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How to use the Issues and Options

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Are you making a submission on behalf of someone else?

No

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Please provide the first 5 digits of your Postcode (for example LE13 1).

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Gender: How do you identify?

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If self-describe, please state :

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Would you describe yourself as transgender?

[REDACTED]

What is your sexual orientation?

[REDACTED]

If other, please state:

What is your age?

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Do you consider yourself to have a health problem or a disability which has lasted, or is expected to last at least 12 months?

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If you selected other, please state:

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Please describe your ethnicity and race:

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What is your religion?

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Please state your religion:

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Vision and objectives

Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 1: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 1 - Option 1: No change:

Question 1 - Option 2: Refocused and simplified version [preferred option]:

Strongly agree

Question 2: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this section

Please, provide further context:

Recommended revised vision well drafted IMO

Question 3: What do you think are the most important objectives to be covered by our Vision? Please select your top 3

Question 3 - Improving facilities for all of the community and providing the new infrastructure needed to support our growing population:

1

Question 3 - Addressing the causes and effects of climate change:

Question 3 - Ensure local housing meets the local communities current and future needs:

2

Question 3 - Supporting a diverse, competitive and innovative rural economy:

3

Question 3 - Enhancing Melton Mowbray's town centre:

Question 3 - Promoting high quality and well-designed development to help create healthy, sustainable and safe communities:

Question 3 - Enhancing nature and minimising harm to the natural environment:

Question 3 - Other (please specify below):

Please, provide further context:

All in revised vision proposal important

Policy SS1. Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development

Policy SS1: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 4: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 4 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 4 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:

Somewhat agree

Question 5: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy SS3. Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites)

Policy SS3: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 6: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 6 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 6 - Option 2: Review the policy to better define meeting local need:

Question 6 - Option 3: Review the policy to enhance wider sustainability [preferred option]:

Strongly agree

Question 7: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

The preferred option has been well presented

Question 8: Under what circumstances do you think new homes in the borough's smallest and least sustainable settlements are justified?

Please, provide further context:

They can be assessed as fitting with the preferred policy review and keeping the place alive with a balanced community.. One shouldn't presume but would suggest smaller homes would fit, residents not need expensive support ,e.g council tenants. Bus routes should not be considered. Do district nurses visit, amazon, supermarket deliveries, distance by car to shops and doctors elsewhere. Additional facilities may need to be considered. Village with limited facilities, e.g kirby bellars would need play area if family homes built.

Numbers would dicatate, a few no problems but a lot of new homes may need new services, allotments etc. Need to assess road capabilities.

Kirby bellars interesting although unsustainable is actually on major road, reliable bus route, choice of GP and primary schools, few minutes to Melton, nearby education choices. Has visits from nurses and food deliveries.

Question 9: Do you think criteria should be introduced to require homes built in the borough's smallest and least sustainable settlements to be built to the highest sustainability standards? If yes, what types of criteria do you think the policy should consider?

Please, provide further context:

Same quality as houses built in sustainable locations. Not clear what on this question

Policy SS4. South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhoods

Policy SS4: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 10: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 10 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 10 - Option 2: Amend to reflect the 2021 Masterplan [preferred option]:

Somewhat agree

Question 11: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy SS5. Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood

Policy SS5: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 12: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 12 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 12 - Option 2: Amend to reflect the 2021 Masterplan [preferred option]:

Strongly agree

Question 13: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy SS6. Alternative Development Strategies and Local Plan Review

Policy SS6: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 14: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 14 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 14 - Option 2: Reduce to locally specific criteria only [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 14 - Option 3: Additional criteria:

Question 15: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Definitions

Policy C2. Housing Mix

Policy C2: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 16: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 16 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 16 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 17: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy
Please, provide further context

Please, provide further context:

Evidence to 2036 is key and MUST cross check to population forecasts, e.g ageing, divorce, more single person living. costs v income mean even for some professionals and highly skilled technical 4 bed houses out of reach (student loans impact?), homes for sale and time on market. Need for people to downsize to release money for pension, reduce heating costs.

