

# Response ID ANON-13H4-7YWZ-1

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## About you

### 1 What is your name?

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### 3 Are you responding as an individual, consultee, stakeholder or other?

Resident

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## Chapter 1: Introduction

### 1 CH1Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 1 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

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

2 CH1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

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.

Please insert text here. :

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.

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

## Chapter 2 - Melton Borough Today – A Portrait

**1 CH2Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 2 is?**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::**

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

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

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

**1 CH3Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 3 is?**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::**

No

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

No

**2 CH3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?**

1) Positively Prepared, 2) Justified, 3) Effective

**3 CH3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 3 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.**

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3.1 Vision

'There will be improved connectivity and ease of movement within and across the town and to and from the nearby larger centres of Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham and Grantham and the Borough's many villages.'

No evidence is presented to substantiate the aim of improving connectivity and ease of movement to and from large centres in regard to the Parish of Bottesford. For example, there are no proposals for reestablishing a direct bus link to Nottingham nor the enhancement of local access to trains that pass through Bottesford but do not stop.

'The strong historic and landscape character of the Borough will be as apparent and cherished as ever, and new development will be notable for the success with which it has been reflective of that character and integrated into its setting.'

No evidence is presented to demonstrate that the historic character of Bottesford has been taken into consideration in regard to any of the proposed sites of development and the number of proposed dwellings. A significant amount of local heritage research and activity has sought to document, protect and enhance the unique character of Bottesford Parish in regard to both its architecture and its historical significance as the key community in the Vale of Belvoir (see for example [www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk](http://www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk)). Many recent developments within the Parish have failed to reflect the character of that heritage within the Parish. Nor have they been integrated into the existing visual landscape. Furthermore, no evidence is presented to suggest that the Melton Local Plan as presented will provide a framework that will secure the quality of the existing heritage aesthetic of the locality.

The efficient use of land and the location of new development will have ensured that the best and most versatile agricultural land can continue to support a strong rural economy and that development overall during the plan period has created a more sustainable pattern and form than was prevalent at the outset.

The selection of development sites within the Parish is the result of the willingness of landowners to sell for development purposes rather than maintaining and

enhancing their agricultural use and support of a strong rural economy. The character of Bottesford is a product of it having agricultural corridors of land that breaks up the post war urbanisation within the Parish. No evidence is presented that this has been taken into account nor how the serendipitous access to development sites based on willing sellers creates a sustainable pattern of development in regard to the rural economy.

#### Delivering the Vision

To deliver the vision, the Borough Council will work with its partners and others to promote and manage development in a way which consolidates and builds upon the unique reputation, heritage, character and rural nature of Melton Borough so that it meets the needs of the local community, benefits the economy and maintains or improves the quality of the local environment.

The 'unique reputation, heritage, character and rural nature' of Bottesford is not secured by the numbers of dwellings proposed in the Melton Local Plan nor is it demonstrated how the numbers will benefit the economy and maintain or improve the quality of the local environment.

#### Conclusion

The plan as currently drafted in regard to Bottesford is unsound and has failed to take into account a large body of local views and information that has been been accessible to Melton Borough Council. On that basis it has not complied with duty to co-operate

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#### Examination

**1 EXQ1: Can your representation seeking a change be considered by written representations or do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?**

Written Representations

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

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

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