellings in Melton Mowbray and in Service Centres;
- 5 dwellings in Rural Hubs; and
- 3 in 'Rural Settlements';

Outside Melton Mowbray itself, any such unallocated development after the first in a single settlement shall count to reduce the allocated development requirement.

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

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?

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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In the case of Melton Mowbray itself its role as the primary urban centre is at least not in dispute, nor can it be questioned that it contains the majority of employment opportunity. Unlike the rural areas it is also compact and dense enough to realistically improve internal transport infrastructure and encourage 'green' behaviours such as using public transport, walking and cycling to work or school. This is simply because employment and other facilities are likely to be (or in the case of new development can be planned) relatively close to new 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.

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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::

Yes

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 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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In the case of Melton Mowbray itself its role as the primary urban centre is at least not in dispute, nor can it be questioned that it contains the majority of employment opportunity. Unlike the rural areas it is also compact and dense enough to realistically improve internal transport infrastructure and encourage 'green' behaviours such as using public transport, walking and cycling to work or school. This is simply because the homes are likely to be closer to workplaces and facilities.

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.

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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::

No

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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It considers the possibility of 'shortfall' but not the possibility of excess.

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Keep:

Where monitoring identifies significant and persistent shortfalls in the delivery of housing and employment, infrastructure or spatial distribution that deviates significantly from the plan strategy, or there are changes within the HMA to the objectively assessed need for development or the spatial distribution of growth across the HMA, the Council will consider an early review of the Local Plan to identify alternative development sites.

But add:

Where monitoring identifies no significant shortfalls in the delivery of housing and employment, infrastructure or spatial distribution the Council will not seek to identify alternative development sites.

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::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

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

Yes

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?

2) Justified, 3) Effective

3 CH5Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 5 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 5 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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The SHLAA stage failed to take into account the relevant consideration of flooding and flood risk from causes other than rivers. For example at MBC/146/14 the Preliminary FRA identified Medium and High risk of surface-water flooding, but this was disregarded at the SHLAA stage when the flood risk there is said to be LOW. I have insufficient knowledge of other rural allocations across the Borough to say whether this mistake is common. Wherever the mistake occurs it represents disregard of evidence which might render a decision illegal or at least unjustified.

The sequential test (Chapter 10 NPPF) has not been applied at all stages in the process; it appears not to have been applied where it might have prevented a site being approved for 'allocation'.

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.

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

The sequential test (and if necessary exception test) must be applied at all stages in the planning process, from the strategic level through site selection and allocation down to individual planning applications.

This includes the SHLAA stage when choices are made between possible sites, 'steering development towards sites with the lowest flood risk' as the NPPF says, not merely excluding sites with the most disastrously high risk.

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:

Yes

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 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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1. Mirroring the housing targets for the Borough, it sets minimums without maximums. this has the same meaning as 'build as many as possible'.
2. It seeks to circumvent the planning application process, any site-specific assessment (flood risk or other), possible legal objections, and render irrelevant all subsequent consultation, by stating as policy:

' New housing will be delivered within the Local Plan on the following sites..'

I cannot say for certain if this is illegal (possibly if it shows bias, or desire to pre-determine regardless of later evidence or process) but it is certainly unjustified, because there is existing machinery to assess and then allow or refuse individual planning applications.

A bias in favour of developers is still a bias if written into a policy.

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:

Amend to something like:

New housing will be encouraged within the Local Plan on the following sites, subject to planning committee approval. This will take into account consultation with stakeholders and affected residents, be and subject to site-specific flood risk and biodiversity assessments where required by the size or type of development.

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::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

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

Yes

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?

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.

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This is better than the policy on primary allocated sites because of the lines:

'Where proposals on reserve sites are submitted, assessment will be carried out taking into account the following:

Evidence of the extent of community support;

The wider public benefits arising from the development;'

I cannot see why 'evidence of community support' should be irrelevant to a primary site but not a reserve site.

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.

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none

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::

Yes

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

Yes

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 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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There is nothing to object to in policy C2, the intention is admirable.

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

none

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

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

no change required

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.

Please insert text here. :

Supported. Essentially it tries to address a national problem - wages haven't kept up with house prices.

4 CH5PC4Q4: 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:

none

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::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

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

Yes

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.