Help keep the countryside alive with smaller 2 and 3 bed homes. Is there a need to build more 4 bed homes?

Terraced homes well insulated, also low rise apartments with shared living space with storage.

Policy C3. National Space Standard and Smaller Dwellings

Policy C3: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 18: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 18 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 18 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 19: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Definitions

Policy C4. Affordable Housing Provision

Policy C4: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 20: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 20 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 20 - Option 2: Amend the policy to reflect National Planning Policy Framework and new evidence [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 21: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

I will contact the Planning Department to ask for more explanation on why reduce from 10 to 5 in rural areas. No fully convinced.

Definitions

Policy C7. Rural Services

Policy C7: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 22: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 22 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 22 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 23: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy C8. Self Build and Custom Build Housing

Policy C8: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 24: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 24 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 24 - Option 2: Address increasing needs:

Question 24 - Option 3: Address increasing needs and add local-specific criteria [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 24 - Option 4: Adding the two optional local eligibility tests:

Question 25: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

In my time as a councillor I have not seen a self build scheme (scheme being more than 1) I have seen a number of schemes with individual plots sold and built before 2010 in Bottesford and in Lincolnshire. Not necessarily collectively the best design.

It interests me how design standards can be met if say a scheme of 7 self builds? I don't mean they have to look the same but collectively pass the design test.

Policy C9. Healthy Communities

Policy C9: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 26: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 26 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 26 - Option 2: Revise the policy but also make health and wellbeing a key thread that runs throughout the entire plan [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 27: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Must ensure healthy walking and cycling links with transport walking and cycling.

Question 28: Do you think the Local Plan should require Health Impact Assessments for large scale developments?

Yes

Question 29: If you answered 'yes' to question 28, what size and types of development do you think should require them and why?

Please, provide further context:

10 to be consistent with LP definition of major development. I also think active travel checklist should be completed for developments smaller than 150.

Policy EC1. Employment Growth in Melton Mowbray

Policy EC1: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 30: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 30 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 30 - Option 2: Amendments to reflect Use Class Order, new evidence and National Planning Policy Framework:

Question 30 - Option 3: Create separate policies for employment allocations and employment development in Melton Mowbray:
Strongly agree

Question 31: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Need to consider business outside Melton. Extensions to existing industrial estates, new ones, use of farm buildings for small schemes. MBC MUST TAKE EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE MELTON SERIOUSLY.

Question 32: Unless submitted already as part of the Employment-only Call for Sites (June-July 2023), is there any employment site you want us to consider as a potential allocation? If there is, please submit the details, including a location plan showing the boundaries to planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk and add a note in this section

Please, provide further context:

Extension of the BARBREY Business park Longhedge lane, Bottesford. The owners may submit details if written to by the Council as part of the employment land survey. Cllrs are meeting owners on 9th January. Cllrs met Dir of Growth 14th December about a mini highways masterplan for this area. For any info Cllr Pritchett [REDACTED]. Separate email to be sent as requested

Definitions

Policy EC2. Employment Growth in the Rural Area (Outside Melton Mowbray)

Policy EC2: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 33: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 33 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 33 - Option 2: Policy Wording Amendments [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 34: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Extension of the BARBREY Business park Longhedge lane, Bottesford. The owners may submit details if written to by the Council as part of the employment land survey. Cllrs are meeting owners on 9th January. Cllrs met Dir of Growth 14th December about a mini highways masterplan for this area. For any info Cllr Pritchett [REDACTED]

Policy EC3. Existing Employment Sites

Policy EC3: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 35: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 35 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 35 - Option 2: Add specific class uses to policies:
Strongly agree

Question 35 - Option 3: Adding Flexibility to the Policy:
Somewhat agree

Question 36: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

The protection of the town centre is wrong and ridiculous seems illegal restraint. Not relevant to rural.

Seemed daft for a coop planning application at Asfordby to be assessed as not harming town centre. Town centre will become more multi use, industrial estates with have more services like gyms and some retail vets etc. It is up to a town centre to find its niche NOT be protected from fair competition.

