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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Sustainability Appraisal Addendum has been prepared by LUC on behalf of Melton Borough Council as part of the integrated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Melton Local Plan.
- 1.2 The SA Addendum builds on the findings of the SA Report¹ that LUC produced previously on behalf of Melton Borough Council for the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan (November 2016) and it should therefore be read in conjunction with those documents.
- 1.3 This SA Addendum has four purposes:
 - It considers the implications for the SA findings reported previously as a result of new housing requirement options arising from the recent publication of the Leicestershire HMA HEDNA² and the bridging document 'Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough' and its addendum³ (see **Chapter 2**).
 - It sets out the findings of the appraisal of two options for the Melton Mowbray distributor road – a western option and an eastern option (see **Chapter 3**).
 - It presents the appraisal of 18 additional sites that have emerged since the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan was originally published (see **Chapter 4**).
 - It sets out the updated likely sustainability effects of policy changes and for sites which are now included in the Local Plan following the focussed changes proposed by the Council. These include the inclusion of new sites for allocation and reserve as well as amendments to existing site boundaries and site capacities originally presented in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (see **Chapter 5**).
- 1.4 An integrated approach to the SA and SEA of the Melton Local Plan has been taken to date, in line with Government guidance. Throughout this document, the term 'SA' should therefore be taken to mean 'SA incorporating the requirements of the SEA Directive'.

SA work undertaken previously

- 1.5 LUC (working on behalf of Melton Borough Council) has previously carried out several iterations of the SA process in relation to the Local Plan throughout its development. **Table 1.1** below lists the iterations of the Local Plan that have been produced and consulted on by the Council, as well as the accompanying SA work that was undertaken at each stage.

Table 1.1: Iterations of the Melton Local Plan and accompanying SA work

Plan Iteration	Accompanying SA Work
N/A	SA Scoping Report (July 2014) for the Melton Local Plan produced by Melton Borough Council
Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) (September 2014)	Amended SA Report for the Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) (January 2015) produced by Melton Borough Council
Melton Local Plan (Emerging Options) (January 2016)	SA Report for the Melton Local Plan (Emerging Options) (November 2015) produced by LUC on behalf of Melton Borough Council
Pre-Submission Draft Melton Local Plan	SA Report for the Pre-Submission Draft Melton

¹ LUC (October 2016) Pre-Submission Draft Melton Local Plan. Sustainability Appraisal Report

² GL Hearn for Melton BC (January 2017) Housing & Economic Development Needs Assessment: Leicester and Leicestershire Authorities and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership. (this has superseded the previous 2014 SHMA)

³ GL Hearn for Melton BC (January 2017) Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough

Plan Iteration	Accompanying SA Work
(November 2016)	Local Plan (October 2016) produced by LUC on behalf of Melton Borough Council
Pre-Submission Draft Melton Local Plan – Proposed Focussed Changes (July 2017)	This SA Addendum Report

- 1.6 Prior to this SA Addendum, the most recent full SA Report for the Local Plan is therefore the October 2016 SA Report which relates to the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan. That report described in detail the approach that has been taken to the SA process, including the various iterations of the SA report that have been produced and how the process has influenced the development of the Local Plan so far.
- 1.7 The 17 SA objectives that have been used for the SA are shown **in Table 1.2**.
- 1.8 Throughout the SA process, SA matrices and clear colour coded scores have been used to present the findings in relation to how policies and sites perform against each of the 17 SA objectives. **Figure 1.1** below shows the key for the colour coding used.

Figure 1.1: Key to colour coding used in SA matrices

++	The option or policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on the SA objective(s).
+	The option or policy is likely to have a positive effect on the SA objective(s).
0	The option or policy is likely to have a negligible or no effect on the SA objective(s).
-	The option or policy is likely to have a negative effect on the SA objective(s).
--	The option or policy is likely to have a significant negative effect on the SA objective(s).
?	It is uncertain what effect the option or policy will have on the SA objective(s), due to a lack of data.
++/-	The option or policy is likely to have a mixture of significant positive and minor negative effects on the SA objective(s).
+/-	The option or policy is likely to have a mixture of minor positive and minor negative effects on the SA objective(s).
+/-	The option or policy is likely to have a mixture of minor positive and significant negative effects on the SA objective(s).

Table 1.2: SA framework for the Melton Local Plan

SA Objectives	Decision-Making Criteria	Relevant Topic(s) as set out in the SEA Regulations
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	<p>Will it supplement the current range of residential accommodation that will contribute to the overall needs of the community?</p> <p>Will it contribute to the stock of affordable housing in places where a need has been established?</p> <p>Will it facilitate accommodation for members of the community with particular housing needs?</p>	Population Material assets
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	<p>Will it increase levels of qualification?</p> <p>Will it create high knowledge jobs?</p> <p>Will it improve access to educational facilities?</p>	Population
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	<p>Will it utilise and enhance existing transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Will it help to develop a transport network that minimises the impact on the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce journeys undertaken by car encouraging alternative modes of transport?</p>	Air Climatic factors Material assets
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	<p>Will it help to reduce commuting out of the Borough for employment?</p> <p>Will it add to the range of businesses in the Borough?</p> <p>Will it supplement the rural economy?</p> <p>Will it contribute to the number of jobs within the Borough?</p> <p>Will it increase jobs in the sectors that are currently underrepresented in the Borough?</p> <p>Will it encourage visitors to the Borough?</p> <p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p>	Population Material assets
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	Will it protect or foster the character of the local landscape?	Landscape
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	<p>Will it protect existing or facilitate new wildlife habitat?</p> <p>Will it protect or increase the amount of woodland?</p> <p>Will it protect or improve the condition of SSSIs and other sites of ecological interest?</p> <p>Will it protect or improve geodiversity in the Borough?</p>	Biodiversity Flora Fauna
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	<p>Will it foster local distinctiveness of built form?</p> <p>Will it protect important architectural and archaeological assets?</p> <p>Will it protect or contribute to the appearance of the built form?</p> <p>Will it foster local distinctiveness of built form?</p> <p>Will it conserve or enhance heritage assets including, buildings, conservation</p>	Cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage

SA Objectives	Decision-Making Criteria	Relevant Topic(s) as set out in the SEA Regulations
	areas, landscape features and architectural and archaeological assets? Will it protect or contribute to the appearance of the built form? Will it protect the setting of heritage assets? Will it lead to the repair and re-use of a heritage asset or tackle heritage at risk?	
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	Will it make use of previously developed land? Will it minimise the loss of good agricultural land? Will it safeguard mineral deposits?	Soil
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	Will it improve access to cultural and recreational facilities? Will it enhance the provision of recreational and cultural facilities? Will it promote the participation in recreational and cultural activities?	Population
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	Will it enhance the provision of educational facilities? Will it promote participation in educational facilities? Will it contribute to the number and range of jobs within the Borough? Will it contribute to the stock of affordable housing in places where a need has been established?	Population
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	Will it contribute to the reduction in crime levels? Will it reduce people's fear of crime? Will it reduce road traffic accidents? Will it improve the safety of pedestrians or cyclists?	Population
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	Will it reduce household waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? Will it assist in maximising the use of recycled and secondary materials?	Material assets
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	Will it provide the type of land and buildings of a type required by businesses? Will it improve the diversity of jobs available? Will it reduce traffic congestion in the Borough?	Material assets Population
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	Will it improve access to health facilities? Will it encourage a healthy life style e.g. a healthy diet and encourage physical activity? Will it improve human health? Will it increase, or enhance the opportunities for sporting recreational physical activity?	Human health
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	Will it reduce levels of air pollution? Will it improve energy efficiency? Will it promote renewable forms of energy?	Air Climatic factors
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	Will development be in an area at risk of flooding?	Climatic factors

SA Objectives	Decision-Making Criteria	Relevant Topic(s) as set out in the SEA Regulations
extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	Will it require mitigation to facilitate development? Will it increase the risk of flooding? Will the development tackle existing flooding issues?	Material assets
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	Will it reduce levels of water pollution? Will it encourage efficient water consumption?	Water

2 SA of housing growth options arising from 2017 HEDNA

- 2.1 Following publication by GL Hearn of the Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) and the bridging document 'Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough' and its addendum the Council is considering the implications of new housing figures in line with the findings of these reports. As part of this consideration the likely sustainability effects have been presented in this Addendum. The work set out here draws on and supplements the SA findings reported on previously by LUC on behalf of Melton Borough Council in the October 2016 SA Report⁴.
- 2.2 The three housing growth options considered by the Council following the publication of the HEDNA and subsequent supporting work as detailed above are to provide the following number of new dwellings per annum (dpa):
- Option 1: 154 dpa (in line with demographic need also considering an affordability adjustment).
 - Option 2: 245 dpa (above the objectively assessed need identified in the HEDNA which would thereby take economic led growth and demographic need into consideration).
 - Option 3: 280 dpa (also above the objectively assessed need identified in the HEDNA as well as allowing affordable housing need in Melton to be met at a delivery rate of 25% of overall housing delivery).

Summary of SA findings for the three housing growth options considered

- 2.3 The sustainability implications of requiring for the three housing growth options over the plan period have been considered in detail in **Appendix 1** of this Addendum. It should be noted that this is a high level strategic appraisal, similar to the appraisal of the three housing growth options undertaken at the Emerging Options stage. Option 2 would deliver the same number of homes as is proposed under Policy SS2: Development Strategy included in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. Policy SS2 is specific about where development would be delivered in the Borough. There is no equivalent level of policy detail for Option 1 and Option 3. Therefore, for consistency and comparative purposes, we have sought to provide an assessment at the same level of detail for all three options rather than placing too much weight on Policy SS2 with respect to Option 2. However, we have referred to the two Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) as reference points for informing appraisal judgements, given their strategic significance in terms of spatial strategy and housing delivery. Even under Option 1, the lowest in terms of the growth options, it would not be possible to deliver the full amount of housing without both SUEs being allocated, at least in part – neither SUE would on their own be able to deliver the housing unless significantly increased in size or density, or by a greater proportion of housing being delivered elsewhere in the Borough. Given that the Council needs to plan for the long-term, setting a pattern of development that will continue beyond the end of the plan period, we have assumed that the two SUEs will be required under all three growth options, although under Option 1 they would be of smaller scale over the plan period.
- 2.4 We have also drawn on the Leicestershire HMA HEDNA and the bridging document 'Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough' and its addendum in informing the appraisal of the

⁴ Three housing growth options were appraised at the Emerging Options stage: 195 dpa; 220 dpa; and 245 dpa. See Table 4.1 (Q6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?), paragraph 4.9 and Appendix 9 (Q6) of LUC (October 2017) Pre-Submission Draft Melton Local Plan. Sustainability Appraisal Report

three options. These documents provide useful additional evidence of the implications of delivering housing under the three options, for example with respect to the delivery of affordable housing, infrastructure delivery and the relationship with housing growth, the economy and employment.

2.5 A summary of the likely sustainability effects identified is presented in **Table 2.1** below.

Table 2.1: Summary of SA findings for the three housing growth options considered

SA objectives	Option 1: 154 dpa	Option 2: 245 dpa	Option 3: 280 dpa
1. Housing	+/-	++/-	++
2. Education	-	++	++
3. Sustainable transport	--	++	++
4. Economy and employment	--	++	++
5. Landscape	-?	--?	--?
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	-?	--?	--?
7. Cultural heritage	-?	--?	--?
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	-?	--?	--?
9. Access to services	-	+	+
10. Social and economic inclusion	--	++/-	++
11. Crime	0	0	0
12. Waste	+?	-?	-?
13. Economic growth	--	++	++
14. Health	-	+	+
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	0	0	0
16. Flood risk	?	?	?
17. Water quality	0	0	0

2.6 The summary of the sustainability findings for each housing growth options are presented below.

Option 1 – 154 dpa

2.7 Option 1 would result in the delivery of the lowest level of housing of the housing growth options considered at 154 dpa. This delivery is in line with demographic based need over the plan period

but would not be commensurate with economic led growth. As such this option would only accommodate natural growth and would not address housing growth which is required to support the growth of the local economy as identified in 'Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough' and its addendum. A number of significant negative effects have therefore been identified in relation to Option 1 most notably in relation to **SA objectives 1: housing, 4: economy and employment, 10: social and economic inclusion** and **13: economic growth**.

- 2.8 The requirement for affordable housing has been set at 70 dpa over the plan period. The recommendation of work to support the HEDNA has identified that 280 dpa would need to be delivered to allow for the affordable housing need to be met in full at a 25% completion proportion of the overall housing delivery. Although Option 1 would deliver some new homes over the plan period it would not deliver the full affordable housing need identified.
- 2.9 The further assessment work undertaken in relation to the HEDNA has identified that the delivery of housing above the objectively assessed need for Melton would be required to deliver a range of benefits to the Borough. Developer contributions from a high level of housing provision are seen as crucial to support infrastructure provision in Melton. This is expected to include the delivery of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy, inclusive of the northern and southern distributor roads and most notably the Eastern Distributor Road. Failure to provide a higher level of development may also impact upon the use of public transport links in the Borough thereby affecting the viability of these services. As such a significant negative effect has been identified in relation to **SA objective 3: sustainable transport** with further adverse impacts also considered likely on objectives which address economy and employment growth in the District due to congestion and other transport concerns which may impact upon accessibility to employment sites and the movement of goods particularly at Melton Mowbray.
- 2.10 Developer contributions will be required to support a range of required infrastructure provisions in the Borough. This includes education, health, social care, recreation and broadband. Option 1 would not supply enough homes over the plan period allow for the developer contributions to effectively support these services and facilities it could result in overburdening of existing provisions in Melton. Minor negative effects have therefore been identified in relation to **SA objectives 2: education, 9: access to services** and **14: health**.
- 2.11 As Option 1 would result in a lower level of housing delivery over the plan period it is less likely to result in significant negative effects on the environment than those options that deliver much higher housing numbers. The negative effects which have been identified in relation to a number of the objectives which relate to the protection of environment are therefore expected to be only minor. The level of growth proposed up to 2036 is thereby likely to have a lesser impact upon setting, character, loss of greenfield land, and habitat disturbance, fragmentation and loss than the two higher level growth options. Given that much of the greenfield land in Melton has been identified as being Grade 3 Agricultural Land it is expected that Option would also likely result in the loss of some agricultural land which is of good to moderate quality. Minor negative effects have therefore been identified in relation to **SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 7: cultural heritage, and 8: efficient use of land and minerals**. In contrast to this the effect on SA objective **12: waste** is likely to be a minor positive given that providing for a lower level of development over the plan period may allow for a greater proportion of overall development to be more easily steered to existing brownfield sites in the Borough thereby potentially promoting the re-use and recycling of buildings and materials already onsite at such locations.

Option 2 – 245 dpa

- 2.12 Option 2 would deliver 245 dpa which is set around the midpoint 230-274 dpa identified for supporting economic growth which aligns with the Employment Land Study⁵. Work to support the HEDNA has demonstrated that the provision of between 230 – 274 dpa may be needed to support the delivery of 3,420 jobs over the plan period. Furthermore the HEDNA work has established that economic growth in the Borough is be expected to support a higher level of housing need and above trend in-migration and therefore higher level of housing provision would allow for opportunities for employment growth and reduction of out-commuting to be taken. Significant

⁵ BE Group for Melton BC (June 2015) Employment Land Study

positive effects have therefore been recorded for this option in relation to **SA objectives 4: economy and employment** and **13: economic growth**.

- 2.13 It has also been identified through this same work to support the HEDNA that increased housing delivery and the developer contributions associated with higher housing development levels might be used to support a range of benefits in the Borough. Of particular importance is the provision of infrastructure (particularly the Eastern Distributor Road and the northern and southern distributor roads) to support the schemes of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy which is likely to be of benefit to local economic growth and employment opportunities as well as **SA objective 3: sustainable transport** for which a significant positive effect has also been identified. A significant positive effect is also expected with regards **SA objective 2: education** considering the additional education infrastructure and school provision that new housing development may support through associated developer contributions over the plan period as well as the positive impact economic growth is likely to have in terms of increased range of employment opportunities (particularly in the knowledge based economy) and training schemes for employees which might be provided alongside such opportunities.
- 2.14 Although the delivery of a level of housing above the objectively assessed need solely for Melton may potentially lead to the overburdening of existing services and facilities in the Borough evidence in the HEDNA related work regarding infrastructure provision suggested that there will be a requirement for higher levels of housing to support this provision. Minor positive effects have therefore been identified for Option 2 in relation to **SA objectives 9: access to services** and **14: health**. Benefits of providing higher levels of development and the developer contributions associated with higher levels of growth over the plan period specifically relate to providing infrastructure to support social care, recreation, broad band and health which will be of benefit to promoting these objectives.
- 2.15 Providing for high level of development to allow for the support of economic growth and provision of additional employment opportunities over the plan period is expected to result in a significant positive effect on **SA objective 10: social and economic inclusion** by helping to reduce levels of poverty and economic deprivation in Melton. Providing for a higher level of housing in the Borough is also expected to improve property affordability and would also help to deliver a range of social infrastructure which may further improve social inclusion. The significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective is further strengthened given that this option would lead to a lower proportion of older people in Melton as representative of the entire local population which may help to reduce the risk of social exclusion. This is because workers who currently commute into the Borough from surrounding areas might be able to find accommodation closer to their place of work. While multiple benefits have been identified in terms of this objective for Option 2 a minor negative effect is also likely. The HEDNA has identified the affordable housing requirement over the plan period as being 70 dpa. To deliver this level of new affordable houses up to 2036 as 25% of the overall provision the delivery rate would have to be increased 280 dpa. As such it is expected that proceeding with this option would mean that the affordable housing provision which is seen as important in terms of addressing elements of social and economic exclusion in the Borough would not be fully met.
- 2.16 Considering the potential under provision of affordable housing but the positive contribution Option 2 would make in terms of overall housing delivery and affordability an overall mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) has also been identified in relation to **SA objective 1: housing**. The positive effect expected in relation to housing is likely to be significant given the high level of housing which would still be provided through Option 2. Delivering 245 dpa is well above the objectively assessed need for Melton (170 dpa) which would mean economic led growth as well as the demographic projection for growth would be accommodated up to 2036. Work to support the HEDNA has also identified that the delivery of housing above the demographic need with affordability adjustment (154 dpa) could help to meet the unmet need of neighbouring local authorities or other local authorities in the HMA in compliance with the Borough's Duty to Cooperate
- 2.17 Although Option 2 would not result in the highest level of housing growth of the three options, it would still result in a significant level growth over the plan period. As such a number a significant negative effects have been identified for SA objectives which address the protection of the environment in Melton, in line with the findings of earlier stages of the SA. It is expected that the high level of growth up to 2036 would result in potential adverse impacts in terms of local

character and setting as well as the loss of agricultural and greenfield land and disturbance, fragmentation and loss of local habitats. Much of the land in the Borough has been identified as being Grade 3 Agricultural Land which thereby means that it is considered to be of good to moderate quality. It is also expected that allowing for higher levels of development in the Borough would make it more difficult to provide a higher proportion of this development at existing brownfield sites which would otherwise present increased potential for the re-use and recycling of materials and buildings already onsite. The areas of land at Melton North and South SUEs are expected to accommodate much of the growth over the plan period; 1,500 and 1,700 homes respectively through this growth option. The extension of Melton Mowbray at these locations would result in development of large areas of greenfield land which through separate assessment in the full SA Report have been identified as being in close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites as well heritage assets. These locations are also of high and moderate-high sensitivity to new development as per the emerging Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. Considering the potential effects a higher level of development may have significant negative effects in relation to **SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 7: cultural heritage, 8: efficient use of land and minerals** and **12: waste**.