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Wording is too open. It says this kind of development will be considered in settlements, but is not explicit that the need must arise actually from that settlement. The wording would permit such a site in a village to help meet borough-wide demand. I don't think that is the intention, but it could be argued that way by a future developer.

Also as no limit is set on the possible number and size of such sites, where approved they should at least partly reduce the number of 'allocated' dwellings required. Otherwise there is no theoretical limit.

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:

To:

'Rural Exceptions schemes will be considered in settlements with a population of fewer than 3,000 where a demonstrable need exists...'

Add:

'...in that settlement (or group of villages).'

And:

'Where a rural exception scheme is approved it shall be counted against the affordable homes portion of the allocated housing number for the settlement in which it is built'

(Thus rural exception sites would contribute to the 'affordable' requirement, because that is what they are, but could not unjustly be used to reduce the requirement for building of market-value housing, or the smaller number of larger houses we also need).

Policy C6 – Gypsies and Travellers

1 CH5PC6Q1: Do you consider that Policy C6 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 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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Overall I agree with this policy. However I would reinforce 'Facilitate the traditional and nomadic life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community' with something like 'construction of fixed dwellings on designated traveller sites will not be supported'.

I have in mind sites around the County which began as 'travellers sites' but have been corrupted to build permanent houses, creating mini-estates on rural sites which would not have been approved, and depriving genuinely nomadic people of the use of the land.

4 CH5PC6Q4: 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:

To:

'Facilitate the traditional and nomadic life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community...'

Add something like:

'Construction of fixed dwellings on designated traveller sites will not be supported'.

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::

Yes

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

Yes

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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agreed

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:
none required

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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agreed

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:
none required

Policy C9 – Healthy Communities

1 CH5PC9Q1: Do you consider that Policy C9 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 CH5PC9Q2: 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 CH5PC9Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C9 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 C9 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Not effective as to 'green spaces'. Does not specify whether or when a developr must incorporate 'green space' themselves, or how close to same a development must be to satisfy this policy.

(I believe rules exist elsewhere regulating this, but I am not familiar with them and would like to see them in this plan)

4 CH5PC9Q4: 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:

I can't suggest wording.

State that above a certain size of development a % of the site must be public green space.

Also - where during the life of this plan smaller sites accumulate next to each-other until they reach that 'certain size', the % rule will likewise come into effect.

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::

No

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

Yes

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?

2) Justified

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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Unsound because it assumes that alone among all employment sectors 'public administration, education and healthcare' will shrink. A larger population will require more workers in education and healthcare (and to a lesser extent public administration) not less. This evident intention to shrink education and healthcare contradicts the vision of a 'healthy and vibrant' population. It represents a political stance not improvement of people's quality of life. It is not justifiable to shrink these essential services; no-one surveyed has said they want less education and healthcare.

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:

Plan for a roughly constant number of people employed in public administration, education and health. Against a rising population this would still represent a 'saving' in money terms, if that is the objective here.

Policy EC1 – Employment Growth In Melton Mowbray

1 CH6PEC1Q1: Do you consider that Policy EC1 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 CH6PEC1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH6PEC1Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EC1 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 EC1 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Proportionate to anticipated population increase.

4 CH6PEC1Q4: 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:

none

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::

Yes

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

Yes

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 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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logical and uncontroversial

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.

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

none

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:

Yes

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

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logical and uncontroversial

4 CH6PEC3Q4: 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

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lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:
none

Policy EC4 – Other Employment and Mixed-use Proposals

1 CH6PEC4Q1: Do you consider that Policy EC4 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 CH6PEC4Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH6PEC4Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EC4 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 EC4 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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logical and uncontroversial

4 CH6PEC4Q4: 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:
none

Policy EC5 - Melton Mowbray Town Centre

1 CH6PEC5Q1: Do you consider that Policy EC5 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 CH6PEC5Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH6PEC5Q3: 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 the Melton Local Plan or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :
no comment

4 CH6PEC5Q4: 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 comment

Policy EC6 – Primary Shopping Frontages

1 CH6PEC6Q1: Do you consider that Policy EC6 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 CH6PEC6Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH6PEC6Q3: 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 the Melton Local Plan or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

4 CH6PEC6Q4: 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:

none

Policy EC7 – Retail Development in the Borough

1 CH6PEC7Q1: Do you consider that Policy EC7 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 CH6PEC7Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH6PEC7Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EC7 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 EC7 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

4 CH6PEC7Q4: 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:

none

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:

Yes

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) Effective

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.

