

## Welcome from the Chairman of the Melton Borough Local Plan Working Group



“This Draft Local Plan is being published to give you the opportunity to consider it and if you wish, to make formal objections or representations on it. This is the plan the Council wants to adopt, and is the result of evidence collection, analysis and consultation work over the last two years.

You will note that the document plans for the next 20 years or so, fostering economic growth and delivering necessary infrastructure, such as roads and schools, as well as planning for 6000 or so new houses. All these elements, including the proposed Melton Mowbray distributor road, are interdependent and will contribute to the sustainable development of the Borough as a whole.

We will use the plan to help attract additional more highly skilled industry and commerce to Melton. This is to help retain and attract people with more to spend in local shops and on local services, and to help reduce our economic reliance on low skilled roles in the food industry.

So as well as identifying much needed new housing land, the plan identifies sites for industry, commerce and shops, and supports the rural economy. As importantly, the plan also makes sure our most valuable and cherished environmental and cultural assets, which make the Borough such an attractive place to live and work, are protected.

If you have had your say on earlier versions of this plan, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your input and interest.”

Councillor Pru Chandler