Option 3 – 280 dpa

- 2.18 Delivering 280 dpa up to 2036 would not only allow for the demographic based growth need and economic led development over the plan period but it is also in line with the findings of the HEDNA in terms of providing for affordable housing need in full at a rate of 25% of the overall housing delivery. The provision of this volume of housing is well above the identified objectively assessed need for the Borough which has been set at 170 dpa and therefore is expected to maintain affordability of properties in Melton. It has been also identified through work to support the HEDNA that the delivery of housing of a high level of new homes in the Borough over the plan period could help to meet the unmet need of neighbouring local authorities or other local authorities in the HMA in compliance with the Borough's Duty to Cooperate.
- 2.19 A significant positive effect has therefore been identified for this option in relation **SA objective 1: housing**. This level of housing growth is expected to have a direct positive effect on economic growth as identified in the sensitivity testing undertaken in the HEDNA which demonstrates that employment growth of 3,420 jobs over the plan period would be supported by between 5,750 – 6,850 dwellings (230 – 274 dpa). It would deliver a higher level of housing than is required to be in line with the evidence of the Employment Land Study. Further indirect positive effects are expected as the higher level of housing would provide support for transport infrastructure (through associated developer contributions) when delivered above the objectively assessed need and may help to reduce out-commuting from the Borough. This latter beneficial effect in terms of commuting has been identified given that the HEDNA work has identified that economic growth in the Borough can be expected to support above trend in-migration, although if the volume of house growth is significantly higher than needed for job creation, there is a risk this could lead to some out-commuting from the Borough. Overall, a significant positive effect is expected on **SA objectives 4: economy and employment** and **13: economic growth**.
- 2.20 Allowing for a high level of housing growth to support economic led growth in the Borough is expected to have additional positive effects in terms of education and social and economic inclusion. It should help to facilitate the growth of the higher knowledge sector in the Borough and it is expected that employees may benefit from training programmes as part of new employment opportunities in Melton. These positive effects are expected to be strengthened given that the higher level of housing development is identified through the HEDNA as required to provide infrastructure to support education and other services and facilities including broad band and social care which are expected to benefit **SA objectives 2: education** and **10: social and economic inclusion**. This volume of housing delivery is also expected to benefit efforts to reduce deprivation in Melton by making requirements for affordable housing (70 dpa) achievable at 25% of overall housing delivery over the plan period.
- 2.21 Higher levels of development are likely to provide support for infrastructure provision in Melton through developer contributions, which will help to address local transport issues. While providing higher levels of housing over the plan period may increase the use and therefore viability of public transport services in Melton it is expected that this approach is also expected to be essential to

the delivery of key transport routes (including the Eastern Distributor Road and northern and southern distributor roads) as well as the overall success of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy. Given the positive effect Option 3 would therefore have in terms of helping to reducing local congestion and prompting local modal shift a significant positive effect has been identified in relation to **SA objective 3: sustainable transport**.

- 2.22 While delivery significantly higher levels of housing over the plan period up to 2036 may result increased demands on existing services and facilities in the Borough the HEDNA work, as previously stated, has identified that providing for housing growth above the objectively assessed need will be required to support the delivery of required infrastructure (including social care, broad band, recreation provision and health) through associated developer contributions in order to prevent the overburdening of services and facilities and healthcare services in Melton. As such minor positive effects have been identified in relation to **SA objectives 9: access to services** and **14: health**. While Option 3 would deliver more homes than Option 2 it is likely that developer contributions would be proportionate to the level of development delivered. As such this would help to offset the higher level of housing growth over the plan period and limit the potential for overburdening of local services and facilities.
- 2.23 The high level of housing growth over the plan period proposed through Option 3 has resulted in a number of significant negative effects being identified with regards SA objectives which address the protection of Melton's environment. This option would result in a moderately higher level of development, delivering 875 additional homes than Option 2 up to 2036 (i.e. 14% more homes). This would be spread over the plan period as an additional 35 additional homes per year when compared with Option 2. Considering the low number of additional new homes provided annually it is expected that the effects of Option 2 and Option 3 in relation to SA objectives which seek to protect the environment in Melton would be broadly comparable. Both options are likely to have some significant adverse environmental effects. Option 3 would require significant levels of development to occur at the Melton North and South SUEs which are greenfield locations contain large tracts of Grade 3 Agricultural Land and are in close proximity to a number of identified biodiversity sites. It is also appreciated that the delivery of a high level of housing growth will make the sympathetic incorporation of development more difficult in terms of scale, character and setting. This impact is likely given that development may be required to be intensified in terms of its form, scale or massing or result in the loss of larger areas of greenfield land if the rate of delivery is increased. As such significant negative effects have been identified in terms of **SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 7: cultural heritage and 8: efficient use of land and minerals**. The severity of the effects identified also recognises the difficulty this high level of development may present in terms of mitigation of effects.
- 2.24 It is also accepted that providing for a high level of development over the plan period up to 2036 is likely to mean that it is not possible to accommodate a higher proportion of the total development at existing brownfield sites in the Borough. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to **SA objective 12: waste** for Option 3.

Conclusion

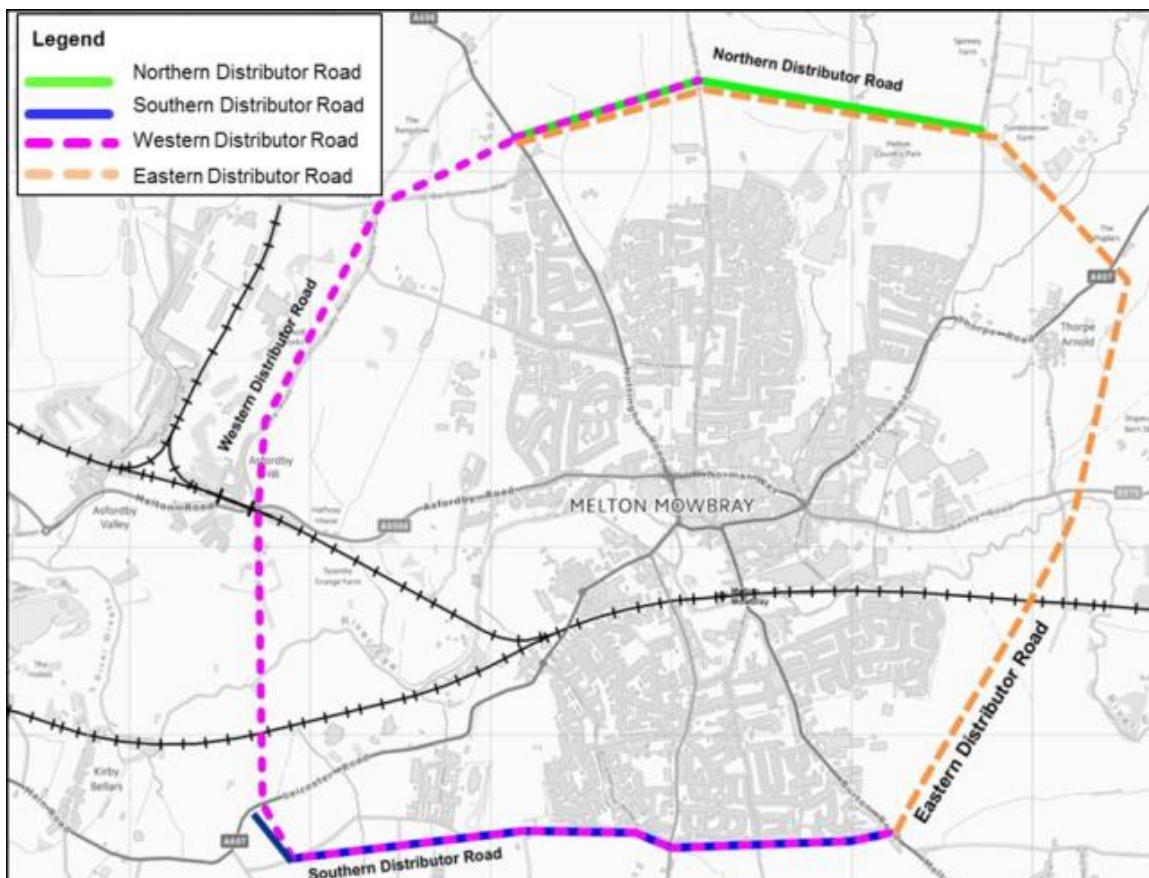
- 2.25 As has been demonstrated through the analysis above providing for lower level of housing (Option 1: 154dpa) over the plan period would help to avoid the most adverse effects which are expected to result through the provision of higher levels of development (through both Option 2: 245 dpa and Option 3: 280 dpa) in terms of the natural environment (SA objectives 5, 6, 7 and 8). It is considered that this approach would result in a marked reduced loss of greenfield land, and have reduced potential to have detrimental impacts on local habitats, landscape quality and local character and the significance of local heritage assets and their settings.
- 2.26 Option 1 would however not allow for a level of housing development over the plan period to support the growth of the local economy, provision of the required number of affordable homes and support for investment in transport infrastructure and increased viability of the local sustainable transport network. As such Option 1 performs significantly worse than Option 2 and Option 3 with regard to SA objectives 1, 3, 4, 10 and 13. Contrasting effects are also expected in relation to the performance of Option 1 and Options 2 and 3 in relation to supporting the provision of viable local services (including healthcare provision) and particularly education provision given that new infrastructure provision in Melton is likely to require for higher levels of housing to support this provision.

2.27 Option 2 and Option 3 perform similarly across most of the SA objectives given that these options would provide for only marginally different numbers of houses annually. Option 3 is expected to perform more positively in relation to the provision of affordable housing and the associated effect this will likely have in terms of addressing deprivation in the Borough. Providing for 280 dpa through Option 3 would mean that the required level of 70 dpa as affordable housing could be achieved at 25% of overall housing delivery over the plan period. Option 2 would be less likely to address the provision of affordable housing in Melton over the plan period and therefore this option is expected to perform less favourably for SA objectives 1 and 10.

3 SA of Melton Mowbray distributor road options

- 3.1 The document 'Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Option Assessment Report' produced by Jacobs⁶ on behalf of the Council considers the potential for the provision of a new distributor road around the town. To help inform the Council in its consideration of a new distributor road, LUC has undertaken sustainability appraisal of options put forward for this route. The SA findings LUC have previously reported on behalf of Melton Borough Council in the October 2016 SA Report have been drawn upon and supplemented in the conclusions of this Addendum.
- 3.2 The focus of the additional SA work which relates to two distributor road options considered by the Council making use of the Jacobs report are as follows (see **Figure 3.1** reproduced from Figure 1.1 of the Jacobs report) outside of the Northern and Southern Distributor Road options:
- Option A: Western Distributor Road (to the west of Melton Mowbray from Nottingham Road (A606) to Leicester Road (A607)).
 - Option B: Eastern Distributor Road (to the east of Melton Mowbray easterly from Melton Spinney Road to Burton Road (A606)).
- 3.3 The Northern Distributor Road and Southern Distributor Road already form part of the proposals for the Melton Mowbray South Sustainable Neighbourhood (Policy SS4) and Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood (Policy SS5) which were appraised in the SA of the Pre-Submission Draft Melton Local Plan.

Figure 3.1: Distributor road options



⁶ Jacobs (July 2016) Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Options Assessment Report

Summary of SA findings for the two distributor road options considered

- 3.4 The likely sustainability effects of providing the two distributor road options over the plan period have been considered in detail through this Addendum and complete findings of the appraisal are presented in **Appendix 2**. **Table 3.1** below presents the summary of the likely sustainability effects identified.

Table 3.1: Summary of SA findings for the two distributor road options considered

SA objectives	Option A: Western Distributor Road	Option B: Eastern Distributor Road
1. Housing	0	0
2. Education	0	0
3. Sustainable transport	+/-	++/-
4. Economy and employment	++/-	++
5. Landscape	-?	--?
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	-?	--?
7. Cultural heritage	--?	-?
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	-	-
9. Access to services	0	0
10. Social and economic inclusion	0	0
11. Improve community safety	+	++
12. Waste	0	0
13. Economic growth	++/-	++
14. Health	0	0
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	+--	++/--
16. Flood risk	-	-
17. Water quality	0	0

- 3.5 It is considered likely that Option B (Eastern Distributor Road) would provide for a higher number of positive effects particularly in relation to access to existing employment opportunities, job creation and economic growth. This is because Option B would allow for improved access to and

from the existing important industrial areas to the east while also helping to more successfully address local congestion than Option A. As such significant positive effects have been recorded for **SA objectives 4: economy and employment**, and **13: economic growth** for Option B.

- 3.6 Option B is also likely to have a significant positive effect on **SA objective 15: greenhouse gases and air quality** considering the benefit that helping to ease local congestion would have in relation to minimising traffic related pollution and carbon emissions. Providing for a new distributor road is also expected to help provide for opportunities to improve local public transport provision and opportunities for walking and cycling. Set against these, both options might result in a higher number of journeys by private car meaning a significant negative is expected in combination.
- 3.7 It is also expected that Option B would perform more favourably than Option A in relation to **SA objective 11: improve community safety**. Both options would improve the local transport infrastructure thereby increasing the safety of the local road network and junctions in Melton in particular. The Jacobs report has however indicated that the Eastern Distributor Road would have a greater potential to attract more traffic off older roads which is likely to be of increased benefit in terms of reducing the prevalence of traffic accidents in the District.
- 3.8 Option B also is less likely to have adverse impacts on the historic environment. While the precise alignment of both options considered at this stage is undetermined it is considered more likely that Option A would pass in closer proximity to identified heritage assets (most notably the Scheduled Monument at Sysonby Grange) than Option B. While Option B would pass in close proximity of Listed Buildings at Thorpe Arnold the current pattern of development at this location would provide for some element of screening from the potential route of the new Eastern Distributor Road. The negative effect recorded for Option A in relation to **SA objective 7: cultural heritage** is significant.
- 3.9 Conversely while both options are expected to have negative effects in terms of landscape and the natural environment Option B is expected to run through or in close proximity to land which has been identified as being more sensitive with regard to such features. As a result, Option B could potentially have a significant negative effect in relation to **SA objectives 5: landscape** and **6: biodiversity and geodiversity**. Option B would pass through Areas of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold and Burton Lazar respectively as well as landscapes which have been identified as being of medium to high sensitivity as well as the River Eye SSSI which is the only national biodiversity designation in close proximity to Melton Mowbray.

Conclusion

- 3.10 It is expected that Option A: Western Distributor Road and Option B: Eastern Distributor Road would result in a mix of effects. While both options could result in a higher volume of private vehicles making use of the improved road infrastructure around Melton Mowbray which would likely have adverse impacts in terms of local air quality, Option B has been identified as having increased potential for improvements to public transport viability and easing local congestion. As such this option performs more positively with regard SA objectives 3 and 15.
- 3.11 The potential to ease local congestion as well as improving links to important existing links to industrial sites to the east of the town means that Option B would also reduce the potential for the combined negative effects expected for Option A in relation to SA objectives 4 and 13. While Option A would provide for improved links to the important centres of Leicester and Nottingham it is expected that this option would be less likely to address congestion at junctions which are most adversely impacted upon at present which could reduce the potential for improved economic growth and the ability of residents to access employment opportunities. Providing for improvements to a higher number of problematic junctions through Option B is also likely to help improve road safety in Melton and therefore this option is also expected to perform more favourably than Option A for SA objective 11.
- 3.12 Option A is expected to perform less favourably than Option B in relation to potential impacts on cultural heritage in the Borough as it would run in close proximity to a number of identified heritage assets. Option B, however, has the potential for more significant adverse impacts in terms of the local landscape quality and biodiversity features given that the route to the east would pass through an Area of Separation and landscapes of medium to high sensitivity as well as a SSSI.

4 SA of additional sites

- 4.1 Following the publication of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan 18 additional sites have come forward for consideration. These 18 sites were considered as additional reasonable alternatives to be potentially included for allocation in the Melton Local Plan and as such were subjected to site assessment work as part of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments 2017. The Council has supplied the 'Site Assessment Updates and Suggested Modifications to Site Allocations Report' (Jun 2017)⁷ to provide more detail for these sites and provide reasoning for the relevant rejection or inclusion of such sites for allocation or reserve. The reasons for rejection or inclusion of sites considered are provided in Chapter 5 of this Addendum.
- 4.2 As part of the process of considering these additional sites the likely sustainability effects have been presented in this SA Addendum. The SA findings reported on previously by LUC on behalf of Melton Borough Council in the October 2016 SA Report have been drawn upon in this Addendum. This Addendum supplements the findings previously presented.

