



MELTON LOCAL PLAN – PRE SUBMISSION DRAFT (NOVEMBER 2016)

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Melton Borough Council proposes to submit the Melton Local Plan (MLP) to the Secretary of State of Communities and Local Government for independent examination. Before submitting the MLP, the Council is required to publish the document and invite the public to make representations on its 'soundness'. The MLP, once adopted will be the development plan for Melton Borough.

This form has two parts:

- Part A: Personal Details
- Parts B and C: Your representation(s).

When making representations, please use a separate Part B form for each policy or paragraph you wish to comment on. Before completing the form you should read the accompanying Guide to Making Representations. Please ensure that your representation relates to the correct test of soundness (details can be found in the Guide to Making Representations)

Completed forms should be returned to the address below no later than Monday 19th December, 2016. Representations received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Planning Policy Team
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LE13 1GH

Alternatively, you can access this form on the Council's website
http://www.melton.gov.uk/localplan/site/index.php and print it out or complete it electronically and e-mail your response to
planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk

Representations can also be made via the Council's on-line consultation portal -
https://meltonboroughcouncil.citizenspace.com

PART A: ABOUT YOU/YOUR ORGANISATION (If you are an agent, please complete the personal details of your client in 1 and complete agent's details in 2).

**1. Personal Details**

Full Name:  
Mr Russell Pride & Mrs Linda Pride

Organisation (if applicable)

Address:  
[Redacted]

Postcode:  
[Redacted]

Email:  
[Redacted]

Contact Number:  
[Redacted]

**2. Agent's Details (If applicable)**

Full Name & Company:

Organisation/Client Representations on Behalf Of

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Contact Number:

Number of Representations Enclosed:

Signature:

Date:

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**PART B: YOUR REPRESENTATION** (This section will need to be completed for each representation made. Please photocopy or download from the council's website Part B of the form as required.)

**3. Which part of the Melton Local Plan: Pre-Submission Draft does your representation relate to?** (Please enter the paragraph/policy number)

Paragraph:  Policy:  Policies Map:

**4. Do you consider that the Melton Local Plan: Pre-Submission Draft is?** (Please tick the appropriate box)

1. Legally Compliant: Yes  No
2. Sound: Yes  No
3. Complies with Duty to Co-operate: Yes  No

\*The considerations in relation to the Local Plan being "sound" are explained in paragraph 182 of the National Planning Policy Framework. If you have entered "No" in relation to 4(2), please go to question 5. In all other circumstances, please go to question 6

**5. Do you consider that the Melton Local Plan: Pre-Submission Draft is unsound because it is not any of the following?** (Please tick the appropriate box)

1. Positively Prepared  2. Justified  3. Effective  4. Consistent with National Policy

**6. Please give details of why you consider the Melton Local Plan: Pre-Submission Draft 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: Pre-Submission Draft or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.** (Please continue onto a separate sheet if you require more space)

EN10 as drafted is contrary to the spirit of national planning policy and contains a level of detail which is unjustified. The Emerging Options consultation earlier this year resulted in a majority of respondents objecting to policy EN10 but those objections have been disregarded despite the Council now accepting that there is no requirement for them to identify areas as suitable for wind energy development in the local plan. However, if it is to be included it must allocate specific areas. EN10 does not do this, instead it identifies areas that may be suitable including for example LCU8 which encompasses all of Great Dalby, Gaddesby and Barsby, an area of approximately 19 square miles where the plan proposes clusters of up to 5 turbines of up to 50m height would be acceptable. Although there are many other constraints it seems quite inappropriate to even suggest that such a large area could accommodate possibly 100s of turbines. To suggest it would be contrary to the expressed views of the affected local communities and would lead to unwelcome planning applications with little prospect of success but which would involve vast amounts of time to analyse at the tax payers' expense.

It is important to note that the Melton & Rushcliffe Landscape Sensitivity Study 2014, against which draft policy EN10 has been framed, was not subject to public consultation. As a result it has been found by planning inspectors to carry only limited weight in appeals locally. We therefore consider draft policy EN10 to be unsound in the way that it cites the Study as evidence to identify that Landscape Character Assessment Units judged as being of low or low-medium sensitivity ARE suitable for wind energy development for identified turbine heights and cluster sizes. The authors of the Study made it clear (paragraph 4.19 of the Study) that it provides an initial indication only of relative landscape sensitivities and it should not be interpreted as a definitive statement on the sensitivity of a particular location for a particular development.

7. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan: Pre-Submission Draft legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 5 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: Pre-Submission Draft 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 continue onto a separate sheet if you require more space)

Some general recommendations in EN10 may be appropriate, but remove the table defining large areas and the acceptability of wind turbines.

**Please note:** Your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence necessary and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on this original representation.

**After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector based on the matters and issues they identify at the examination.**

8. 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? (Please tick the appropriate box)

Written Representations

Participate at the Oral Examination

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

**Please note:** The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

### PART C: WHO YOU REPRESENT

To help us collate the responses to this consultation, we would be grateful if you could tell us which category best describes who you are representing (Please tick the appropriate box)

Melton Borough Resident	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planning Agent/Planning Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utility/Service Provider	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amenity Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residents Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	Town/Parish Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state)	<input type="text"/>		

**Do you want to have further involvement in the Melton Local Plan?** *(Please tick the appropriate boxes)*

If you wish to be notified at the address/e-mail provided in Part A 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 in Part A 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

Thank you for taking the time to submit representations on the Melton Local Plan: Pre Submission Draft (November 2016). It should be noted that representations cannot be treated as confidential.