Please insert text here. :

Unsound - 'aprticular protection' is not given to the Leicester Round public footpath. This is very important economically to village shops and pubs in the settlements along it's route. I have canvassed the village shop and pub in my own village of Somerby and they confirm this belief.

4 CH6PEC8Q4: 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:

After '... Belvoir Castle and Burrough on the Hill Iron Age Fort' add 'The Leicester Round where it crosses the Borough'.

Chapter 7: Melton Borough's Environment – Protected and Enhanced

1 CH7Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 7 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 CH7Q2: 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 CH7Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 7 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 7 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :

Again you should include the Leicester Round footpath, this time under 'green infrastructure'. Not logical or effective to protect Jubilee Way and not the Leicester Round.

4 CH7Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 7 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 7 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:

Add the Leicester Round to green infrastructure

Policy EN1 – Landscape

1 CH7PEN1Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN1 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 CH7PEN1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

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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I agree. Particularly pleased to see 'dark skies' mentioned again. I'm an amateur astronomer but everybody looks at the stars. Move to the city and you'll miss them.

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:

none

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::

No

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

Yes

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) Effective

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.

Please insert text here. :

In this policy the Council places no clear specific obligation on itself or developers to offset housing development with 'net gains for nature' or 'habitat creation'. Housing development is almost always a net loss for 'nature' (brownfield sites a possible exception). You must increase the amount of protected habitat in some measured proportion to the amount of land on which you permit building. I am thinking of a percentage but know too little to suggest a figure which would be both useful and realistic. Otherwise this policy is words alone and will not be effective against a backdrop of greatly increased housing development.

4 CH7PEN2Q4: 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:

I cannot in the time available suggest useful wording. I propose a percentage of land area derived from the size of all land allocated for building. (possibly adjusted for assessed biodiversity value of the land lost). I am not suggesting of course that the newly protected land be on the new development or necessarily anywhere near it - protect what is most beautiful and valued in the Borough.

Policy EN3 – The Melton Green Infrastructure Network

1 CH7PEN3Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN3 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 CH7PEN3Q2: 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 CH7PEN3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN3 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 EN3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :

Should include the Leicestershire Round

(I've mentioned this before. Apologies if the Leicestershire Round and Jubilee way are the same thing in Melton - I don't think they are but cannot check at present)

4 CH7PEN3Q4: 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:

Add the Leicestershire Round

Policy EN4 – Areas of separation

1 CH7PEN4Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN4 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 CH7PEN4Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH7PEN4Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN4 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 EN4 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

4 CH7PEN4Q4: 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:

none

Policy EN5 – Local Green Space

1 CH7PEN5Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN5 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 CH7PEN5Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH7PEN5Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN5 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 EN5 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

4 CH7PEN5Q4: 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:

none

Policy EN6 – Settlement Character

1 CH7PEN6Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN6 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 CH7PEN6Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

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.

Please insert text here. :

No comment

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:

none

Policy EN7 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation

1 CH7PEN7Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN7 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 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.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

4 CH7PEN7Q4: 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:

none

EN8 – Climate Change

1 CH7PEN8Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN8 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 CH7PEN8Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

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.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

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.

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

none

Policy EN9 – Ensuring Energy Efficient and Low Carbon Development

1 CH7PEN9Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN9 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 CH7PEN9Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH7PEN9Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN9 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 EN9 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

4 CH7PEN9Q4: 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:

none

Policy EN10 – Energy Generation from Renewable Sources

1 CH7PEN10Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN10 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 CH7PEN10Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH7PEN10Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN10 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 EN10 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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no comment

4 CH7PEN10Q4: 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:

none

Policy EN11 – Minimising the Risk of Flooding

1 CH7PEN11Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN11 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 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 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.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

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:

none

Policy EN12 – Sustainable Drainage Systems

1 CH7PEN12Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN12 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 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 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.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

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:

none

Policy EN13 – Heritage Assets

1 CH7PEN13Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN13 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 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 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.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

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:

none

Chapter 8: Managing the Delivery of the Melton Local Plan

1 CH8Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 8 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 CH8Q2: 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 CH8Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 81 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 8 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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The expected increased demand for Education and Healthcare (and slightly less directly, public administration) cannot be reconciled with Chapter 6 (6.3.6) where you plan for reduced employment in these essential roles. This part of the plan is therefore unsound (unless it can be proven that less people can provide more service - unlikely).