Summary of SA findings for the additional site options considered

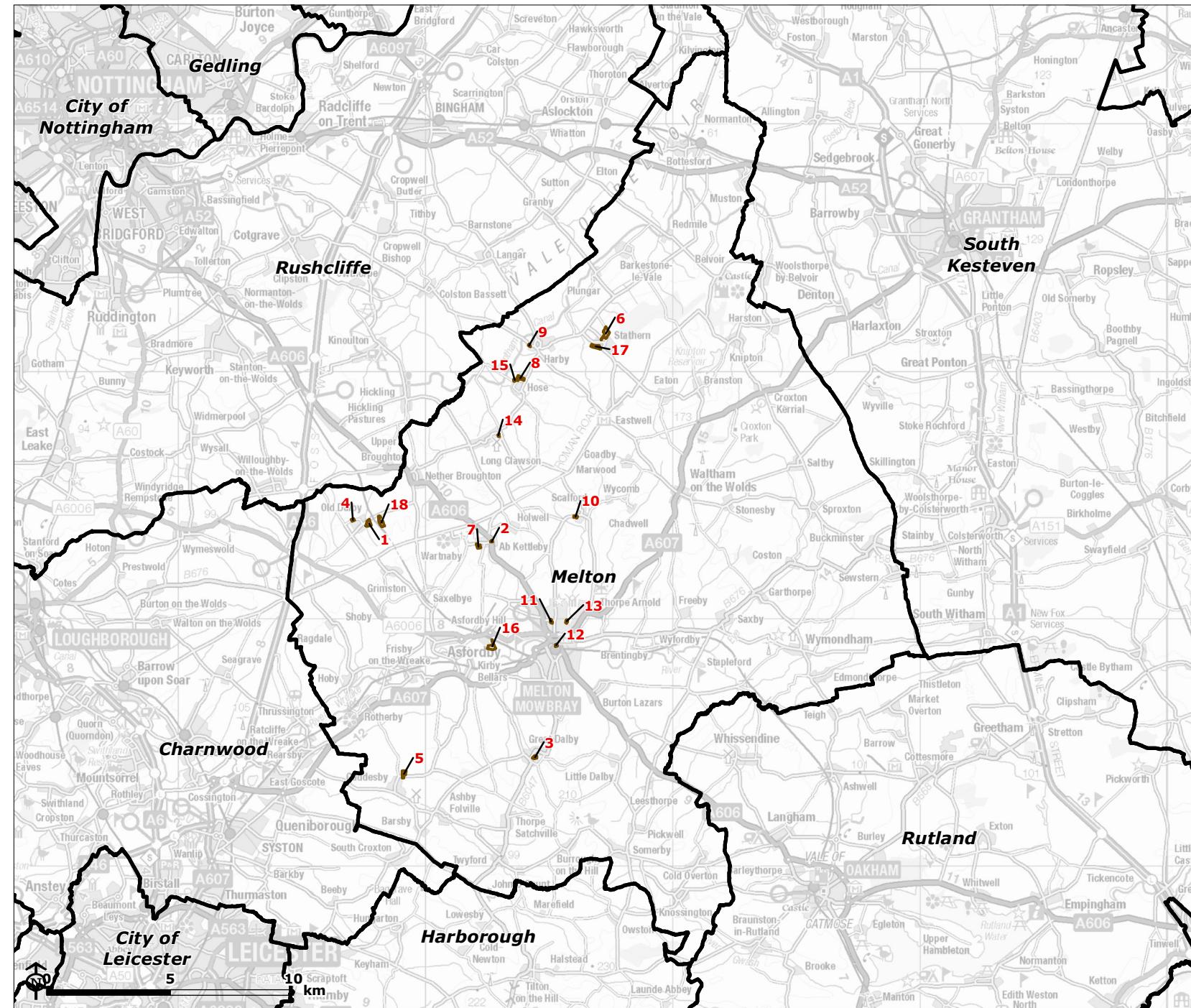
- 4.3 The 18 additional sites considered and the summary of the likely sustainability effects expected for each option are presented in **Table 4.1** below. The table presents the sites relating to which settlement they are located within. **Figure 4.1** presents the location of the sites in question. As has been noted previously in the October 2016 SA Report the scores recorded in this table in relation to the likely sustainability effects are prior to the consideration of mitigation which might be appropriate. It is noted that many of the potential negative effects identified may be able to be mitigated through the design of the development and through the implementation of relevant policies in the Local Plan. The baseline conditions from which the likely sustainability effects have been identified do not consider any potential planning applications which may have come forward. The detailed findings of the appraisal are presented in **Appendix 3** of this Addendum.

⁷ Melton BC (June 2017) Site Assessment Updates And Suggested Modifications To Site Allocations Report

Site code	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
Ab Kettleby Options																	
MBC/002/17	+	++?	+	-	--?	--?	0?	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/008/17	+	++?	0	-	--?	--?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Asfordby Hill Options																	
MBC/028/17	+	++?	++	+	-?	--?	0	+?/-	+	++	0	+?	0	0	+	0	0
Gaddesby Options																	
MBC/005/17	+	+?	+	-	--?	--?	0?	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Great Dalby Options																	
MBC/003/17	+	++?	+	-	--?	--?	0?	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0/-?	+	-	0
Harby Options																	
MBC/012/17	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
Hose Options																	
MBC/010/17	+	++?	+	+	-?	--?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0/-?	++	-	0

Site code	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
MBC/027/17	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0?	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
Long Clawson Options																	
MBC/026/17	+	++?	+	-	--?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
Melton Mowbray Options																	
MBC/021/17	+	++?	++	++	?	--?	0	++	++	++	0	+?	0	+	++	0	0
MBC/022/17	+	++?	++	++	?	--?	--?	++	++	++	0	+?	0	++	++	--?	0
MBC/023/17	+	++?	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+/-?	++	-	0
Old Dalby Options																	
MBC/001/17	+	++?	+	-	--?	--?	--?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/004/17	+	++?	0	-	--?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0/-?	++	-	0
MBC/030/17	+	+?	0	+	?	--?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
Scalford Options																	
MBC/018/17	+	++?	0	-	-?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0

Site code	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
Stathern Options																	
MBC/006/17	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0/--?	++	-	0
MBC/029/17	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	-?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	--	0



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Figure 4.1

Additional Sites Subject to SA

 District boundary
 Additional sites subject to SA

- MBC/001/17
- MBC/002/17
- MBC/003/17
- MBC/004/17
- MBC/005/17
- MBC/006/17
- MBC/008/17
- MBC/010/17
- MBC/012/17
- MBC/018/17
- MBC/021/17
- MBC/022/17
- MBC/023/17
- MBC/026/17
- MBC/027/17
- MBC/028/17
- MBC/029/17
- MBC/030/17

Map Scale @ A4: 1:220,000

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SA objective 1: To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough

- 4.4 All residential site options are expected to have minor positive effects on the objective of providing housing to meet the needs of those in the Borough, due to the nature of the development proposed.
- 4.5 Only sites which would have capacity to accommodate more than 100 new homes are considered to be relatively large and would have a significant positive effect on the provision of housing. These sites would also be more likely to offer better opportunities for affordable housing to be integrated into developments.
- 4.6 All of the additional 18 site options considered are expected to allow for the delivery of less than 100 homes each. The effect recorded for each site option is therefore a minor positive.

SA objective 2: To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education

- 4.7 All of the additional 18 residential site options considered in this Addendum are expected to have at least a minor positive effect on ensuring that the people of Melton have access to education. All 18 sites are located within towns and villages that contain at least one school. The majority of the sites for which positive effects are likely (16 of 18) are within walking distance (taken to be 600m) of at least one existing school and so could have a significant positive effect.
- 4.8 The two remaining sites (MBC/005/17 and MBC/030/17) are not located within 600m of an existing school. These sites are however located within Gaddesby and Old Dalby respectively both of which have a school. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to access to education for these sites.
- 4.9 For all sites the potential positive effects on this SA objective are uncertain as the effects of new residential development on education will depend on the capacity of the nearby schools to accommodate new pupils which has not been considered as part of this stage of the appraisal. It will be important as part of the development plan process to ensure that existing schools do not become overloaded, particularly where a number of sites are allocated in close proximity to each other.

SA objective 3: To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices

- 4.10 Melton Borough Council as part of its site assessment work has provided LUC with information relating to the frequency of public transport at each site and how close to the bus stops in question each site is. This information will impact upon how well connected housing sites are to services, facilities and employment opportunities and thereby influence the likelihood of new residents making use of this mode of transport.
- 4.11 Of the additional 18 sites considered 14 have been assessed by the Council as having either less than one hourly or one to two hourly public transport services and as being within 400m of a bus stop. The broadly positive effects reflects that all sites are located within Service Centres in the Borough or Melton Mowbray.
- 4.12 Only four sites at Ab Kettleby (MBC/008/17), Old Dalby (MBC/004/17 and MBC/030/17) and Scalford (MBC/018/17) are expected to have a negligible effect in relation to this SA objective. These sites have been assessed by the Council as having moderate public transport services (less than two hourly) and as being more than 400m from a bus stop.

SA objective 4: To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community

- 4.13 It is expected that the location of new residential development in Melton may influence the growth of the local economy and the provision of new accessible employment opportunities relative to how close residential development is to existing employment sites, as well as the public transport

links that may provide access to employment opportunities further afield. The appraisal of this SA objective has been influenced by judgements provided by the Council in relation to local public transport provision as described above for SA objective 3, as well the proximity of sites to identified existing employment sites.

- 4.14 Only three of the additional 18 sites were identified as having a likely significant positive effect on this SA objective. MBC/021/17, MBC/022/17 and MBC/023/17 are all located within Melton Mowbray and the significant positive effects likely for these sites reflects the more developed nature and comparatively high number of employment opportunities in Melton Mowbray.
- 4.15 Three further sites are expected to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective as they are located within 600m of an identified existing employment site but provide access to less frequent than hourly public transport services (MBC/010/17 at Hose) or are not located within 600m of an identified existing employment site but provide access to public transport services more frequently than once per hour (MBC/028/17 at Asfordby Hill and MBC/028/17 at Asfordby Hill).
- 4.16 The remaining 12 site options are expected to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective. These sites have been recorded as not being located within 600m of an identified existing employment site. These sites either provide access to public transport services which operate 1 to 2 hourly but are not located within 400m of the bus stop in question or provide access to some infrequent services which are located within 400m.

SA objective 5: To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape

- 4.17 The rural nature of Melton Borough means that there is potential for adverse impacts on landscape character locally as a result of new residential development.
- 4.18 The findings of the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study⁸ have informed the appraisal of this SA objective. As the document does not cover the entirety of the Borough the scores for this SA objective are uncertain for four of the 18 additional sites considered. Three of these sites are located within Melton Mowbray (MBC/021/17, MBC/022/17 and MBC/023/17) and given its developed character this is unsurprising.
- 4.19 Seven sites have been identified as falling within an area assessed as having a medium to high sensitivity to residential development in this report and therefore a significant negative effect has therefore been recorded for each of these sites. Seven remaining sites have been identified as being on land which has been assessed as being of medium sensitivity to residential development and therefore an uncertain minor negative effect has been recorded for this SA objective. None of the sites considered fall within an Area of Separation.

SA objective 6: To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough

- 4.20 As new development may result in damage or disturbance to habitats and species all sites are expected to have at least a minor negative effect on this SA objective. All of the site options are within 1km of at least one designated biodiversity asset or known biodiversity feature. The proximity of sites to such features has been informed partially by work undertaken on behalf of the Council for the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study.
- 4.21 Of the 18 additional sites considered the majority (17 sites) are located within 250m of an area important for local species or a designated biodiversity or geodiversity site. Only one site (MBC/023/17 at Melton Mowbray) is located between 250m and 1km of such areas. A minor negative effect is recorded for this site in relation to SA objective 6.
- 4.22 All site options on this SA objective are recorded as having an uncertain effect at this stage however given that detailed proposals for each site have not been provided. The incorporation of appropriate mitigation such as green infrastructure at sites may influence any expected effects on local biodiversity and geodiversity.

⁸ Influence (July 2016) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings

- 4.23 The assessment of this SA objective has been directly informed by the input of the Council in relation the likely effects on heritage assets and the historic environment in general for each site.
- 4.24 Many of the sites appraised (six out of 18) are considered likely to have a negligible effect on the historic environment as they were assessed by the Council as having no heritage asset/setting issues. A further nine sites are most likely to have negligible effects, although this is uncertain because the sites were assessed as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated.
- 4.25 For one site option (MBC/029/17 at Stathern), a potential minor negative effect was identified, because it has been assessed by the Council as having a potential adverse impact requiring mitigation. The remaining two sites (MBC/22/17 at Melton Mowbray, and MBC/01/17 at Old Dalby) have been assessed as unlikely to allow for effective mitigation of adverse impacts on the historic environment and therefore a significant negative effect has been recorded for SA objective 7.

SA objective 8: To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality

- 4.26 This objective considers the potential loss of higher quality agricultural soils and important minerals as a result of development. It should be noted that Grade 3a land is considered to be high quality, while Grade 3b is not, and in some cases the GIS data available to inform the SA did not distinguish between the two categories. Therefore, where Grade 3 land was identified but it was not known if it was Grade 3a or 3b, under the precautionary principle it was assumed that the land could be best and most versatile in agricultural terms.
- 4.27 Four sites (MBC/003/17, MBC/012/17, MBC/010/17 and MBC/027/17) have been identified as lying on greenfield land which is of either Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality meaning an uncertain significant negative effect has been recorded. One further site (MBC/005/17 at Gaddesby) has been identified as lying mostly on greenfield land which is of Grade 3a quality and therefore a significant negative effect has been recorded. This site is also located on land which has been identified as a Minerals Consultation Area for gypsum and therefore development at this location may result in the loss of access to or sterilisation of important mineral resources in Melton.
- 4.28 Eleven further sites have been identified as lying on mostly greenfield land which is of Grade 3b agricultural quality or lower. Of these sites only MBC/001/17 at Old Dalby is also located within a Minerals Consultation Area. Site MBC/028/17 at Asfordby Hill is also located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area which has been identified for sand gravel and thereby development at this location may result in loss of access to locally important mineral resources. The site is mainly brownfield land however and therefore the overall effect on this SA objective is likely to be mixed (minor positive/minor negative).
- 4.29 The two remaining sites in Melton Mowbray (MBC/021/17 and MBC/021/17) are located entirely upon brownfield land and as such significant positive effects have been recorded for these sites. These sites would not result in the loss of higher quality agricultural land or mineral resources in Melton.

SA objective 9: To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough

- 4.30 Those sites which are within Melton Mowbray or a Service Centre are expected to provide a good level of access to community facilities in the Borough. 13 of the 18 additional sites considered are within such settlements and therefore a significant positive effect has been recorded for these sites for SA objective 9.
- 4.31 The five remaining sites (only those at Ab Kettleby, Asfordby Hill, Gaddesby and Great Dalby) are located within a Rural Hub and would provide access to some community services while it is noted that the provision of such services at these locations may be reduced compared to Melton Mowbray or Service Centres. A minor positive effect has been recorded for this SA objective for sites MBC/002/17, MBC/008/17, MBC/028/17, MBC/005/17 and MBC/003/17.

SA objective 10: To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion

- 4.32 Dependent upon the access new residential developments provide to education facilities and employment opportunities, and on the amount of housing they can provide there may be potential for such developments to address poverty, social deprivation and economic inclusion in Melton. The likely effects of the site options on this SA objective are therefore determined on the basis of the effects already identified on SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education and 4: employment. Five of the 18 additional site options have been identified as having a significant positive effect on at least one of these SA objectives, while having no likely negative effects in relation to any of them. These five sites are therefore recorded as having a significant positive effect on reducing poverty and deprivation and securing economic inclusion. Only one site option (MBC/030/17) is likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective because it is expected to have minor positive effects on all of SA objectives 1, 2 and 4.
- 4.33 Minor negative effects were identified in relation to 12 of the 18 site options, and were in all cases identified as part of an overall mixed effect along with a positive effect, because none of the sites are expected to have negative effects on all three of SA objectives 1, 2 and 4.

SA objective 11: To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime

- 4.34 The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. These issues are unlikely to be influenced by the specific location of new housing provision considered at a strategic level however and therefore a negligible effect has been recorded for all additional sites considered.

SA objective 12: To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials

- 4.35 Residential development sites which are located on brownfield land will involve the reuse of previously developed land and may additionally present opportunities for the reuse of buildings and recycling of materials already onsite. It is accepted that new housing developments will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation however this may be addressed through the appropriate incorporation of sustainable waste management practices.
- 4.36 Of the 18 additional sites considered only three (MBC/028/17 at Asfordby Hill, MBC/021/17 at Melton Mowbray and MBC/022/17 at Melton Mowbray) are located on entirely or mostly brownfield land and therefore might present opportunities for the recycling of materials or buildings onsite. An uncertain minor positive effect has therefore been recorded for these site options.
- 4.37 The remaining 15 sites are located on greenfield land and would be unlikely to provide such opportunities meaning a minor negative effect has been recorded for these sites.

SA objective 13: To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth

- 4.38 The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Melton Borough. SA objective 3 and 4 have considered the accessibility of sites to employment opportunities and public transport which may impact upon the future economic growth of the Borough. A negligible effect has been recorded for all sites on this SA objective.

SA objective 14: To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life

- 4.39 Those sites which would be provided in Melton Mowbray (MBC/021/17, MBC/23/17 and most notably MBC/022/17 for which a significant positive effect has been recorded) are most likely to provide access to a healthcare centre as well open space and/or PRoW which might be used to increase levels of exercise amongst the local population. A significant negative effect has been recorded in combination with a minor positive effect as part of an overall mixed effect for site MBC/023/17 in Melton Mowbray as it is located on land which contains football pitches at Melton

Country Park the use of which might be lost if development were to proceed. Only one of the sites outside of Melton Mowbray (MBC/026/17 at long Clawson) would provide access to both an open space or PRoW and a healthcare centre meaning a significant positive effect has been recorded.

- 4.40 14 sites do not provide access to healthcare facilities but would provide access to an area of open space or PRoW which would allow for increased levels of activities. A negligible effect has therefore been recorded for these site options. Four of these sites (MBC/003/17, C/010/17, MBC/004/17 and MBC/006/17) however contain land upon which a PRoW or existing area of open space is located meaning this current use may be lost depending upon the design of any development which might proceed at these locations. An uncertain significant negative effect has therefore been recorded in combination with the negligible effect for these sites.

SA objective 15: To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough

- 4.41 While it is noted that the provision of new residential development is likely to increase the local contribution to greenhouse gas emissions both through fossil fuels consumed at new properties and through associated transport emissions those sites which provide good access to public transport services and which reduce the need to travel may help to reduce the need for car use in the Borough. As such those sites which are located in areas which are likely to provide higher levels of access to services and facilities and public transport are likely to have a more positive effect on this SA objective.
- 4.42 Thirteen of the 18 additional sites considered are located within Melton Mowbray or a Service Centre as identified by Melton Borough Council and are therefore likely to provide access to a higher number of local services and facilities as well as public transport nodes. For these sites a significant positive effect has been recorded. The remaining five sites are located within a Rural Hub which are expected to provide a fairly good level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport. A minor positive effect has therefore been recorded for SA objective 15 for these site options.

