

Melton (Green) Transition response to MBC Draft Vision 08 January 2024 16:32:12 image003.png LCC and MBC Strategic Priorities.pdf

Hello

I am forwarding this to you. Please take this as part of our official response as I am not able to attach this to MGT responses to Have Our Say on Vision (Response received - ID: ANON-XH36-2C13-2). We have had our say on Local Plan and hope to have our say on the Climate Strategy also.

As you can see Melton Transition commented on LCC and MBC Strategic Priorities about 2 years ago; including the MBC Vision. We have had follow up discussions with MBC and LCC officers, MBC and LCC councillors; including formal and informal responses to MBC Climate Consultation. We also commented on NZ Leics at its launch in 2023. Our key comment was suggesting a moratorium on LCC road building; which has been taken up by Mark Frisby.

The only substantial change in the Draft Vision is increased ownership for enhancing Safe by increased sustainability in housing through a combination of visions 3 and 4:



It would appear that this Vision 2036 replaces the previous Vision and Strategic Priorities. So you have lost key priorities relating to: "led by our community" and "ensuring the right conditions to support delivery". These priorities were not practiced, only given lip service, by the previous MBC administration.

The big issues remain that in spite of declaring a climate emergency in 2019 you:

- Continue to aspire to MMDR at all costs in spite of the negative environmental impact articulated in the business case
- Use policy as the key driver of growth in the housing stock; and in a way that currently does not even deliver Net Zero homes (using National Government policies as the excuse)
- Overlook that Net Zero is only a step on the way to proper Sustainability; and backing off the previous NZ goals (in line with National Government policy changes and Labour party positioning)

The biggest expenditure of MBC is on waste collection (Biffa contract). There are no statements relating to this. Why not? The urgency to draft the Vision after the Local Plan and Climate Change consultations were launched and to complete Vision consultation prior to Climate Change consultation completes seems somewhat odd. This means that the key issues in the Local Plan consultations are not aligned with the Vision questions. How did this happen? Who is responsible for coordination of Have Your Say?

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On behalf of Melton Green Transition



Subject: Melton Transition response to LCC and MBC Strategic Priorities

For our discussion on Wednesday afternoon:

- LCC and MBC Strategic Priorities versus Melton Transition
- The Draft LCC Strategic Plan detailed gap analysis