4 CH8Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 8 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 8 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:

Don't change this chapter, change Chapter 6 (as previously suggested) to plan for roughly constant numbers employed in public administration, education and healthcare. This would still be very conservative (like our elected representatives...) in the context of rising local population.

Policy IN1 –Transport & Strategic Transport Infrastructure

1 CH8PIN1Q1: Do you consider that Policy IN1 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 CH8PIN1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

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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I am just able to consider this policy sound because most of our population live in Melton Town or about six settlements large enough to justify usefully frequent public transport. In the rural areas use of public transport, whilst very important to a very small number of people, is increasingly less important to the vast majority. A working life without twice-daily car use is almost never achievable in the small villages. It would be better to just admit it instead of wasting money on

services which are so infrequent as to be almost token (eg. every 2 hours?).

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.

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

none

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::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Yes

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

Yes

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?

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.

Please insert text here. :

Legal and sound. The contributions are pathetically small though. Compare, for example, a one-off payment of about £3000 for a three-bedroom house with a rentable value of perhaps £600 per month. Insignificant compared to the massive profits available to developers.

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.

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

none

IN3: Broadband

1 CH8PIN3Q1: Do you consider that Policy IN3 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 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.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

4 CH8PIN3Q4: 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

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lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:
none

Chapter 9: Managing Development

1 CH9Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 9 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 CH9Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

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.

Please insert text here. :
Policy D1 (c) is so subjective as to be weak:

(c) Buildings and development should be designed to reflect the wider context of the local area and respect the local vernacular without stifling innovative design.

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.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:
You need to say who assesses 'respect for the local vernacular'. This is an aesthetic assessment not really a planning one. I can't suggest a suitable organisation in the time available - some charity concerned with architecture, combined with local opinion as expressed through Parish Councils? Anyway, definitely a consultant paid by the developer.

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::
No

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) Effective

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

Please insert text here. :
This paragraph is too subjective and weak to be effective:

c) Buildings and development should be designed to reflect the wider context of the local area and respect the local vernacular without stifling innovative design;

4 CH9PD1Q4: 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:

We are discussing aesthetics here not practical standards. If this part of the policy is to be meaningful and therefore effective, it must identify the judge of 'reflecting local vernacular'. I cannot quickly suggest a particular local or national organisation. Some charity or trust with an interest in architecture - they exist, I just can't name one now. Anyway it definitely shouldn't be a consultant paid by the developer.

Policy D2 – Equestrian Development

1 CH9PD2Q1: Do you consider that Policy D2 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 CH9PD2Q2: 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 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.

Please insert text here. :

Uniquely among all possible forms of development considered in this plan, equestrian development seem not to be constrained by biodiversity issues. This is probably a simple oversight; it's still building - sometimes very big buildings, like just East of SOMerby.

4 CH9PD2Q4: 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:

Add something like :

7. The development, or effects resulting from the development, will not have an unacceptable impact on biodiversity or wildlife.

Policy D3 – Agricultural Workers' Dwellings

1 CH9PD3Q1: Do you consider that Policy D3 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 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) Effective

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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In the rural areas this exception is commonly exploited by very well-off landowners to build luxurious detached houses in the middle of open fields which they happen to own. They often don't do any work at all on the land themselves - they pay contractors to do it all. The size of such houses needs to be limited. Ensure the name is respected - these dwellings are meant for AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, not the (sometimes retired) wealthy landowners who employ them.

4 CH9PD3Q4: 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:

Add something like:

J. The size of the dwelling should not exceed three bedrooms and it should be reasonably affordable for an Agricultural Worker to buy or rent now or in the future.

Monitoring Framework

1 MFQ1: Do you consider that the Monitoring Framework 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 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.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

4 MFQ4: 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:

none

Policies Maps

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

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 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 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.

Please insert text here. :

no comment

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:

none

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

If multiple please indicate on separate lines for each. :

all

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::

no comment

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, If you/your organisation do not 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