SA objective 16: To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere

- 4.43 Where sites have been identified as being within Flood Zone 3 it is likely that development would have a particularly adverse impact on flood risk. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of Flood Zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in Flood Zone 3a and is unsuitable in Flood Zone 3b.
- 4.44 Only two of the additional 18 sites considered have been identified as being at least 5% within Flood Zone 3. Site MBC/029/17 in Stathern is located at least 5% within Flood Zone 3b meaning a significant negative effect has been recorded for SA objective 16. Sites MBC/022/17 in Melton Mowbray is located at least 5% within Flood Zone 3a meaning the significant negative effect expected on this SA objective has been recorded as uncertain.
- 4.45 The development of greenfield land to provide new residential properties in Melton would result in the increase of impermeable surfaces in the Borough. As such development at such locations may result in an increase in local flood risk. Fourteen residential sites considered are located on greenfield land which are not within at least 5% within Flood Zone 3b. A minor negative effect has been recorded for these sites.
- 4.46 Only two sites (MBC/028/17 at Asfordby Hill and MBC/021/17 at Melton Mowbray) are located on brownfield land which is not at least 5% within Flood Zone 3. A negligible effect has therefore been recorded for SA objective 16 for these sites given that development at either location would be unlikely to increase local flood risk in terms of the number of homes within Flood Zone 3 or the overall area of impermeable surfaces.

SA objective 17: To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources

- 4.47 It is noted that the location of housing sites could affect water quality in relation to issues of capacity at the local sewage treatment works. This information was not available at the time of

undertaking these additional site appraisals. A Source Protection Zone has been declared towards the centre of Melton Mowbray however and there may be issues relating to water supply contamination in proximity to this location. As none of the 18 additional sites considered are within close proximity of this designation a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

5 Amendments to SA findings following focussed changes

5.1 In light of focussed changes currently proposed by the Council LUC has been commissioned to review the findings of the SA Report for the Pre-Submission Draft of the Melton Local Plan which were originally presented in October 2016. This review aims to establish whether any the focussed changes could result in additional or changed likely significant effects of the Local Plan. As such the findings relating to the focussed changes should be considered in light of those presented in October 2016 SA Report.

Overview of the focussed changes

5.2 It is understood that the focussed changes would modify the following policies:

- Policy SS2 - Development Strategy
- Policy SS3 – Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites)
- Policy SS4 - South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood
- Policy SS5 - Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood
- Policy C1(a) – Housing Allocations
- Policy C1(b) – Reserve Sites
- Policy C2 – Housing Mix
- Policy C4 - Affordable Housing Provision
- Policy C6 - Gypsies and Travellers
- Policy IN2 (this was previously titled IN1) - Transport & Strategic Transport Infrastructure
- Policy IN3 (this was previously titled IN2) - Infrastructure Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy

5.3 An additional policy (IN1) in relation to transport infrastructure is also proposed to be included in the plan. A summary of the focussed changes to the policies in question including how the focussed changes will be reflected is shown below in **Table 5.1**.

Table 5.1: Summary of the focussed changes to the plan currently proposed by the Council

Policy	Summary of focussed changes
SS2	In relation to the encouragement of small scale development over the plan period reference to supporting development ' <i>of 10 dwellings or less outside of the allocations in Service Centres, or 5 dwellings or less for the Rural Hubs</i> ' removed.
	Sub-section relating to 'Small-scale Unallocated Development' which addressed development defined as ' <i>10 dwellings at Services Centres, 5 dwelling at Rural Hubs and 3 dwelling at Rural Settlements</i> ' outside of allocated sites removed. The policy still requires that development at small unallocated sites accords with Policy SS3 which establishes the appropriate thresholds for such schemes.
SS3	Minor wording changes and re-ordering of text.

Policy	Summary of focussed changes
SS4	Reference to 20 minute frequency of buses to be deleted.
	Move the southern boundary of the sustainable neighbourhood to accord with the boundary of planning application ref. 16/00515/OUT
	In h1, replace reference to ' <i>37% of which should be affordable</i> ', with ' <i>at least 15% of which should be affordable</i> ', and take the subsequent, ' <i>subject to viability clause</i> ' out.
SS5	Reference to 20 minute frequency of buses to be deleted.
	The provision of a Melton Country Park Greenway to be deleted from Policy IN1 and incorporated into Policy SS5. Text to read as follows: ' <i>The Melton Park Greenway – a series of measures that improve accessibility and the attractiveness of walking and cycling connections through the Melton Country Park to the town centre and other town attractors such as employment, education and retail.</i> '
	Under 'Environment' new text be inserted as follows (italics): ' <i>Protection and enhancement to the existing green infrastructure, local wildlife sites, wildlife corridors and, where appropriate, provide new corridors to create a coherent network of biodiversity and green infrastructure, providing links from existing green infrastructure to the countryside</i> , specifically Melton Country Park, Scalford Brook and Welby Brook and the disused railway line.'
	Also under 'Environment', new text to be inserted as follows (italics): ' <i>Establish a protection zone between Melton Country Park and any future development. Development should respond to the local topography and utilise it to define the protection zone. This zone should also include the provision of an undeveloped area of land between part of the existing northern boundary of the park and the proposed distributor road.</i> '
C1(a)	In h1, replace reference to ' <i>37% of which should be affordable</i> ', with ' <i>at least 15% of which should be affordable</i> ', and take the subsequent, ' <i>subject to viability clause</i> ' out.
	Site Boundary Update - MEL2; MEL3; MEL6; ASF1; CROX2; HAR1; HAR3; HAR4; HOS1; LONG1; OLD1; STAT1; WYM1; EAST1; FRIS1; GADD1
	Potential Capacity Update - MEL3; MEL10; BOT1; BOT2; BOT3; BOT4; CROX1; CROX2; CROX3; HAR3; HAR4; HOS1; LONG3; OLD1; STAT1; WYM2; WYM3; ASFH1; FRIS1; FRIS2; FRIS3; THOR1
	Removal of sites - MEL6; MEL9; & MEL12; ASF3; BOT1; HAR3; HOS2; HOS3; LONG2; OLD2; GADD2
	New Sites included - MEL4; HAR3; extension to HOS1; HOS2; SCAL1; extension to STAT1; GADD3; GRE1 THOR2
	Re-numbering - MEL7 (previously MEL3); MEL3 (previously MEL4); MEL10 (previously MEL5); MEL5 (previously MEL7); MEL6 (previously MEL8); MEL8 (previously MEL10); MEL9 (previously MEL11); BOT1 (previously BOT2); BOT2 (previously BOT3); BOT3 (previously BOT4); BOT4 (previously BOT5); HAR3 (previously HAR6 Reserve); HAR4 (previously HAR4 & HAR5); GADD2 (previously GADD3)
	Changes to policy text to include further mitigation relating to the historic environment

Policy	Summary of focussed changes
	but no change site boundaries or capacities – ASF2; SOM1; STAT2
C1(b)	Site Boundary Update – None
	Potential Capacity Update - OLD2
	Removal of sites - HAR6 Reserve; THOR2 Reserve; FRIS4 Reserve
	New Sites included - HAR5 Reserve; STAT3 Reserve
	Re-numbering - OLD2 Reserve (previously OLD3 Reserve); MEL11 Reserve (Previously MEL13 Reserve)
C2	Last clause relating to wheelchair accessible dwellings - replace ' <i>will be required</i> ' with ' <i>will be encouraged</i> '
C4	Reduce the number of affordable dwellings to be provided during the plan period from 1,775 to 1,300.
	The percentage of affordable housing to be provided will vary according to location (value areas).
C6	Include sentence: ' <i>The most recent GTAA will be used to identify pitch and plot requirements and where a need is found, steps will be taken to deliver sites.</i> '
IN1	<p>New policy:</p> <p><i>'The Borough Council will work with Leicestershire County Council, landowners, developers and others to deliver a transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. The MMTS will comprise the following key components, to be funded and delivered by private developers and the public sector:</i></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(a) <i>A Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (MMDR) from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road around the east of the town, in accordance with the broad design standards and requirements outlined in paragraph 8.3.17, for which a 'corridor of investigation' is shown on the Policies Map; and</i></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(b) <i>A package of complementary measures, including enhanced pedestrian, cycling and public transport facilities and access to the town centre and the other main local journey attractors from the southern and northern urban extensions.</i></p> <p><i>If development is proposed within the corridor shown on the Policies Map, it will be permitted provided that it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Local Highway Authority that it would not prejudice the ability to deliver the MMDR as a whole.</i></p> <p><i>Where necessary, the Council and/or the Local Highway Authority will use its compulsory purchase powers to deliver section(s) of the MMDR.</i></p> <p><i>Where a transport assessment indicates that development will add to the cumulative traffic and other transport problems of Melton Mowbray, a financial or in kind contribution will be sought towards delivery of the MMDR and/or complementary measures proposed through the wider MMTS, including appropriate mitigation necessary to reduce local traffic impacts whilst the MMDR is incomplete.</i></p> <p><i>The Borough Council will also work with other bodies to explore opportunities to enhance the public realm in and around Melton Mowbray town centre arising from the development of the Strategy.'</i></p>
IN2	The provision of a Melton Country Park Greenway should be deleted from Policy IN1

Policy	Summary of focussed changes
	(now IN2) and incorporated into Policy SS5.
	Reference for requirement ' <i>to contribute to transport improvements in line with appropriate evidence</i> ' removed.
	Delete the section on Melton Mowbray (now replaced by new Policy IN1).
IN3	Replace reference in Policy IN2 (now IN3) to ' <i>Eastern Distributor Road</i> ' with reference to ' <i>the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy and its key component, the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road</i> '.

- 5.4 The focussed changes presented above are likely to have impacts on the sustainability findings both in relation to policies and sites considered previously in the SA Report for the Pre-Submission Draft of the Melton Local Plan. This Chapter therefore presents a summary of the updated findings relating to the focussed changes divided between changes relating to the policies and those which relate to sites now presented in the Local Plan.

Summary of changes to SA findings for policies following the focussed changes

- 5.5 The sustainability implications of the proposed focussed changes to the policies originally presented in the Pre-Submission Draft of the Melton have been considered in detail in **Appendix 4** of this Addendum. The updated likely sustainability effects presented at this point of the SA Addendum relate to all policies excluding Policy C1(a) and Policy C1(b). Policies C1(a) and C1(b) address those sites which have been allocated under the focussed changes in the Local Plan and those sites which are included under the focussed changes in the Local Plan as reserve sites. They include new sites, those sites for which new boundaries are proposed and those sites for which a new dwelling capacity has been proposed. This Addendum has been structured as to present all updates to the sites together and therefore the sustainability findings for Policies C1(a) and C1(b) are presented in following subsection.
- 5.6 A summary of the likely sustainability effects identified for all other policies which are affected by the focussed changes is presented in **Table 5.2** below. Those scores which are highlighted by the **bold borders** of this table denote changes to the likely sustainability effects expected as a result of focussed changes proposed by the Council.
- 5.7 It should be noted that some of SA scores (most notably **SA objective 7: cultural heritage**) for Policy for IN1 differ from those for the Eastern Distributor Road Option B presented previously in Chapter 2. This difference in scores has been recorded as although the Eastern Distributor Road Option B takes up much of the land addressed through Policy IN1, the policy includes mitigation in relation to various detrimental impacts which may result. The 'corridor of investigation' which is proposed through Policy IN1 also takes in a significantly larger area of land than that which is included for consideration through the Eastern Distributor Road Option B as such meaning that there is potential for increased adverse impacts in terms of the SA objectives against which it has been appraised, most notably in terms of the historic environment.

Table 5.2: Summary of likely sustainability effects of the policies subject to amendment following the Council's proposed focussed changes

Policy (as numbered following the Council's proposed focussed changes)	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
Policy SS2	++	++/-	++	++	+/-?	+/-?	--?	--?	++/-	+/-	0	-?	++	++/-	++	-?	?
Policy SS3	+	+	+/-	+	+/-	+	+	+?	++	+	0	0	+	+/-	-	+	0
Policy SS4	++	++	+/-	++	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	+/-	++	++	+	0	++	++	+/-	+/-	+
Policy SS5	++	++	+/-	++	+?/-	+/-?	+/-?	+/-	++	++	+	0	++	++	+/-	+/-	+
Policy C2	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Policy C4	++/-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++/-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy C6	++	0	+	0	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	?	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0
Policy IN1	0	0	++/-	++	+/-	+/-	+/-?	-	+	+	+	0	++	+	+/-	-	0
Policy IN2	0	0	++	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	++	0	0
Policy IN3	+	+	+/-	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	++	+	+/-	+	+

- 5.8 As shown by Table 5.2 most of the focussed changes would not result in changes to the expected sustainability effects for the policies in question. This is because the focussed changes relate mostly to the reordering of text within policies for clarity and where the changes go beyond this they are minor for the most part.
- 5.9 The most notable likely changes to the expected sustainability effects of these policies relate to Policy C4 (Affordable housing provision) and Policy IN1 (Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy (MMTS)) which is a new policy. As Policy C4 has been amended to require affordable housing at varying levels dependent upon the area of the Borough development is proposed in line with local residential values it is expected that this approach could provide more moderately valued housing in the areas of most need. The policy however would now only aim to provide only 1,300 new affordable homes between 2011 and 2036 which is less than the requirement (1,750 affordable homes) for this type of housing set in the HEDNA. As such the significant positive effect expected for **SA objective 1: housing** is now likely to be combined with a minor negative effect.
- 5.10 The score expected for Policy C4 in relation to **SA objective 9: social inclusion** has also been updated in light of the focussed changes. As affordable homes may now be focussed in areas of most need but would not be delivered in sufficient numbers to meet the overall required need over the plan a mixed overall effect (significant positive/significant negative) is likely for this SA objective.
- 5.11 The new policy proposed for inclusion within the Local Plan as part of the focussed changes (Policy IN1) relates to the delivery of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy, which includes the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road and associated complementary measures which may also help to promote the use of pedestrian, cycling and public transport facilities in Melton Mowbray. The delivery of the Transport Strategy and the requirement for transport assessments where appropriate to support new development proposals has the overall aim of mitigating cumulative traffic and other transport problems in the town.
- 5.12 With respect to Policy IN1, significant positive effects have been identified in relation to **SA objective 3: sustainable transport** and **14: greenhouse gases and air quality** due to the potential beneficial impact promoting sustainable modes of transport in Melton Mowbray would likely have. These positive effects are expected to be combined with negative effects however (with a combined significant negative effect likely for SA objective 14) given that the provision of a new distributor road for the town may encourage journeys to be undertaken by private car. It is expected that reducing the potential for congestion and improving local connectivity would provide improved conditions for local economic growth meaning that significant positive effects have also been identified for **SA objective 4: economy and employment** and **SA objective 13: economic growth**.
- 5.13 Given the loss of greenfield land and proximity of the 'corridor of investigation' being considered for the new distributor road to biodiversity designations, areas of land which have been identified as having of high sensitivity to development in terms of landscape and heritage assets of note significant negative effects have also been identified for **SA objective 5: landscape**, **SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity** and **SA objective 7: cultural heritage**. These negative effects are expected to be combined with minor positive effects given that the design standards to be adhered to for the provision of the distributor road are to include mitigation which would relate to each of these SA objectives.

Summary of changes to SA findings for the sites following the focussed changes

- 5.14 The focussed changes proposed by the Council would provide for the amendment of those sites which are now included for allocation in the Local Plan. These changes are in line with the changes to Policy C1(a) and Policy C1(b) and the associated Appendix 1 in the Melton Local Plan. The changes which have been presented above in Table 5.1 are identified as to include the following:
- Sites with boundary updates.
 - Sites with capacity changes.

- Sites deleted from the Local Plan;
 - New sites included in the Local Plan.
 - Sites which are now re-numbered.
- 5.15 The detailed matrices for new sites and sites which have been subject to amendments in terms of boundary or capacity are presented in **Appendix 5**. Further to these updates the proposed focussed changes would result in amended policy text in Appendix 1 of the Local Plan to support Policies C1(a) and C1(b) for sites ASF2, SOM1 and STAT2. This updated policy text would require that impacts on the historic environment would be further mitigated but it is not expected that this text would alter the likely sustainability effects identified for these sites in the October 2016 SA Report for the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan. As such the relevant SA matrices presented in Appendix 1 of the October 2016 SA Report should be referred to for the detailed SA scoring and justification text for these sites and for those sites which were not amended in terms of site capacity or significantly amended in terms of site boundary by the focussed changes.
- 5.16 **Table 5.3** below presents a summary of the likely sustainability effects of all sites now allocated in the Local Plan or included as reserve sites in the Local Plan taking into considering the focussed changes. Those sites which have been subject to a boundary change or capacity change which has resulted in a change in the likely sustainability effects as well as new sites are highlighted in the table by bold borders. Sites which have been subject to a boundary change or capacity change which has not resulted in a change to the likely sustainability effects are denoted with an asterisk. Where sites were previously included in the Local Plan and a subsequent change in the site code has resulted, the previous site code is presented in brackets beside the site code which is now relevant for ease of reference.
- 5.17 All sites included in the Local Plan as allocations or reserve sites have been subject to SA assuming the baseline situation. Where planning permissions exist this has not informed the process and any mitigation which has been considered relates only to policy text (in Appendix 1 thereby supporting Policies C1(a) and C1(b)) in the Local Plan which sets requirements for specific sites.