Definitions

Policy EC4. Other Employment and Mixed-use Proposals

Policy EC4: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 37: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 37 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 37 - Option 2: Wording amendments and define Mixed-use Development:
Somewhat agree

Question 37 - Option 3: Split the Policy:
Strongly agree

Question 38: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Town Centre and Retail Evidence

Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 39: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 39 - Option 1: Focus on Melton Mowbray Town Centre:

Question 39 - Option 2: Carry out a full Town Centre and Retail Study including needs assessments:
Strongly agree

Question 40: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this section

Please, provide further context:

The Vision was produced by the CEO, consultants and retail members of the place board. Rightly board binned quickly by new cabinet May 23. The vision failed to take into account intelligence, assumptions and the role of a council in supporting 'place' not specific businesses, e.g pies.

New look at own centre, retail, a place to congregate, some conversions to housing.

Definitions

Policy EC5. Melton Mowbray Town Centre

Policy EC5: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 41: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 41 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 41 - Option 2: Update and incorporate elements of the Town Centre Vision [preferred option]:

Strongly agree

Question 42: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Definitions

Policy EC6. Primary Shopping Frontages

Policy EC6: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 43: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 43 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 43 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:

Strongly agree

Question 44: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Definitions

Policy EC7. Retail Development in the Borough

Policy EC7: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 45: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 45 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 45 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:

Strongly disagree

Question 46: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Protection of the town centre not agreed anti competitive. Asfordby, Waltham, Long Clawson etc and Bottesford should be able to do what they like subject to policies.

Retail adds to viability of rural locations.

Garden centres are retail.

Strongly disagree with the first sentence not to detract from the town centre'. people want choice, some new services may be developed of the new distributor road.

We can do assessments then there are entrepreneurs that create demand and transfer demand. e.g from Nottingham/Newark to selling in Bottesford. This must be allowed.

Definitions

Policy EC8. Sustainable Tourism

Policy EC8: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 47: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 47 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 47 - Option 2: Clarify the policy to focus on socio-economic benefits:
Somewhat agree

Question 47 - Option 3: Amend the Policy to define sustainable tourism:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 48: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

When drafted the policy should relate to the whole borough not just town centre. The examples should not be definitive and why do examples need to be in a policy? Whilst overnight stays are important there is no evidence that they spend more money than a borough, rushcliffe, Stamford resident visiting repeat visiting say 3 or more times a year.

'place' should be borough the word place indicates one specific place...town centre????

Definitions

Policy EN2. Biodiversity and Geodiversity

Policy EN2: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 49: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 49 - Option 1: Delete the policy:
Strongly disagree

Question 49 - Option 2: Amend the policy:
Somewhat disagree

Question 49 - Option 3: Split the policy:
Strongly agree

Question 50: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Definitions

Policy EN3. The Melton Green Infrastructure Network

Policy EN3: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 51: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 51 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 51 - Option 2: Amend the policy [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 52: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy EN5. Local Green Spaces

Policy EN5: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 53: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 53 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 53 - Option 2: Incorporate Green Belt criteria:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 53 - Option 3: Designate additional Local Green Spaces:
Somewhat agree

Question 54: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Question 55: If you wish to propose a new area for Local Green Space, please send a map and supporting information to planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk and add a note in this section

Please, provide further context:

Policy EN7. Open Space, Sport and Recreation

Policy EN7: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 56: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 56 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 56 - Option 2: Update the policy, particularly the standards [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 57: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy EN8. Climate Change

Policy EN8: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 58: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 58 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 58 - Option 2: Delete the policy, and make climate change a 'core thread' that runs throughout the entire plan:

Question 58 - Option 3: Retain but update policy EN8 and make climate change a core thread that runs throughout the entire plan [preferred option]:
Somewhat agree

Question 59: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy EN9. Ensuring Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Development

Policy EN9: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 60: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 60 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 60 - Option 2: Refocus the policy and split it into new more specific policies as required [Preferred approach]:
Somewhat agree

Question 60 - Option 3: Make the policy more robust and specific, to ensure all new development meets the highest standards:

Question 61: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy EN10. Energy Generation from Renewable and Low Carbon Sources

Policy EN10: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 62: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 62 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 62 - Option 2: Review the policy to ensure it works well for all types of renewable energy schemes [preferred approach]:
Somewhat agree

Question 63: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

The evidence base for solar farms in meeting NPPF should be identifying characteristics suitable and not suitable for large scale solar production. Current policy inadequate.

