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Submitted to **Melton Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft**
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About you

1 What is your name?

Name:

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2 What is your email address?

Email:

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

Resident

If Consultee, Stakeholder, or Other, please give details here. :

4 Address

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5 Age

Please select your age:

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Policy EN10 – Energy Generation from Renewable Sources

1 CH7PEN10Q1: Do you consider that Policy EN10 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

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

No

2 CH7PEN10Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

2) Justified

3 CH7PEN10Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy EN10 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 Policy EN10 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :

Melton, has a 'strap-line' of being 'The Rural Capital of Food', so, it does seem counter productive that Melton Borough Council is even (potentially) considering placing industrial sized wind turbines within the borough. The potential size of these turbines in the vicinity of a settlement like Thorpe Satchville will overwhelmingly and detrimentally affect the residents in terms of noise, with the associated health concerns that this brings, as well as destroying the visual amenity that this rural community would suffer, namely the vista from points of interest such as the Fort at Borough on The Hill. The height of these turbines is significantly higher than is welcome, importantly there is no indication of a minimum distance from a settlement.

So, in theory, the residents of a rural village could have a group of 50 Meter turbines on the edge of the village, this is patently unfair and fundamentally wrong.

The miniscule benefit that these may bring to the Melton Renewable Energy aspect of the Plan, will be vastly outweighed by the damage that these will cause to the rural aspect, heritage and the detrimental affect on our cultural historic landmarks and historical buildings. This would be tantamount to vandalism.

Whilst there may be a case for smaller wind turbines of e.g. of less than twenty meters to the tip to support farmers in generating energy for their endeavours, with the remainder being passed onto the national grid. The construction of industrial sized turbines is frankly offensive to the wishes of the residents of rural communities, particularly in Thorpe Satchville. As you will be aware the residents of this village are still awaiting the outcome of the decision from the Secretary of Sate for a turbine (already erected) that does not have the support of Melton Borough Council, the Planning Inspectorate or the community, which has blighted the local landscape since it was erected.

This consultation is about securing Trust between the local residents and Local Government, Melton Borough Council has undertaken activities which has identified areas (in principal) where it could support the erection of industrial sized turbines, but it must also listen to the people that these decisions potentially impact upon.

4 CH7PEN10Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan 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 the Melton Local Plan 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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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

Acknowledgement

1 I understand the above statement and agree I have complied with its requirements

I agree