Table 5.3 Summary of likely sustainability effects of all sites now allocated in the Melton Local Plan following the proposed focussed changes

Sites code following focussed changes (and in Pre Submission Draft Local Plan)	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
Melton Mowbray																	
MEL1	+	++	?	?	-?	-?	?	-	++	++?	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL2	++	++	++	++	?	-?	0	+	++	++	0	+?	0	++	++	0	0
MEL3 (MEL4)	+	++	++	+	--?	--?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL4	+	++?	++	++	?	--?	0	++	++	++	0	+?	0	+	++	0	0
MEL5 (MEL7)	+	+	++	++	?	0?	0	++	++	++	0	+?	0	+	++	0	0
MEL6 (MEL8)	+	++	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL7 (MEL3)	+	++?	++	++	?	0?	0?	++	++	++	0	+?	0	++	++	0	--?
MEL8 (MEL10)	+	++	++	++	?	0?	-?	++	++	++	0	++	0	++	++	0	0
MEL9 (MEL11)	+	++	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MEL10 (MEL5)*	+	++	++	+	-?	0?	0?	-?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0

Sites code following focussed changes (and in Pre Submission Draft Local Plan)	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
Asfordby																	
ASF1*	++	++	++	+	--?	0?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
ASF2	+	++	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	++/-?	++	-	0
Bottesford																	
BOT1 (BOT2)*	+	++?	++	++	--?	0?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	++/-?	++	0	0
BOT2 (BOT3)	+	+?	+	-	0?	0?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	+	++	0	0
BOT3 (BOT4)*	++	+?	++	+	--?	-?	0?	-?	++	++	0	-	0	++/-?	++	-	0
BOT4 (BOT5)*	+	+?	++	++	?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
Croxton Kerrial																	
CROX1*	+	++?	++	+	--?	0?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/-?	++	-	0
CROX2	+	++?	++	+	-?	-	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
CROX3*	+	++?	+	-	--?	0?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0

Sites code following focussed changes (and in Pre Submission Draft Local Plan)	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
Harby																	
HAR1	+	++	+	+	--?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0/-?	++	-	0
HAR2	+	++	?	--?	?	0?	?	++	++	++/-?	0	+?	0	0	++	0	0
HAR3	+	++	+	+	-?	-?	0	+?	++	++	0	+?	0	0	++	0	0
HAR4 (HAR4 & HAR5)	+	++	+	+	-?	0/-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
Hose																	
HOS1	+	++?	+	+	-?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HOS2	+	++?	+	+	-?	--?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0/-?	++	-	0
Long Clawson																	
LONG1*	+	+?	+	+	--?	0?	0	-?	++	+	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
LONG2	+	++	+	+	-?	--?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
LONG3*	+	+?	+	-	--?	-?	0	+?	++	++/-	0	+?	0	++	++	0	0

Sites code following focussed changes (and in Pre Submission Draft Local Plan)	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
LONG4	+	+?	+	+	-?	0?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	0	0
Old Dalby																	
OLD1*	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
Scalford																	
SCAL1	+	++?	0	-	-?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
Somerby																	
SOM1	+	+?	+	-	-?	-?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	0	0
SOM2	+	++	+	-	-?	-?	0?	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
Stathern																	
STAT1	+	++	+	-	-?	--?	-?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	0	0
STAT2	+	++	+	-	0?	0?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
Waltham on the Wolds																	

Sites code following focussed changes (and in Pre Submission Draft Local Plan)	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
WAL1	+	++	++	+	?	0?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WAL2	++	++	+	+	--?	0?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	0	0
Wymondham																	
WYM1	+	++	+	-	--?	--?	--?	-?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WYM2	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0	-?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WYM3	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0?	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	0	0
Ab Kettleby																	
ABK1	+	++	+	-	?	0?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Asfordby Hill																	
ASFH1*	+	+?	++	++	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
ASFH2	+	+?	+	+	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Easthorpe																	

Sites code following focussed changes (and in Pre Submission Draft Local Plan)	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
EAST1	+	+	0	-	--?	0?	0?	-/+?	+	+/-	0	+?	0	0	+	-	0
EAST2	+	+	0	-	-?	0?	0?	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	+	+	0	0
Frisby on the Wreake																	
FRIS1*	+	+?	+	-	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
FRIS2*	+	+?	+	-	--?	0?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
FRIS3*	+	++	+	-	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Gaddesby																	
GADD1	+	++	+	-	-?	--?	-?	--	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
GADD2 (GADD3)	+	+	+	-	--?	0?	0	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
GADD3	+	++	+	-	--?	--?	0?	--	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Great Dalby																	
GRE1	+	++	+	-	--?	--?	0?	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0/-?	+	-	0

Sites code following focussed changes (and in Pre Submission Draft Local Plan)	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
	Thorpe Arnold																
THOR1*	+	+	++	+	0?	0?	0	--?	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
THOR2	+	++	++	+	-?	-?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Reserve Sites																	
MEL11 (MEL13 Reserve)	++	++	++	++	?	0?	0	++	++	++	0	+?	0	++/- -?	++	0	0
HAR5	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
LONG5	+	+?	+	-	?	0?	0	+?	++	++/-	0	+?	0	++/- -?	++	0	0
OLD2 (OLD3 Reserve)*	+	++	+	+	--?	-?	0?	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
SOM3	+	+?	+	-	-?	0?	0?	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
STAT3	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0/-?	++	-	0
WAL3	++	++	++	+	-?	0?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	0/-?	++	-	0

- 5.18 As presented in Table 5.3 the proposed focussed changes to the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan has resulted in the inclusion of nine new sites (MEL4, HAR3, HOS2, SCAL1, GADD3, GRE41, THOR2, HAR5 and STAT3) for either allocation or reserve. The inclusion of these new sites have the most notable changes in terms of the likely sustainability effects of Policies C1(a) and C1(b) which set the site allocations and reserve sites over the plan period. It is noted that extensions to sites HOS1 and STAT1 have been presented as new sites for inclusion by the Council in the 'Site Assessment Updates and Suggested Modifications to Site Allocations Report' (June 2017); however these changes represent additions to these sites rather than completely new sites. As the entirety of both sites are included for allocation in Policy C1(a) all land within their respective boundaries has been considered in one appraisal for each site. This means the changes to the expected sustainability effects as a result of changes to sites HOS1 and STAT1 are more focussed.
- 5.19 Of the new sites considered only one (HAR3) is not expected to have any significant negative effects in relation to the SA objectives against which it has been appraised. For the new sites considered following the focussed changes **SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity** is the objective against which the most significant negative effects have been recorded. Seven of the nine new sites allocated or included in the local Plan as reserve sites are expected to have a significant negative effect on this SA objective given that they are within 250m of one or more designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites or known biodiversity features taking into consideration information in the Council's Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study were appropriate. Of the new sites only sites HAR3 and THOR2 are not expected to have a significant negative effect on this SA objective with a minor negative effect recorded for these sites.
- 5.20 Five of the new sites (HOS2, GADD3, GRE41, THOR2 and HAR5 reserve) considered following the focussed changes proposed for the Local Plan were identified as likely to have a significant negative effect on **SA objective 8: efficient use of land and minerals**. These sites have been identified as lying on land which is greenfield and of Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural quality. In addition to the loss of higher quality agricultural land at these sites GADD3 and THOR2 are also in close proximity to Minerals Consultation Areas and as such may result in loss of access to or sterilisation of natural resources in Melton. MEL4 has been identified as being located entirely upon brownfield land which would be a more efficient approach to the use of land in the Borough and therefore a significant positive effect has been identified for this SA objective.
- 5.21 Further significant negative effects have been identified for two of the nine new sites included in Policies C1(a) and C1(b) for allocation or reserve in relation to **SA objective 5: landscape**. Sites GADD3 and GRE41 are located within areas as set out in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council which have high or medium to high sensitivity to residential development. Six of the new sites are located within areas which have been identified as having medium sensitivity to new residential development and a minor negative effect has been identified for these sites. None of the new sites considered are located within an Area of Separation.
- 5.22 Only three further significant negative effects have been identified for the nine additional sites considered following the proposed changes. These negative effects relate to **SA objective 14: health** for sites HOS2, GRE41 and STAT3 reserve and for all three sites a negligible effect is expected in combination. These sites contain a feature (for example PROW or area of open space) which might be lost as a result of development which might otherwise be used to encourage more physically active and healthy lifestyles in Melton. The sites are however also well related to such features but would not provide access to a healthcare facility within walking distance or within the settlement they are located. Of these sites only MEL4 is within a settlement with a healthcare facility meaning a minor positive effect is expected on SA objective 14 for this site.
- 5.23 Beyond the aforementioned SA objectives no further significant negative effects have been identified for the nine new sites considered. The nine sites are expected to have broadly positive effects on SA objectives 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 15. The most significant positive effects identified are in relation to **SA objective 2: education**. Significant positive effects have been recorded for this SA objective for all nine new sites given that they are in close proximity of identified schools in the Borough. In addition some of the policy text included in Appendix 1 to support the development of these sites requires that contributions towards education are made to mitigate any adverse effects of high educational demands in the area.

- 5.24 Only three of the sites (GADD3, GREA1 and THOR2) are not allocated within Melton Mowbray or within settlements that have been identified as being Service Centres in the Council's Settlement Roles and Relationships Report. As such the majority of the new sites are expected to provide access to higher number of services and facilities and therefore a significant positive effect has been identified in relation to **SA objective 9: access to services**. The aforementioned three sites are located in the Rural Hubs of Gaddesby, Great Dalby and Thorpe Arnold meaning that a minor positive effect has been identified given that only a limited number of existing services and facilities are likely to be found at these locations. An equivalent finding is presented for the new sites for **SA objective 15: greenhouse gases and air quality** with the positive effect expected to be minor for these three sites given that at Rural Hubs people would be required to travel to a greater extent to services and facilities than within Melton Mowbray or Service Centres. As such only three sites are expected to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective with the remaining six sites identified as likely to have a significant positive effect.
- 5.25 All of the new sites would provide access to schools in close proximity or their development would require that contributions to support new school places be provided as per the policy text in Appendix 1. All sites are therefore expected to have a significant positive effect on **SA objective 10: social and economic inclusion**. This objective also considers the number of houses each site would provide and also access to employment opportunities nearby and accessible by public transport links. All new sites would provide for less than 100 homes (which has meant all new sites are also likely to have a minor positive effect on **SA objective 1: housing**) with six sites (SCAL1, GADD3, GREA1, THOR2, HAR5 and STAT3) also identified as providing a reduced level of access to important employment sites in Melton. As such the significant positive effect expected for these six new sites is combined with a minor negative effect.
- 5.26 Of those sites which have been carried forward from the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan only six sites have been identified as likely to have changes which would now result in a significant positive or significant negative effect on any of the SA objective. Four of these six updated significant effects relate to **SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity** for sites MEL3, STAT1, WYM1 and GADD1. These changes have been made as the amendments to the site boundaries has resulted in the sites in question being within 250m of designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites or identified biodiversity features. Of these sites MEL3, STAT1 and WYM1 had previously been given a negligible score in relation to this SA objective as the Council's Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study had scored land within the original site boundaries as being of low ecological value. For these sites the boundary change has resulted in the Study now addressing less than 50% of the land within the site however. Taking a precautionary approach to scoring therefore a significant negative effect is now expected in view of nearby biodiversity interest.
- 5.27 Further updates to sites HAR1 and LONG2 have been recorded. The updated boundaries of site HAR1 would now include a PROW meaning that the use of this feature might be lost as result of development to the detriment of local public health and well-being. As such the negligible effect recorded for **SA objective 14: health** for this site (due to the proximity of other features which might encourage residents to partake of healthier lifestyles, but not healthcare facilities) is now combined with a significant negative effect. A significant positive effect is recorded for site LONG2 for **SA objective 2: education** as the policy text in Appendix 1 requires that development ensures that appropriate educational capacity is in place and that contributions will be required to support this as relevant.
- 5.28 **Table 5.4** below presents the likely sustainability effects of those sites which were previously included in Local Plan but have now been deleted following the Council's site assessment process. The likely sustainability effects of the additional reasonable alternatives which were considered for inclusion in the Local Plan but were not allocated or included as reserve are presented in **Table 5.5**. These additional sites are those which were assessed for potential inclusion in the Local Plan by the Council following submission through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2017 process. The overall sustainability effects of all sites submitted through this process have been considered in more depth in Chapter 4 of this Addendum. Reasons for the exclusion of these sites and other updates to sites in the Local Plan are presented after Table 5.5.

Table 5.4: Summary of likely sustainability effects of sites deleted from the Local Plan following the proposed focussed changes

Site code in Pre Submission Draft Local Plan	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
ASF3	+	++	++	+	?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/- -?	++	-	0
BOT1	+	++?	++	+	--?	--?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	0	0
GADD2	+	++	+	-	?	0?	0	-?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0/-?	+	-	0
HAR3	+	++	0	+	?	0?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HOS2	+	++	+	+	--?	-?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HOS3	+	++	+	+	-?	-?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
LONG2	+	+?	+	+	--?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/- -?	++	0	0
MEL6	+	++	++	+	-?	-?	0	-?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL9	+	++	++	++/- -	?	0?	0	-/+	++	++	0	+?	0	++	++	0	0
MEL12	+	++	++	++	?	0?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
OLD2	+	+	+	+	?	0?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	0	++	-	0

Site code in Pre Submission Draft Local Plan	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
FRIS4 Reserve	+	+?	+	-	--?	-?	0?	+?/-	+	++/-	0	+?	0	0	+	0	0
HAR6 Reserve	+	++	+	+	0?	-?	0	+?	++	++	0	+?	0	0	++	0	0
THOR2 Reserve	+	+	++	+	-?	0?	0	--?	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0

Table 5.5: Summary of likely sustainability effects of additional reasonable alternatives considered for inclusion in the Local Plan but not allocated or included as reserve sites

Site code	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
Ab Kettleby Options																	
MBC/002/17	+	++?	+	-	--?	--?	0?	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/008/17	+	++?	0	-	--?	--?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Asfordby Hill Options																	
MBC/028/17	+	++?	++	+	-?	--?	0	+?/-	+	++	0	+?	0	0	+	0	0
Gaddesby Options																	
MBC/005/17	+	+?	+	-	--?	--?	0?	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Long Clawson Options																	
MBC/026/17	+	++?	+	-	--?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
Melton Mowbray Options																	
MBC/022/17	+	++?	++	++	?	--?	--?	++	++	++	0	+?	0	++	++	--?	0
MBC/023/17	+	++?	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+/-?	++	-	0

Site code	SA objectives																
	1. Housing	2. Education	3. Sustainable transport	4. Economy and employment	5. Landscape	6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	7. Cultural heritage	8. Efficient use of land and minerals	9. Access to services	10. Social and economic inclusion	11. Crime	12. Waste	13. Economic growth	14. Health	15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	16. Flood risk	17. Water quality
Old Dalby Options																	
MBC/001/17	+	++?	+	-	--?	--?	--?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/004/17	+	++?	0	-	--?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0/-?	++	-	0
MBC/030/17	+	+?	0	+	?	--?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
Stathern Options																	
MBC/006/17	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0/-?	++	-	0

Reasons for changes, inclusion or discounting of sites in focussed changes

- 5.29 A summary of the Council's reasons for changes to sites, or for including or discounting of sites in the focussed changes are provided below.

Update to site boundaries

- 5.30 As part of the update to the site assessment work, checks were made by the Council as to the area plotted for the site allocation and the red line boundary on site location plans where planning permission has been granted or granted subject to s106 agreements. These particular site allocations (14 sites) have been updated by the Council in the focussed changes to reflect the boundaries of planning permissions. Two sites (CROX2 and GADD1) were subject to drafting inconsistencies in the Pre-submission Draft Local Plan, which have been corrected in the focussed changes.

Update to capacity

- 5.31 A total of 23 sites are recommended by the Council to be updated in terms of the potential capacity due to an updated calculation or where planning permission has been granted on a site for a specific number of dwellings. The majority of these are limited in change, with the average change being 11 dwellings for sites that have altered as a result of the updated site assessments and an average change of 12 dwellings where the capacities have been updated as a result of planning permission being granted.

Removal of sites – Availability

- 5.32 Confirmation has been received by the Council from one agent on behalf of a landowner to state that the land relating to Pre-submission Draft Local Plan site allocation MEL9, Melton Building Supplies, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray, is no longer available for housing development within the plan period. As a key requirement of the NPPF is that land is available for development is not met, it is suggested that this site is removed from the site allocations in the focussed changes.
- 5.33 Following an extensive search by the Council for the landowner of one site, it has not been possible to find details of the owner of ASF3 Paddocks, west of Saxelby Road & south of Loughborough Road, Asfordby. As it is not possible to speak to the landowner and confirm the availability of the land this site has been removed in the focussed changes.

Removal of sites – Allocation threshold not met

- 5.34 Two of the original sites identified in the Pre-submission Draft Local Plan, MEL6, Land north of Kirby Lane, Melton Mowbray and MEL12, Land at the rear of 74 & 88 Dalby Road (Swale Close) have been granted planning permission since the consultation on the Pre-submission Draft Local Plan. Both planning permissions are for less than 10 dwellings and therefore these will now be dealt with as commitments rather than as allocations due to the agreed capacity. These are therefore removed from the allocations under policy C1(a) in the focussed changes.
- 5.35 Previous site BOT1 at land adjoining Belvoir Road, Bottesford has been removed in the focussed changes because the site has been completed and has no residual capacity remaining to be built out.

Removal of sites – Suitability

- 5.36 Further information has been received by the Council in respect of previous site GADD2, Land off Church Lane and Ashby Road, Gaddesby, in terms of impacts on landscape character and significant heritage assets. Historic England registered an objection to the allocation of the site due to the fact they consider that development of that particular site could not be mitigated for or designed in such away to limit detrimental impact on the setting of the Grade I listed Church of St Luke and the historic landscape setting around it which comprises of earthwork remains of medieval and later cultivation. In light of this information the Council considers that the site is no

longer suitable for allocation and is therefore removed in the focussed changes from the site allocations under policy C1(a).

- 5.37 As part of the planning application (16/00709/OUT) assessment process undertaken by the Council a technical objection to LONG2, Back Lane, Long Clawson was received. Historic England have objected due to 'the loss of the ridge and furrow earthworks and the pasture field (comprising the development area) which would represent harm through setting impact to the significance the scheduled monument and listed buildings'. This objection has been maintained following additional information and survey work provided by the applicants. It is therefore on this basis that the Council proposes in the focussed changes removing the site from the site allocations under policy C1(a).

Removal of sites – No longer needed to meet housing requirement

- 5.38 The Council proposes that the 'residual requirement' that was set out in the Pre-submission Draft Local Plan is updated to take into account the latest monitoring of housing completions, dwellings under construction and dwellings with permission on small sites which was carried out during the first week of April 2017.
- 5.39 One site which the Council considers is no longer required to meet the net requirement is OLD2, Station Road, Old Dalby. This site has planning permission for 15 dwellings and therefore it will be identified as a commitment in the focussed changes rather than an allocation as the potential capacity of OLD1 is sufficient for the overall requirement needed in Old Dalby. As a result, the reserve site in Old Dalby previously known as OLD3 is now identified in the focussed changes as OLD2 but is maintained as a reserve site.
- 5.40 In Hose, an extension to an existing site with planning permission (HOS1) was submitted through the SHLAA 2017 along with a further adjacent additional site. The Council found that these two sites performed better in the site assessments in terms of suitability and deliverability and therefore ranked higher than previous HOS2 and HOS3 sites. As the housing requirement for Hose was met by the extended site HOS1 and the new site HOS2, the previous HOS2 and HOS3 sites have been removed by the Council in the focussed changes as they are no longer required as allocations to meeting the residual housing requirement. The Council considers that, due to the nature of these sites, it is more likely that they will come forward as small windfall sites rather than as a comprehensive scheme.
- 5.41 In the focussed changes, the Council proposes to remove previous HAR3, land north of Stathern Lane, Harby. The Council considers that there are difficulties with this site, with a lack of access at present and also that the landowner is not committed to delivering the site. Whilst it was identified that it could be included as a reserve site, a new site put forward in the SHLAA 2017 performed better in the site assessment rankings and therefore the Council proposes not to retain the previous site HAR3 as an allocation or a reserve site in the focussed changes.