Flat land 3b, with no or little collateral heritage and landscape damage should be identified as most suitable the opposite, undulating land of some character and heritage impact not suitable.

Policy EN11. Minimising the Risk of Flooding

Policy EN11: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 64: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 64 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 64 - Option 2: Add new elements of national policy:
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 64 - Option 3: Restrict policy to strategic overview and local matters:
Somewhat agree

Question 65: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

It is quite normal for important technical documents to be lengthy, flooding is mega important. We cant always have half a page.

Definitions

Policy EN12. Sustainable Drainage Systems

Policy EN12: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 66: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 66 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 66 - Option 2: Incorporate additional requirements:
Strongly agree

Question 67: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy IN1. Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy

Policy IN1: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 68: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 68 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 68 - Option 2: Reflect the latest position in the policy [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 69: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Definitions

Policy IN2. Transport, Accessibility and Parking

Policy IN2: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 70: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 70 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 70 - Option 2: Amend policy wording to align with national and local guidance [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 71: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Policy IN4. Broadband

Policy IN4: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 72: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 72 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 72 - Option 2: Amend policy [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 73: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Definitions

Policy D1. Raising the Standard of Design

Policy D1: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 74: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 74 - Option 1: Delete the policy:

Question 74 - Option 2: Review and strengthen policy so it sets out strategic principles for high quality new development [preferred option]:
Strongly agree

Question 75: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

Question 76: Do you think the current design policy criteria covers all design issues adequately, that the current policy works well? Would you like to suggest any criteria to be added or removed from the policy?

Please, provide further context:

Question 77: How important do you think each of the following design considerations are for a new development?

Question 77 - Attractiveness: creating a pleasant environment to live and work:
Quite important

Question 77 - Sensitive to context: responds well to its surroundings:
Very important

Question 77 - Distinctiveness: builds upon the unique characteristics of its surroundings and creates a sense of place in itself (design features such as scale, massing, materials, landscaping and architectural detailing).:
Very important

Question 77 - Neighbour amenity: does not adversely affect neighbours and nearby uses:

Quite important

Question 77 - Legible places: places that are easily understood by their users, particularly when moving around.:

Very important

Question 77 - Connectedness: created new and weaves into existing networks:

Very important

Question 77 - Comprehensive: ensuring development is designed and delivered in a coordinated way, and avoiding piecemeal schemes:

Very important

Question 77 - Safe and attractive streets and spaces: create spaces and environment that feels safe and secure to be in.:

Very important

Question 77 - Environmental sustainability and adapting to climate change:

Very important

Question 77 - Mix of uses: the right range of uses and densities:

Very important

Question 77 - Protecting and enhancing heritage assets:

Very important

Question 77 - Car parking:

Very important

Question 77 - Community consultation: opportunities for community to get involved and help shape development proposals:

Very important

Question 77 - Other: please state below any other key design considerations not highlighted above:

Please, provide further context:

Question 78: Do you think there is a need for specific policy guidance about the use of design coding within the local plan?

Unsure

Question 79: If you responded 'yes' to question 78, please provide reasons?

Please, provide further context:

Does the SPD cover this?

Equalities Impact

Question 80: Do you have any views on the potential impact of the proposals raised in this consultation on people with protected characteristics as defined in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010?

Unsure

Question 81: If you responded 'yes'/'unsure' to question 80, please provide your reasons and whether there is anything that you think could be done to mitigate any impacts identified

Please, provide further context:

no expert cannot say

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Please use the comment box below to provide any information you would like us to consider in relation to the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Please, provide a reference to the section and your comments: