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 1. Policy SS3  
 2. Policy S24

3. Policy ENG  
 4. Policy EN10.

MELTON LOCAL PLAN – PRE SUBMISSION DRAFT  
 (NOVEMBER 2016)

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Respondent Ref:
Date Received: 14.12.2016.

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 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**. Representations received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Planning Policy Team  
 Regulatory Services  
 Melton Borough Council  
 Parkside, Station Approach  
 Melton Mowbray  
 Leicestershire  
 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](mailto: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:  
 Miss Beth Johnson (Chair)

Organisation (if applicable)  
 Burton and Dalby Parish Council

Address:  
 [Redacted]

Postcode:  
 [Redacted]

Email:  
 [Redacted]

Contact Number:  
 [Redacted]

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

Full Name & Company:  
 [Redacted]

Organisation/Client Representations on Behalf Of  
 [Redacted]

Address:  
 [Redacted]

Postcode:  
 [Redacted]

Email:  
 [Redacted]

Contact Number:  
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Number of Representations Enclosed:

4

Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Date:

19<sup>th</sup> December '16

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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)

Policy SS3 is consistent with National Policy specifically:

NPPF Paragraph 7, point 3: "... contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment."

NPPF Paragraph 126: "Local planning authorities should set out in their Local Plan a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, .... In developing this strategy, local planning authorities should take into account:

- the desirability of new development making a positive contribution to **local character and distinctiveness**; and
- opportunities to draw on **the contribution made by the historic environment to the character of a place.**"

**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)

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Policy SS4 conflicts with Policy EN4 in this plan and therefore is NOT consistent with National Policy:  
NPPF Paragraph 154.

"Local Plans should be aspirational but realistic. They should address the spatial implications of economic, social and environmental change. Local Plans should set out the opportunities for development and **clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where**. Only policies that **provide a clear indication of how a decision maker should react to a development proposal** should be included in the plan.

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Chapter 8: **Figure 7 - The Southern Sustainable Neighbourhood Concept Map** and other relevant policy maps should be re-drawn so that they indicate the intention to enforce the Environment section of Policy SS4;

Notably points:

"en1: Protection of the separate identities of Burton Lazars and Eye Kettleby in accordance with Policy EN4 and respond to settlement fringe sensitivity in accordance with Policy EN1 to create a locally distinctive development and an improved town edge;"

"en3: Protection and enhancement of historic and archaeological features in accordance with Policy EN13; including the St. Mary and St Lazarus hospital scheduled monument"

"m3: Areas of green infrastructure and green space (including important strategic green gaps to be protected);"

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The zig-zag lines used are not acceptable to describe Areas of Separation.

NPPF Paragraph154. "Local Plans should be aspirational but realistic. They should address the spatial implications of economic, social and environmental change. Local Plans should set out the opportunities for development and **clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where**. Only policies that provide a **clear indication of how a decision maker should react to a development proposal** should be included in the plan."

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Policy EN4 is a very important policy for village communities and has the support of residents. However, to carry any weight it should be clear. The zig-zag lines used to indicate Areas of Separation in the *Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study (Influence, 2015)* should not be repeated in the Local Plan documents but should be replaced by clearly delineated areas that indicate exactly 'what will be permitted and where'.

This should particularly apply to Figure 7, The Southern Sustainable Neighbourhood Concept Map in Chapter 8 which presently indicates substantial encroachment of development into two Areas of Separation by both housing and employment land.

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National Policy does not require Local Authorities to identify suitable areas for wind energy development.

This authority and a neighbouring authority have produced the Melton & Rushcliffe Landscape Sensitivity Study (2014). Paragraphs 7.20.10; 7.20.11 and 7.20.12 with Table 16 adequately clarify the relevance of the M&RLSS to this policy.

The area-by-area descriptions of LCUs given in the table on page 122 (Table 18?) are not necessary. They are not allocations, yet they give the impression that proposals which conform to the heights and densities described there would be approved.

Policy EN10 is not consistent with NPPF Paragraph 154 "Local Plans should be aspirational but realistic. They should address the spatial implications of economic, social and environmental change. Local Plans should set out the opportunities for development and **clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where**. Only policies that provide a **clear indication of how a decision maker should react** to a development proposal should be included in the plan."

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Policy EN10 point 17:

Delete: "These areas and acceptable turbine requirements are set out in the following below;"

and

Remove the table on page 122 (Table 18?) altogether.

**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)*

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Melton Borough Resident     | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other <i>(Please state)</i> | <input type="text"/>     |                                    |                                     |

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

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If you wish to be notified at the address/e-mail provided in Part A when the Inspector's Report is available to view   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If you wish to be notified at the address/e-mail provided in Part A when the Melton Local Plan is adopted  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If you/your organisation wish to be included in future consultations on the Melton Local Plan  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If you/your organisation <b>do not</b> wish to be included in future consultations on the Melton Local Plan  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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.