Inclusion of new sites

- 5.42 Since the consultation on the Pre-submission Draft Local Plan sites have been submitted to the Council though the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2017 process. The Council has carried out full site assessments for all sites with a capacity of above 10 dwellings or above that are not land locked or subject to significant constraints that would mean the site was unsuitable.
- 5.43 These 18 additional sites have been subject to SA as part of this SA Addendum and the Council has also assessed them against the existing sites. Where necessary the ranking of sites in each settlement has been updated by the Council along with the numbering of the sites to reflect the revised site assessment results.
- 5.44 Of the 18 sites assessed, nine sites were identified by the Council as being potentially suitable and have been included in the revised list of allocated sites in the focussed changes, including sites in Gaddesby (GADD3), Great Dalby (GREA1), Harby (HAR5 Reserve), Hose (extension to HOS1 and HOS2), Melton Mowbray (MEL4), Scalford (SCAL1) and Stathern (extension to STAT1 and STAT3 Reserve).
- 5.45 Following the updated site assessment work, one site that was previously assessed in Long Clawson, Corner of Hickling Lane and Broughton Lane (MBC/144/13) was ranked more highly by

the Council than sites LONG3 and LONG4. As a result this site is now included in the focussed changes as LONG2 (replacing the previous LONG2 site situated on Back Lane Long Clawson) with a potential capacity of 35 dwellings.

- 5.46 Previous site HAR6 in Harby, which was identified by the Council as a reserve site initially has been granted planning permission on appeal since the consultation on the Draft Plan in November 2016. This site has therefore been included in the focussed changes as a new site in the list of allocations under policy C1(a) and removed from the reserve sites listed under policy C1(b).

Overall Spatial Strategy

- 5.47 It should be noted that the changes arising as a result of the focussed changes to do not fundamentally alter the overall proportion of development to be provided at Melton Mowbray (approximately two-thirds) and in the rural areas (approximately one third) is in accordance with the Spatial strategy presented in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan and therefore the overall conclusions in Chapter 9 of the SA Report (October 2016) of the Pre-Submission Local Plan remain largely the same.

6 Next steps

- 6.1 This SA Addendum will be made available for public consultation alongside the proposed focussed changes to the Pre-Submission Local Plan.
- 6.2 Following the consultation, the Council will then decide if any further work on the Local Plan is required in order to proceed to examination.

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Appendix 1

Detailed assessment of housing growth options considered

Q: What level of housing growth should Melton Borough provide for?

Option 1: Demographic based (154 dpa (dwellings per annum) - Demographic need with affordability adjustment.

Option 2: Mid-range (245 dpa) - Within the range (230-274 dpa) identified for supporting economic growth which aligns with the Employment Land Study 2015. It is also the housing requirement which has been planned for based on the SHMA 2014 in the previous iteration of the Local Plan.

Option 3: Boost housing supply (280 dpa) – Deliver a level of new homes to increase affordability and meeting the need for affordable housing.

SA Objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+/-	++/-	++	<p>All three options would involve providing new homes in the District. Therefore at least a minor positive effect is expected for all three options. Only Options 2 and 3 would however meet the objectively assessed housing need for Melton Borough, which was identified as 4,250 dwellings (170 dwellings per annum) in the HEDNA⁹. It is assumed that the housing to be provided would include some element of affordable housing and housing that is suitable for older people.</p> <p>Option 1: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be below the objectively assessed need as set by the HEDNA. The delivery of 154 dpa would be in line with demographic based need with adjustment for affordability, considering the requirement for 130 dpa for population growth and an additional 24 dpa when an affordability adjustment has been made. As such although this option would provide new housing over the plan period it would not entirely meet the needs of Melton over the plan period when considering economic-led housing need. This may impact upon the affordability of house prices in the Borough. Additional work relating to the HEDNA¹⁰.has found that delivery of 280 dpa would be required to meet local affordable housing needs (70 dpa) in full at 25% affordable housing delivery. This option could therefore also result in an under supply in affordable housing in Melton over the plan period. Supplying only 154 dpa would also result in the Borough being less capable in accommodating the housing requirements of neighbouring local authorities and other local authorities within the HMA (Housing Market Area) in compliance with the Borough's Duty to Cooperate. An overall mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Option 2: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be above the objectively assessed need as determined by the HEDNA. The delivery of 245 dpa would be around the mid-point of the required amount of housing needed to positively support the sustainable growth of the Borough's economy. As such it would take housing growth which is economic-led into consideration.</p>

⁹ GL Hearn for Melton BC (January 2017) Housing & Economic Development Needs Assessment: Leicester and Leicestershire Authorities and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership. (this has superseded the previous 2014 SHMA)

¹⁰ GL Hearn for Melton BC (January 2017) Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough

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				<p>Boosting local housing supply is likely to be of benefit in terms of housing affordability in Melton. Work to support the HEDNA¹¹ has also identified that the delivery of housing above the demographic need with affordability adjustment (154 dpa) could help to meet the unmet need of neighbouring local authorities or other local authorities in the HMA in compliance with the Borough's Duty to Cooperate. This option however would not deliver the required number of new homes (280 dpa) to meet local affordable housing needs (70 dpa) in full at 25% affordable housing delivery. The Borough's Infrastructure Delivery Plan has highlighted the need to deliver additional affordable housing in Melton as well as lifetime homes and sustainable homes and this option would mean that meeting the affordable housing target in particular would be more difficult. An overall mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective..</p> <p>Option 3: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be above the objectively assessed need as set by the HEDNA. and would provide a significant boost to local housing figures. The delivery of 280 dpa would be at the upper end of the required amount of housing needed to positively support the sustainable growth of the Borough's economy. As such it would take housing growth which is economic-led into consideration. Boosting local housing supply is likely to be of benefit in terms of housing affordability in Melton. Work to support the HEDNA has also identified that the delivery of housing above the demographic need with affordability adjustment (154 dpa) could help to meet the unmet need of neighbouring local authorities or other local authorities in the HMA in compliance with the Borough's Duty to Cooperate. Furthermore this option would deliver the required number of new homes (280 dpa) to meet local affordable housing needs (70 dpa) in full at 25% affordable housing delivery. The Borough's Infrastructure Delivery Plan highlights the need to deliver additional affordable housing in Melton as well as lifetime homes and sustainable homes and this option would mean that meeting the affordable housing target in particular would be more easily achievable as part of overall housing growth over the plan period. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-	++	++	<p>Option 1: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be below the objectively assessed need as set by the HEDNA. The delivery of 154 dpa would be in line with demographic based need with adjustment for affordability, considering the requirement for 130 dpa for population growth and an additional 24 dpa when an affordability adjustment has been made. As such the housing growth proposed under this option is not high enough to support enhanced economic growth in the Borough, only to meet the need created through natural growth. Therefore, this approach could hinder economic growth and the resulting job creation in all sectors including high knowledge jobs in Melton. Further work undertaken in support of the HEDNA has also identified that certain facilities and services in the Borough can only be funded through increased housing provision and the</p>

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				<p>associated developer contributions which would result. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Option 2: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be above the objectively assessed need as set by the HEDNA and at the upper end of the required amount of housing needed to positively support the sustainable growth of the Borough's economy. As such it would take housing growth which is economic-led into consideration. The level of housing growth proposed under this option is therefore high enough to meet the projected need through natural growth and would also allow for additional growth. Therefore, this approach would contribute positively towards economic growth and the resulting job creation in all sectors including high knowledge jobs in Melton. Sensitivity testing as part of further work to support the HEDNA suggests that the provision of between 230 – 274 dpa may be needed to support the delivery of 3,420 jobs over the plan period. Any effect which relates to job creation in Melton is likely to be experienced over the medium to long term. Further work undertaken in support of the HEDNA has also identified that certain facilities and services in the Borough can only be funded through increased housing provision and the associated developer contributions which would result. This approach is therefore also less likely to result in an overburdening of education facilities in the Borough. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Option 3: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton Borough which is well above the objectively assessed housing need, which would take into consideration demographic based need as well as economic led growth. As such the level of housing growth proposed under this option will support economic growth in the Borough, as well as meeting the need created through natural growth. Therefore, this approach could have a positive effect on the creation of high knowledge jobs in Melton as it may stimulate economic growth and the resulting job creation in all sectors. Sensitivity testing as part of further work to support the HEDNA suggests that the provision of between 230 – 274 dpa may be needed to support the delivery of 3,420 jobs over the plan period. Any effect which relates to job creation in Melton is likely to be experienced over the medium to long term. Further work undertaken in support of the HEDNA has also identified that certain facilities and services in the Borough can only be funded through increased housing provision and the associated developer contributions which would result. This approach is therefore also less likely to result in an overburdening of education facilities in the Borough. Although this option would result in the delivery of a higher number of new homes in Melton than Option 2 it is expected that contributions to fund new services and facilities (including education provision) would be proportionate to the level of development delivered. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure,	--	++	++	The effects of the options for growth on sustainable transport use will depend on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. how well connected they are to the public transport network), or the potential for delivery new transport infrastructure and public transport services as a result of

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improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.				<p>development. The extent to which people are able to make sustainable transport choices day to day will also depend on the relative proximity of the homes and jobs that are provided through the Local Plan.</p> <p>Option 1: Taking forward a lower housing figure (154dpa) compared to Options 2 and 3 which is in line with the demographic based need in Melton (with consideration for an adjustment for affordability) could mean that there is less of an increase in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services, although this will depend on the distribution of housing throughout the Borough. However even under this lower growth option, there is still a significant amount of additional housing over the plan period which could help to support public transport services. Further work to support the HEDNA has identified that the delivery of transport infrastructure in general and the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy will be dependent upon development contributions. Delivering a high level of housing (230-280 dpa) over the plan period has been highlighted as being critical to securing this delivery including the strategic rationale for the Eastern Distributor Road and provision of the northern and southern distributor roads. As such failure to provide for this higher level of new homes over the plan period may prevent the provisions of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy from being delivered in their entirety. This may result in adverse effects in terms of increased congestion and lack of funding for public transport services. Adverse impacts are expected mostly in relation to medium and long term given that the delivery of fewer homes over the plan period may mean the Melton South Sustainable Urban Extension which would include the Eastern Distributor Road may not be required to provide housing to be delivered over the plan period. As such transport issues would be less likely to result at this location. A significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Option 2: Taking forward a higher housing figure (245 dpa) may result in an increased demand for, and therefore viability of public transport services in Melton. Further work to support the HEDNA has identified that the delivery of transport infrastructure in general and the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy will be dependent upon development contributions. Delivering a high level of housing (230-280 dpa) over the plan period has been highlighted as being critical to securing this delivery including the strategic rationale for the Eastern Distributor Road and provision of the northern and southern distributor roads. As such the delivery of a high level of housing within the range identified should help to deliver the proposals of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy. This approach is therefore likely to help reduce congestion and strengthen public transport services in the Borough. The effects of this approach are likely to occur in the short, medium and long term. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Option 3: Taking forward a significantly higher housing figure (280 dpa) compared to Options 1 and 2 could mean that there is more of an increase in demand for, and therefore viability of, public</p>

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				transport services, although this is uncertain as it will depend to some extent on the distribution of housing throughout the Borough. Further work to support the HEDNA has identified that the delivery of transport infrastructure in general and the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy will be dependent upon development contributions. This option would deliver an amount of housing which is at the higher range of the level of housing (230-280 dpa) highlighted as being required to secure this delivery including the strategic rationale for the Eastern Distributor Road and provision of the northern and southern distributor roads. As such the delivery of a particularly high level of housing within the range identified should help to deliver the provisions of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy in a more complete manner. Although providing more housing than Option 2 might otherwise lead to more journeys being required in the Borough and potential increases in congestion, it is expected that developer contributions to support transport infrastructure would be proportionate to the level of delivery which would thereby help to mitigate any adverse effects on the transport infrastructure. This approach is therefore likely to help reduce congestion and strengthen public transport services in the Borough. The effects of this approach are likely to occur in the short, medium and long term. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	--	++	++	<p>Option 1: The delivery of 154 dpa would be in line with demographic based need with adjustment for affordability but would not be considerate of economic led growth. As such the level of housing growth proposed under this option is not high enough to support economic growth in the Borough, only to meet the need created through natural growth. This approach could therefore have a negative effect on improving the range of businesses and the number and quality of available jobs in the Borough, and supporting economic growth. Further work to support the HEDNA has specifically identified that providing between 230-274 dpa over the plan period would support the delivery of 3,420 jobs. This suggests that failure to provide a higher level of housing in Melton may limit the potential for local economic growth and opportunities to reduce levels of out-commuting from the Borough may be lost. Taking forward this option, which only provides for housing to meet the need arising from natural population growth, could also mean that the proportion of older people in the Borough continues to increase by the end of the plan period. Work supporting the HEDNA furthermore has suggested that the higher delivery of housing over the plan period would be required to avoid a reliance on older people working longer. A significant negative effect is therefore identified for this option, being minor over the short and medium term and increasing to significant negative in the long-term.</p> <p>Option 2: This option would result in a higher housing figure (245 dpa) being taken forward over the plan period. This figure is around the midpoint of the range (230-274 dpa) identified for supporting economic growth which aligns with the Employment Land Study 2015. Further work to support the HEDNA has specifically identified that providing between 230-274 dpa over the plan period would support the delivery of 3,420 jobs. Furthermore the HEDNA has highlighted that a differential of 27%</p>

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				<p>exists between the economic (170) and demographic led (134) housing need projection over the plan period. As such the economic growth in the Borough can be expected to support a higher level of housing need and above trend in-migration. This suggests that providing a higher level of housing in Melton would support local economic growth as well as opportunities to reduce levels of out-commuting from the Borough. A significant positive effect is therefore expected for this option over the short, medium term, and long-term.</p> <p>Option 3: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton Borough which is significantly higher than the objectively assessed housing need at 280 dpa. This figure is above the range (230-274 dpa) identified for supporting economic growth which aligns with the Employment Land Study 2015. Further work to support the HEDNA has specifically identified that providing between 230-274 dpa over the plan period would support the delivery of 3,420 jobs. As such the economic growth in the Borough can be expected to support a higher level of housing need and above trend in-migration. Providing for a high level of housing development in Melton is therefore likely to support the potential for local economic growth as well as address levels of out commuting from Melton (although if housing growth outstrips jobs growth some out-commuting could result). A significant positive effect is expected for this option over the short, medium and long term.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	--?	--?	<p>The effects of the options on the landscape in and around Melton Borough will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within or near to areas of high landscape sensitivity). In order to give an indication of likely effects of different housing growth options in this high level appraisal, reference is made to the two SUEs currently allocated in the Pre-Submission Local Plan, as these are the most significant strategic development locations.</p> <p>Option 1: The delivery of 154 dpa over the plan period would be likely to result in a smaller area of land being required for development than under Option 2 or Option 3. While large-scale development would still be required, which could result in adverse impacts on the landscape, taking forward a lower level of growth under this option may mean that development is less likely to impact on the landscape as it may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity. Over the plan period a total of 2,377 homes would be provided at Melton Mowbray (when considering a 5% allowance for windfall sites) through this option making use of the distribution pattern set out in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. As the plan allows for 1,700 new homes at the Melton South Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) and 1,500 new homes at the Melton North SUE over the plan period it is unlikely that this option would mean either or both of the SUEs would not be required to be developed upon. The option may however result in a smaller proportion of both or either SUE being developed upon. The Melton North and Melton South SUEs have both been identified as likely to have a significant negative effect on landscape given that they have been assessed as being of high and moderate-high sensitivity respectively in the emerging Areas of</p>

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				<p>Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. The negative effect expected for these SUEs have been identified as being combined with a minor positive effect as the development of these locations present potential to bring about improvements to the settlement fringe by softening the existing 'hard' settlement edge. As such this option may help to limit the adverse impacts at these locations due to reduced overall loss of greenfield land. A minor negative on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the specific location of development. It is also recognised that high quality new development may have a positive effect and contribute to enhancing the quality of the landscape, although this will depend on its design and cannot be assumed.</p> <p>Option 2: The delivery of 245 dpa over the plan period is likely to result in a significantly larger area of land being required than that which would be required by Option 1. While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the options could result in impacts on the landscape, taking forward a higher level of growth under this option than the minimum that is required may mean that development is more likely to impact on the landscape in comparison to Option 1, as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity. The delivery of this higher level of housing development is also expected to mean that both Melton North and South SUEs (which are allocated though Local Plan) would be required for development. The Melton North and South SUEs would accommodate 1,500 and 1,700 new homes up to 2036 as extensions of Melton Mowbray respectively as a proportion of the total 3,781 new homes (when taking a 5% windfall allowance into consideration) to be accommodated at the settlement as has been set out the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The development of Melton North and Melton South SUEs have both been identified as likely to have a significant negative effect on landscape given that they have been assessed as being of high and moderate-high sensitivity respectively in the emerging Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. The development of these locations would also result in the loss of significant areas of greenfield land. The negative effect expected for these SUEs have been identified as being combined with a minor positive effect as the development of these locations present potential to bring about improvements to the settlement fringe by softening the existing 'hard' settlement edge. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the specific location of development. It is also recognised that high quality new development may have a positive effect and contribute to enhancing the quality of the landscape, although this will depend on design and cannot be assumed.</p> <p>Option 3: While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the options could result in impacts on the landscape, taking forward a higher level of growth under this option may mean that development is particularly likely to impact on the landscape</p>

