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Dear Sir or Madam,

## Melton Local Plan Update Issues and Options (Regulation 18) Consultation - Officer comments on behalf of Oadby and Wigston Borough Council

Thank you for consulting the Council on the Melton Local Plan Update Issues and Options (Regulation 18) Consultation.

All local authorities within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area have a strong track record of effective joint working on strategic matters and it is encouraged that Melton continue to work collaboratively to seek an agreed way forward in relation to Leicester City's unmet need and apportionment / redistribution of the unmet need.

Any approach taken forward by Melton must ensure that the housing needs of the Borough area are met in full. In addition, any housing growth scenario must take account of Leicester City's unmet need and any redistribution of this unmet need once it has been agreed by local authorities in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area.

Going forward, Melton Borough Council must ensure that all evidence base underpinning the Local Plan is up to date and accurate and takes account of the latest national and strategic level evidence base, for example, the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Needs Assessment and all associated evidence being prepared by Leicester and Leicestershire local authorities.

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the emerging new Local Plan for the Borough of Melton. We recognise the challenges faced in preparing a new Local Plan in the current climate, and with this in mind, please accept our apologies for the delay in sending this response.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Planning Policy Officer

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