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				<p>as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity. The delivery 280 dpa is considered to be a particularly high level of housing development and it is expected that this would result in both SUEs allocated though Local Plan being required for development. The Melton North and Melton South SUEs have both been identified as likely to have a significant negative effect on landscape given that they have been assessed as being of high and moderate-high sensitivity respectively in the emerging Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. The development of these locations would also result in the loss of significant areas of greenfield land. The negative effect expected for these SUEs have been identified as being combined with a minor positive effect as the development of these locations present potential to bring about improvements to the settlement fringe by softening the existing 'hard' settlement edge. The higher level of development required through this option might be accommodated through the development of more land in the Borough (potentially within the greenfield SUEs) or an intensification of development. It is likely that both approaches would have further adverse impacts on landscape character in Melton. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long-term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the specific location of development. It is also recognised that high quality new development may have a positive effect and contribute to enhancing the quality of the landscape, although this will depend on design and cannot be assumed.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	--?	--?	<p>The effects of the options on biodiversity and geodiversity will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within close proximity of designated biodiversity sites where habitats and species may be disturbed). In order to give an indication of likely effects of different housing growth options in this high level appraisal, reference is made to the two SUEs currently allocated in the Pre-Submission Local Plan, as these are the most significant strategic development locations.</p> <p>Option 1: While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the three options for growth could result in impacts on sensitive habitats and species, taking forward a lower level of growth under this option compared to Options 2 and 3 may mean that development is less likely to impact on biodiversity and geodiversity. It may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species – although there are no European designated biodiversity sites in the Borough there are a number of SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites which are distributed across the whole of the Borough although there is a particularly high concentration in the north. Over the plan period a total of 2,377 homes would be provided at Melton Mowbray (when considering a 5% allowance for windfall sites) through this option making use of the distribution pattern set out in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. As the plan allows for 1,700 new homes at the Melton South Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) and 1,500 new homes at the Melton North SUE over the plan period it is unlikely that this option would mean either or both of the SUEs would not be required to be developed upon. The option may</p>

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				<p>however result in a smaller proportion of both or either SUE being developed upon. Both areas have been appraised as potentially having a significant negative effect in terms of adverse impacts on biodiversity in the Borough if developed. These adverse impacts have been identified given the large area of greenfield land which would be lost in Melton and also considering that Leicester Road Grassland, Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings, Melton Country Park and Scalford Brook Local Wildlife Sites are located within or within close proximity of one of the two SUEs. Work undertaken for the Council has however identified that the North SUE as being mainly of lower ecological value, but with areas of moderate value in the south and west and a small area of high value in the north. Similarly the South SUE has also been identified as being of lower ecological value, but with areas of moderate value in the west and south east. Given that a lower level of housing is likely to offer more opportunities to avoid significant effects to more sensitive habitats, a minor negative effect on this SA objective is identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the specific location of development and its proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity features, as well as its design. It is also recognised that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into housing developments, for example through green infrastructure provision.</p> <p>Option 2: This option would deliver a higher number of new homes over the plan period, and is therefore likely to result in a larger area of land developed than that which would be required by Option 1. While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the three options for growth could result in impacts on sensitive habitats and species, taking forward a higher level of growth under this option may mean that development is more likely to impact on biodiversity and geodiversity as it may be more difficult to ensure that development is steered to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species such as the Local Wildlife Sites and SSSIs that are distributed fairly evenly throughout the Borough. Allowing for a higher level of housing development over the plan period is also likely to mean that both Melton North and South SUEs (which are allocated through the Local Plan) at Melton Mowbray are required to be developed. The Melton North and South SUEs would accommodate 1,500 and 1,700 new homes up to 2036 as extensions of Melton Mowbray respectively as a proportion of the total 3,781 new homes (when taking a 5% windfall allowance into consideration) to be accommodated at the settlement as has been set out the Pre-Submission Local Plan. Both SUEs have been appraised as potentially having a significant negative effect in terms of adverse impacts on biodiversity in the Borough if developed. These adverse impacts have been identified given the large area of greenfield land which would be lost in Melton and also considering that Leicester Road Grassland, Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings, Melton Country Park and Scalford Brook Local Wildlife Sites are located within or within close proximity of one of the two SUEs. Work undertaken for the Council has however identified that the North SUE as being mainly of lower ecological value, but with areas of moderate value in the south and west and a small area of high value in the north. Similarly the South SUE has also been identified as being of lower ecological value, but with areas of moderate</p>

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				<p>value in the west and south east. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the specific location of development and its proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity features, as well as its design. It is also recognised that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into housing developments, for example through green infrastructure provision, but again this cannot be assumed at this stage.</p> <p>Option 3: While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the three options for growth could result in impacts on sensitive habitats and species, taking forward a higher level of growth under this option may mean that development is particularly likely to impact on biodiversity and geodiversity. It may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species such as the SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites that are distributed fairly evenly throughout the Borough. The delivery 280 dpa is likely to result in both Melton North and South SUEs, which are allocated though Local Plan, being required for development. Both areas have been appraised as potentially having a significant negative effect in terms of adverse impacts on biodiversity in the Borough if developed. These adverse impacts have been identified given the large area of greenfield land which would be lost in Melton and also considering that Leicester Road Grassland, Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings, Melton Country Park and Scalford Brook Local Wildlife Sites are located within or within close proximity of one of the two SUEs. Work undertaken for the Council has however identified that the North SUE as being mainly of lower ecological value, but with areas of moderate value in the south and west and a small area of high value in the north. Similarly the South SUE has also been identified as being of lower ecological value, but with areas of moderate value in the west and south east. The requirement for this higher number of new homes would result in the delivery of 875 additional new homes over the plan period when compared to the delivery currently set out in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. Although this is a moderate (14%) increase over the plan period it equates to only an additional 35 new homes per year compared to Option 2. As such this option is likely to result in similarly adverse impacts (as Option 2) in terms of reduced habitat connectivity and increased recreational pressures in the Borough. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity features, as well as its design. It is also recognised that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into housing developments, for example through green infrastructure provision.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment,	-?	--?	--?	<p>There are over 700 listed buildings distributed fairly evenly throughout the Borough as well as 35 Scheduled Monuments and two Registered Parks and Gardens – Belvoir Castle in the north east and Stapleford Hall in the south east. Development near to these features could therefore have particular effects. The effects of the options on the historic environment will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within close proximity of heritage features),.</p>

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heritage assets and their settings.				<p>Mitigation may be able to be incorporated into developments through appropriate design and well designed and appropriately located development could result in improvements to the setting of heritage features and opportunities to sympathetically restore derelict or 'at risk' features, as well as improvements to the appearance of the wider built form of the Borough. In order to give an indication of likely effects of different housing growth options in this high level appraisal, reference is made to the two SUEs currently allocated in the Pre-Submission Local Plan, as these are the most significant strategic development locations.</p> <p>Option 1: While the large-scale housing development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all three of the options for growth could result in impacts on heritage assets, taking forward a lower level of housing growth under this option (154 dpa) compared to Options 2 and 3 may mean that development is less likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment. Over the plan period a total of 2,377 homes would be provided at Melton Mowbray (when considering a 5% allowance for windfall sites) through this option making use of the distribution pattern set out in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. As the plan allows for 1,700 new homes at the Melton South Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) and 1,500 new homes at the Melton North SUE over the plan period it is unlikely that this option would mean either or both of the SUEs would not be required to be developed upon. The option may however result in a smaller proportion of both or either SUE being developed upon. The appraisal of both of these SUEs has identified potential significant adverse impacts on the built historic environment. At Melton North SUE potential detrimental effects have been recorded in relation to the settings of Sysonby Grange Scheduled Monument and Grade II Listed Building Syonsby Lodge while at Melton South SUE potential detrimental effects have been recorded in relation to the settings of the Scheduled Monument at St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital and Chestnut Farmhouse Grade II Listed Building. Limiting the requirement for development in close proximity to these heritage assets is therefore likely to help reduce the potential for adverse impacts on heritage assets in Melton. A minor negative on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long-term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the specific location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p> <p>Option 2: This option would deliver 245 dpa over the plan period and is likely to result in a larger area of land than that which would be required by Option 1. While the large-scale housing development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all three of the options for growth could result in impacts on heritage assets, taking forward a higher level of housing growth under this option may mean that development is more likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be more difficult to ensure that development is steered to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment. It is noted that levels of</p>

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				<p>development may also influence levels of developer contributions, which could be used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. The higher level of housing development proposed through this option is likely to result in development at both the Melton North and South SUEs, which are allocated through the Local Plan, being required. The Melton North and South SUEs would accommodate 1,500 and 1,700 new homes up to 2036 as extensions of Melton Mowbray respectively as a proportion of the total 3,781 new homes (when taking a 5% windfall allowance into consideration) to be accommodated at the settlement as has been set out the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The appraisal of both of these SUEs has identified potential significant adverse impacts on the built historic environment. At Melton North SUE potential detrimental effects have been recorded in relation to the settings of Sysonby Grange Scheduled Monument and Grade II Listed Building Syonsby Lodge while at Melton South SUE potential detrimental effects have been recorded in relation to the settings of the Scheduled Monument at St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital and Chestnut Farmhouse Grade II Listed Building. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long-term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the specific location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p> <p>Option 3: While the large-scale housing development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all three of the options for growth could result in impacts on heritage assets, taking forward a higher level of housing growth under this option may mean that development is particularly likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment. Allowing for the delivery of 280 dpa through this option will mean that a significantly higher level of development is required in Melton. Development at both the Melton North and South SUEs, which are allocated through the Local Plan, is also likely to be required. The appraisal of both of these SUEs has identified potential significant adverse impacts on the built historic environment. At Melton North SUE potential detrimental effects have been recorded in relation to the settings of Sysonby Grange Scheduled Monument and Grade II Listed Building Syonsby Lodge while at Melton South SUE potential detrimental effects have been recorded in relation to the settings of the Scheduled Monument at St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital and Chestnut Farmhouse Grade II Listed Building. The requirement for this higher number of new homes would result in the delivery of 875 additional new homes over the plan period when compared to the delivery currently set out in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. Although this is a moderate increase (14%) in housing delivery up to 2036 it would result in only an additional 35 new homes per year compared to Option 2. As such this option is likely to result in similarly adverse impacts (as Option 2) in terms of requiring for development to be subject to intensification in terms of its scale, massing and or form. It expected that such increases will potentially result in detrimental impacts on existing character in the Borough. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short,</p>

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				medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the specific location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	--?	--?	<p>Option 1: This option involves taking forward a lower housing figure than proposed under Options 2 and 3, which could minimise the loss of high quality agricultural land as a result of new development as it may be easier to steer development away from those areas (Melton Borough contains large areas of Grade 3 agricultural land as well as more limited areas of Grade 2 land which are mainly located in the central areas of the Borough). However, the scale of development means that impacts are still likely. If a lower housing figure is taken forward it may also be easier to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites, and to avoid development in and around Minerals Consultation Areas, which could otherwise result in the sterilisation of minerals resources (there are Minerals Consultation Areas south west and eastern parts of the Borough). Over the plan period a total of 2,377 homes would be provided at Melton Mowbray (when considering a 5% allowance for windfall sites) through this option making use of the distribution pattern set out in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. As the plan allows for 1,700 new homes at the Melton South Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) and 1,500 new homes at the Melton North SUE over the plan period it is unlikely that this option would mean either or both of the SUEs would not be required to be developed upon. The option may however result in a smaller proportion of both or either SUE being developed upon. Both of these locations consist of greenfield land, much of which has been identified as being Grade 3 Agricultural Land. Much of the land at Melton North SUE is of Grade 3a value while at Melton South SUE the land is mostly Grade 3b Agricultural Land with smaller areas of Grade 3a Agricultural Land. As such this option may help to conserve higher value agricultural soils in Melton. Given the reduced number of new homes delivered through this option (154 dpa) the consumption of minerals for construction would also be lower under this option compared to Options 2 and 3. Therefore, a minor negative effect for this option is expected over the short, medium and long-term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the specific location of development which is not yet known.</p> <p>Option 2: This option would deliver 245 dpa over the plan period and is likely to result in a larger area of land being developed than that which would be required by Option 1. As such the delivery of more than the minimum development required would result, which could mean that good quality agricultural land is more likely to be lost to development (Melton Borough contains large areas of Grade 3 land and some more limited areas of Grade 2 land, mainly in the central areas of the Borough). Taking forward a higher housing figure may also mean that it is more difficult to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites, and to avoid development in and around Minerals Consultation Areas, which could result in the sterilisation of minerals resources (there are Minerals Consultation Areas south west and eastern parts of the Borough). It is noted that requiring a higher level of housing over the plan period is likely to mean that both of the Melton North</p>

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				<p>and South SUEs, both of which are allocated through the Local Plan, are required to be developed. The Melton North and South SUEs would accommodate 1,500 and 1,700 new homes up to 2036 as extensions of Melton Mowbray respectively as a proportion of the total 3,781 new homes (when taking a 5% windfall allowance into consideration) to be accommodated at the settlement as has been set out the Pre-Submission Local Plan. Both of these locations consist of greenfield land, which has been identified as being Grade 3 Agricultural Land. Much of the land at Melton North SUE is of Grade 3a value while at Melton South SUE the land is mostly Grade 3b Agricultural Land with smaller areas of Grade 3a Agricultural Land. Given the higher number of new homes delivered through this option the consumption of minerals for construction would also be higher under this option compared to Option 1. Therefore, there may be significant negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the specific location of development which is not yet known.</p> <p>Option 3: This option involves taking forward a higher housing figure than proposed under the two alternative options, which could mean that there is an increase in the loss of good quality agricultural land to development (Melton Borough contains large areas of Grade 3 land and more limited areas of Grade 2 land, mainly in the central areas of the Borough). If a higher housing figure is taken forward it may also be more difficult to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites, and to avoid development in and around Minerals Consultation Areas, which could result in the sterilisation of minerals resources (there are Minerals Consultation Areas south west and eastern parts of the Borough). It is noted that requiring for a higher level of housing over the plan period is likely to mean that both of the Melton North and South SUEs, both of which are allocated through the Local Plan, are required to be developed. Both of these locations consist of greenfield land, which has been identified as being Grade 3 Agricultural Land. Much of the land at Melton North SUE is of Grade 3a value while at Melton South SUE the land is mostly Grade 3b Agricultural Land with smaller areas of Grade 3a Agricultural Land. Given the higher number of new homes delivered through this option (280 dpa) the consumption of minerals for construction would be higher under this option particularly compared to Option 1. While the requirement for this higher number of new homes would result in the delivery of 875 additional new homes over the plan period when compared to the delivery currently set out in the Pre-Submission Local Plan it would result in only an additional 35 new homes per year. As such the detrimental effects in terms of loss of agricultural land and mineral resource use expected for Option 3 are considered to be similar to those recorded for Option 2. Therefore, there may be significant negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the specific location of development which is not yet known.</p>
9. To promote social	-	+	+	Option 1: This option would result in the delivery of 154 dpa which would be below the objectively assessed need as set by the HEDNA. This is still regarded as a high level of growth over the plan

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inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.				<p>period which would require the provision of new community facilities and social infrastructure for support. Further assessment work undertaken in relation to the HEDNA has identified that the delivery of housing above the objectively assessed need for Melton would be required to deliver a range of benefits to the Borough. This is to include community and other social infrastructure including social care, recreation and broad band. It is expected that these services and facilities may only be delivered through accrued developer contributions which would result through increased housing provision in Melton. As such this option might result in the overburdening of existing services and facilities in the Borough and therefore a minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Option 2: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be above the objectively assessed need as set by the HEDNA. Further work undertaken in support of the HEDNA has identified that certain facilities and services in the Borough can only be funded through increased housing provision above the objectively assessed need and the associated developer contributions which would result. This is to include community facilities and social infrastructure (such as social care, recreation and broad band). This approach is therefore likely to result in delivery of new community services and facilities in the Borough which will help to prevent the overburdening of such infrastructure. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Option 2: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be above the objectively assessed need as set by the HEDNA. Further work undertaken in support of the HEDNA has identified that certain facilities and services in the Borough can only be funded through increased housing provision above the objectively assessed need and the associated developer contributions which would result. This is to include community facilities and social infrastructure (such as social care, recreation and broad band). This approach is therefore likely to result in delivery of new community services and facilities in the Borough which will help to prevent the overburdening of such infrastructure. Although this approach would result in the delivery of a higher level of growth over the plan period than Option 2 which might otherwise overburden local infrastructure it is expected that contributions to support the delivery of new social and community services and facilities would be proportionate to the level of growth above the objectively assessed need. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	--	++/-	++	<p>Option 1: This option involves taking forward a housing figure of 154 dpa for Melton Borough which is below the objectively assessed housing need which has been set at 170 dpa in HEDNA. The level of growth proposed would only consider demographic based need and not allow for economic-led growth over the plan period. As such the level of housing growth proposed under this option is not high enough to support economic growth in the Borough. Therefore, there could be a negative effect on the overall health of Melton's economy and levels of poverty and deprivation amongst local people.</p>

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				<p>Taking forward this option, which only provides for natural population growth, is also likely to mean that the proportion of older people in the Borough continues to increase by the end of the plan period, so it will be particularly important to ensure that an appropriate range of services, facilities and housing are available to avoid increased social exclusion. Assessment work to support the HEDNA has established that housing delivery is required to be above the objectively assessed need for Melton of a range of social infrastructure is to be provided and therefore this approach is likely to exacerbate issues of access to services and facilities which older people may depend upon. It has also been established as part of the work to support the HEDNA that the affordable housing requirement for the Borough is 70 dpa. The delivery of 280 dpa is required over the plan period if this requirement is to be met in full at 25% affordable housing delivery. The provision of affordable housing is likely to address an element of deprivation in the Borough and this option is not expected to deliver the required level up to 2036. As such a significant negative effect is expected for this option over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be above the objectively assessed need as set by the HEDNA. The delivery of 245 dpa is high enough to meet demographic based need as well as economic-led growth over the plan period which has been identified as being between 230–274 dpa. Therefore, there could be a minor positive effect on the overall health of Melton's economy and reducing levels of poverty and deprivation amongst local people. It is also less likely to result in an increase in the proportion of the population over the age of 65 compared to Option 1 and so there may be less risk of social exclusion amongst older people towards the end of the plan period. The provision of a level of housing which is higher than the objectively assessed need over the plan period has been identified through work to support the HEDNA as being required to support the provision of a range of social infrastructure. This approach is likely to prevent overburdening of community services and facilities in Melton. It has however been established as part of the work to support the HEDNA that the affordable housing requirement for the Borough is 70 dpa. As such the delivery of 280 dpa is required over the plan period if this requirement is to be met in full at 25% affordable housing delivery. The provision of affordable housing is likely to address an element of deprivation in the Borough and this option would make it more difficult to deliver the required level up to 2036. An overall mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton Borough which is significantly above the objectively assessed housing need as identified in the HEDNA. The level of housing growth proposed under this option (280 dpa) is high enough to support economic growth in the Borough which has been identified as need between 230–274 dpa, as well as meeting the demographic based need. Therefore, there is likely to be a positive effect on the overall health of Melton's economy and levels of poverty and deprivation amongst local people. The option is also</p>

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				likely to result in a lower proportion of the population being aged over 65 by the end of the plan period compared to Options 1 and 2, which should mean that more people in the Borough are contributing to the local economy. The provision of a level of housing which is higher than the objectively assessed need over the plan period has been identified through work to support the HEDNA as being required to support the provision of a range of social infrastructure. This approach is likely to prevent over-burdening of community services and facilities in Melton. The assessment work undertaken to support the HEDNA has also identified that the affordable housing requirement for the Borough is 70 dpa. The delivery of 280 dpa is required over the plan period if this requirement is to be met in full at 25% affordable housing delivery. As such this option is also likely to address this element of deprivation in Melton over the plan period. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium term and long-term.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	The options are not likely to have a direct effect on crime and community safety. Effects on crime levels and perceptions of personal safety will depend on wider factors, including the design of development sites (e.g. the incorporation of lighting). Incidences of road traffic accidents and levels of pedestrian/cyclist safety will also depend on other factors such as the design and layout of development and the behaviour of individuals. Therefore, negligible effects are likely over the short, medium and long-term for all options.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	-?	-?	<p>The effects of this option on waste generation will depend to some extent on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are on brownfield sites which may offer opportunities for the re-use of existing buildings and materials).</p> <p>Option 1: A lower housing figure, as proposed under this option, would mean that the total amount of household waste generated would be lower compared to the options that propose higher levels of housing development, however per capita waste generation would not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, would instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments. Allowing for a lower level of housing development in the Borough through this option however may mean that it is easier to accommodate a higher proportion of the total development on brownfield sites. Moreover providing for a significantly lower level of development would make requirement for the complete development of the North and South Melton SUEs questionable. Over the plan period a total of 2,377 homes would be provided at Melton Mowbray (when considering a 5% allowance for windfall sites) through this option making use of the distribution pattern set out in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. As the plan allows for 1,700 new homes at the Melton South Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) and 1,500 new homes at the Melton North SUE over the plan period it is unlikely that this option would mean either or both of the SUEs would not be required to be developed upon. This option may however potentially mean that the complete areas of greenfield land at both SUEs are not need for development. Both of these</p>

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				<p>areas contain large tracts of greenfield land and would therefore present limited opportunities for the re-use and recycling of buildings and materials already onsite. Overall, a potential minor positive effect is likely for this option over the short, medium and long- term in comparison to Options 2 and 3, although this is uncertain depending on the specific location of development.</p> <p>Option 2: A higher housing figure than the objectively assessed need, as proposed under this option, may mean that it is more difficult to accommodate a higher proportion of the required development at brownfield sites (although this would be less significant than under Option 3 which proposes an even higher level of growth). This higher level of development will likely mean that development takes place at the North and South Melton SUEs as allocated in the Local Plan. The Melton North and South SUEs would accommodate 1,500 and 1,700 new homes up to 2036 as extensions of Melton Mowbray respectively as a proportion of the total 3,781 new homes (when taking a 5% windfall allowance into consideration) to be accommodated at the settlement as has been set out the Pre-Submission Local Plan. These areas contain large tracts of greenfield land and therefore it is expected that this option would present reduced opportunities to re-use and recycle buildings and materials already onsite. While the total amount of household waste generated would be higher under this option compared to Option 1 and lower than under Option 3, per capita waste generation would not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, would instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments. Overall, a potential minor negative effect is likely for this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain depending on the specific location of development.</p> <p>Option 3: A significantly higher housing figure, as proposed under this option, would mean that the total amount of household waste generated would be higher under this option compared to the options that propose lower levels of housing development, however per capita waste generation would not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, would instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments. Providing for a higher level of housing development over the plan period may mean that it is more difficult to accommodate a higher proportion of development to brownfield sites. This higher level of development will likely mean that development takes place at the North and South Melton SUEs as allocated in the Local Plan. This is particularly evident when considering that the requirement for this higher number of new homes would result in the delivery of 875 additional new homes over the plan period when compared to the delivery currently set out in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. These areas contain large tracts of greenfield land and therefore it is expected that this option would present reduced opportunities to re-use and recycle buildings and materials already onsite. Overall, a potential minor negative effect is likely for this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain depending on the specific location of development.</p>

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	--	++	++	<p>Option 1: The delivery of 154 dpa would be in line with demographic based need with adjustment for affordability but would not be considerate of economic led growth. As such the level of housing growth proposed under this option is not high enough to support economic growth in the Borough, only addressing the need created through natural growth. This approach could therefore have a negative effect on improving the range of businesses and the number and quality of available jobs in the Borough, and supporting economic growth. Further work to support the HEDNA has specifically identified that providing between 230-274 dpa over the plan period would support the delivery of 3,420 jobs. This suggests that failure to provide a higher level of housing in Melton may limit the potential for local economic growth and opportunities to reduce levels of out-commuting from the Borough may be lost. Taking forward this option would also not deliver enough housing to support the delivery of essential infrastructure in the Borough. Work to support the HEDNA has also identified that delivering housing above the objectively assessed need will be required over the plan period to support the provision of services and facilities including broad band as well as transport infrastructure through contributions which will be obtained in relation to housing development. Essential schemes as part of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy (including the northern and southern distributor roads and most notably the Eastern Distributor Road which is expected to support the local economy by easing the movement of goods across Melton Mowbray and opening up new areas of land for employment uses) are also unlikely to be provided if a lower level of housing was to be delivered in Melton. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective over the short, medium and long- term.</p> <p>Option 2: This option would result in a higher housing figure (245 dpa) being taken forward over the plan period. This figure is around the midpoint of the range (230-274 dpa) identified for supporting economic growth which aligns with the Employment Land Study 2015. Further work to support the HEDNA has specifically identified that providing between 230-274 dpa over the plan period would support the delivery of 3,420 jobs. This suggests that providing a higher level of housing in Melton would support local economic growth as well as opportunities to reduce levels of out-commuting from the Borough. Work to support the HEDNA has also identified that delivering housing above the objectively assessed need will be required over the plan period to support the provision of services and facilities including broad band as well as transport infrastructure through contributions which will be obtained in relation to housing development. Essential schemes as part of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy (including the northern and southern distributor roads and most notably the Eastern Distributor Road which is expected to support the local economy by easing the movement of goods across Melton Mowbray and opening up new areas of land for employment uses) will be supported by contributions which result from the provision of a higher level of housing development in Melton. A significant positive effect is therefore expected for this option over the short, medium term, and long-term.</p>

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				<p>Option 3: This option involves delivering a higher level of housing growth than the minimum required, in order to meet the need arising from natural population growth and also supporting economic growth. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to enabling economic growth as a result of the Borough's labour force being stronger. This would have resulting positive effects on the diversity of jobs available and it may result in additional employment development to support further economic growth. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely over the short, medium and long term.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	+	+	<p>Effects on access to healthcare facilities will depend in part on the location of sites that are allocated for housing development in relation to their proximity to GPs and hospitals, or for the potential to bring forward investment in new or existing healthcare facilities as a result of development.</p> <p>Option 1: Providing for a lower level of development over the plan period may result in a reduced risk that existing services and facilities (include healthcare) in Melton will become overburdened. This option however still provides for a high level of development over the plan period. It would not provide for objectively assessed need which has been set at 170 dpa in the HEDNA and instead only allows for the demographic based need in Melton. Further work undertaken in relation to the HEDNA has highlighted that the delivery of housing at levels above the objectively assessed need will be required to improve access to services and facilities in the Borough through contributions related to this new housing development. This is to include healthcare and recreation facilities the provision of which are expected to have beneficial impacts on public health in Melton. As such this option is unlikely to lead to the delivery of these additional services and facilities and therefore a minor negative effect on this objective is likely over the short and particularly medium and long term as existing provisions become overburdened.</p> <p>Option 2: Providing for a higher level of development over the plan period may result in a greater potential for existing services and facilities (include healthcare) in Melton to become overburdened. This option would provide for new housing above the objectively assessed need which has been set at 170 dpa in the HEDNA. Further work undertaken in relation to the HEDNA has highlighted that the delivery of housing at levels above the objectively assessed need will be required to improve access to services and facilities in the Borough through contributions related to this new housing development. This is to include healthcare and recreation facilities the provision of which are expected to have beneficial impacts on public health in Melton. As such this option is likely to support delivery of these additional services and facilities which may help to improve public health and therefore a minor positive effect on this objective is likely over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: Providing for a significant higher level of development over the plan period may result in a greater potential for existing services and facilities (include healthcare) in Melton to become</p>

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				overburdened. This option would provide for new housing above the objectively assessed need which has been set at 170 dpa in the HEDNA. Further work undertaken in relation to the HEDNA has highlighted that the delivery of housing at levels above the objectively assessed need will be required to improve access to services and facilities in the Borough through contributions related to this new housing development. This is to include healthcare and recreation facilities the provision of which are expected to have beneficial impacts on public health in Melton. As such this option is likely to support delivery of these additional services and facilities which may help to improve public health and therefore a minor positive effect on this objective is likely over the short, medium and long term. While this option would provide for more new housing development than Option 2 which might otherwise overburden healthcare facilities in the Borough, it is expected that the delivery of services and infrastructure as a result of contributions related to new housing provision would be proportionate the level of development permitted..
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	0	0	The effects of this option on energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions will depend largely on the design of developments and the onsite practices used. While the overall scale of development will have an effect on overall greenhouse gas emissions from built development, these will occur wherever the development is built. Levels of renewable energy generation and use in particular will depend on design and onsite practices. The effects of the options in relation to emissions from transport are addressed under SA objective 3 above.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	?	?	?	<p>The effects of the options on flood risk will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated, in particular whether they are within higher risk flood zones – there are areas of flood zone 2 and 3 within the Borough, in particular around the River Eye which runs east-west through the Borough and passes through Melton Mowbray. Although both the northern and southern SUEs do contain areas of flood risk zones 2 and 3 within them, in both instances they form a small proportion of the SUE area.</p> <p>While the large-scale housing development that would result from any of the options for the level of growth in Melton is very likely to result in the loss of at least some impermeable surfaces as a result of development on greenfield land, it may be possible to mitigate impacts, for example by incorporating SuDS into the development.</p> <p>Higher levels of housing development (e.g. Options 2 and 3) may mean that it is more difficult to direct development to brownfield land and pressure on greenfield sites may increase, thereby increasing the loss of impermeable surfaces. However, the design and location of development will be the primary determinants of effects, rather than the overall scale of growth in the Borough.</p>

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				Therefore, the effects of all three options are uncertain depending on the above factors.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	0	0	<p>The effects of the options on water quality in Melton will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are in locations where there is capacity in the sewage treatment system to accommodate the development), which have been appraised separately in the Pre-Submission Draft Sustainability Appraisal.</p> <p>While it will be necessary to ensure that sensitive watercourses, source protection zones and aquifers are not adversely affected by new development, the overall scale of housing growth cannot be used to assume the likelihood of affects. Therefore a negligible effect on this objective is expected over the short, medium and long-term for all three options.</p> <p>Effects on the efficient consumption of water (i.e. per capita levels of water consumption) will depend on factors such as peoples' behaviour and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into new developments, rather than the overall scale of development.</p>

Appendix 2

SA matrix for the Melton Mowbray distributor road options

Distributor Road Options

- *Option A: Western Distributor Road*
- *Option B: Eastern Distributor Road*

SA Objectives	Option A	Option B	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	0	As both options would allow for the provision of a distributor road through the Borough, it will not contribute to the amount of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective for both options.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	0	The provision of a new distributor road through the Borough is unlikely to have any effect on local residents' access to education facilities. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective for both options.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+/-	++/-	<p>It is expected that both options would allow for improved access to local employment opportunities and services in Melton Mowbray. It is noted that the provision of such new transport infrastructure may offer opportunities to incorporate improvements to encourage the use of public transport as well walking and cycling. This will be of particular relevance given that public transport connectivity is currently identified as being low. The Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Option Assessment Report (2016) has identified that both options would provide equal opportunities to improve the viability of the public transport network although it is noted that the Eastern Distributor Road (Option B) would provide marginally improved junction performance meaning that public transport services may be improved in terms of their reliability. The improvement of junction performance which might be achieved through Option B may also allow for changes to the town centre as to improve its accessibility to those walking and cycling. It is however expected that the provision of a new distributor road in the Borough may encourage the use of private vehicles given its nature as a route to accommodate a high volume of traffic around Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>As such both options are expected to produce overall mixed effects on this SA objective with the</p>

SA Objectives	Option A	Option B	Justification
			positive effect for Option B expected to be significant. A minor negative effect is also expected for both options.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++/-	++	<p>It is expected that both options would encourage investment in the local economy through the provision of improved connectivity in the Borough and to surrounding economic centres as well as reducing the impact of congestion on journey times. The Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Option Assessment Report (2016) has identified that Option A would provide for improved access to Leicester and Nottingham while Option B would allow for improved access to lesser trafficked destinations such as Peterborough, Oakham and Grantham. Option B would also allow for more journeys to and from the existing industrial area on the eastern side of the town to avoid going through the town completely. The Report has additionally highlighted that Option B would offer relief to more congested junctions with particular benefit to the south of the town centre (e.g. Burton Street and Sherrard Street) being noted.</p> <p>As such both options are expected to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective. The positive effect for Option A is expected to be combined with a minor negative given the reduced impact it is likely to have in term of easing local congestion.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	--?	<p>Both options would result in the development of significant areas of greenfield land and as such impacts on the local landscape are likely to result. The impact of Option B is likely to be significantly negative given that it is located within a small part of area LCZ1, as well as areas LCZ2, LCZ3 and LCZ4 which have medium to high landscape sensitivity as identified in the Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study (2015). Option B would also result in the distributor road passing through the Area of Separation to the north east of Melton Mowbray towards Thorpe Arnold and through the Area of Separation to the south east of Melton Mowbray towards Burton Lazars. Option A would not impinge upon such sensitive landscape given that it would fall within areas LCZ6 and LCZ7. Areas LCZ6 and LCZ7 have medium to low and medium landscape sensitivity respectively. Option A would also not result in the distributor road passing through an Area of Separation. As such the negative effect expected on this SA objective for Option A is likely to be minor.</p> <p>Both effects are recorded as uncertain given that the precise alignment is to be determined at the project stage and will take into account effects on landscape and that it may be possible to incorporate appropriate mitigation as to limit the potential effects on the local landscape.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	--?	Both options would result in the development of a strategic road around Melton Mowbray and as such would likely result in negative impacts on local biodiversity particularly in relation to habitat loss or fragmentation as well increased pollution associated with travel. Of these two options Option B is expected to have the more significant negative effect. The Eastern Distributor Road would pass through or in very close proximity to the River Eye SSSI which is the only national biodiversity designation in close proximity to Melton Mowbray. This option would also result in the

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			<p>new road being provided in close proximity to the Local Wildlife Site at Corfe Wet Graddland. The Eastern Distributor Road would also link to the Northern Distributor Road in close proximity to the Melton Country Park Local Wildlife Site which may result in impacts in terms of the number of vehicles contributing to air pollution and habitat distribution to at this location. Option A would provide for the Western Distributor Road and would be less likely to pass directly through national or local biodiversity designations although it is noted that it would pass close to Local Wildlife Sites at Asfordby Hill as well as a further candidate Local Wildlife Site at this location. As such the negative effect expected on this SA objective for Option A is likely to be minor.</p> <p>Both effects are recorded as uncertain given that the precise alignment is to be determined at the project stage and will take into account effects on biodiversity and that it may be possible to incorporate appropriate mitigation as to limit the potential effects on local biodiversity sites.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	-?	<p>Both options are likely to have impacts on local character, the historic environment in Melton and the significance of the setting of heritage assets in particular. The negative effect expected in relation to this SA objective is likely to be more significant for Option A given that the Western Distributor Road could significantly affect the Scheduled Monument at Sysonby Grange, 450m west of Sysonby Farm. Option B would provide for the Eastern Distributor Road and this route could affect the Listed Buildings in the village of Thorpe Arnold (including Wold House, The Hall, Church Of St Mary The Virgin and Home Farmhouse). The buildings at Thorpe Arnold would be screened from the new road to a certain degree by existing development within the village. Although there are more heritage assets that could be affected by Option B, the indicative alignment of the two options suggests that Option A could have the more significant effect given its proximity to the Scheduled Monument at Sysonby Grange. As such the negative effect expected on this SA objective for Option B is likely to be minor.</p> <p>Both effects are recorded as uncertain given that the precise alignment is to be determined at the project stage and will take into account effects on the historic environment and that it may be possible to incorporate appropriate mitigation as to limit the potential effects on the significance of local heritage assets and that of their settings.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	-	Both options would result in the development of a new strategic road on greenfield land in the Borough. Most of the land affected by the indicative alignment for both options is classified as being of either Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural value with Option A also containing a small portion of Grade 2 agricultural value land to the south west of Melton Mowbray. Both options would pass through sizeable areas of Minerals Consultation Areas which have been identified for sand gravel to the east and west of Melton Mowbray. As such both options may result in the sterilisation or loss of access to mineral resources in the Borough unless worked in advance of development. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective for both options.
9. To promote social	0	0	The provision of a new distributor road around Melton Mowbray would not increase the number of

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inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.			local services and is unlikely to affect the objective of improving social inclusion and cohesion in Melton. Although both routes might help to improve access to local services and facilities this has been addressed separately under SA objective 3 and a negligible effect is therefore recorded on this SA objective for both options.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	The provision of a new distributor road around Melton Mowbray is unlikely to directly affect social deprivation. While both routes might help to improve access to local services and facilities and employment opportunities this has been addressed separately under SA objective 3 and a negligible effect is therefore recorded on this SA objective for both options.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	++	Both options would result in the provision of a new distributor road in the Borough and as such opportunities to improve local road safety are likely to arise. It is generally accepted that the provision of a new purpose built strategic road built to modern standards would be safer than existing older and non-purpose built roads through town. As such a positive effect is expected on this SA objective for both options. The positive effect for Option B is likely to be significant considering that the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Option Assessment Report (2016) has identified that the Eastern Distributor Road would have increased potential to attract more traffic off the old roads through the town which are considered to be less safe.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	The provision of a new distributor road through the Borough is unlikely to affect the rate of recycling in Melton. Such an improvement to the local strategic road infrastructure is unlikely to take place on brownfield land. As such a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective for both options.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++/-	++	It is expected that both options would directly address the need to provide new infrastructure to allow for inward investment in the local economy. The delivery of a new distributor road would allow for improved connectivity in the Borough and to surrounding economic centres as well as reducing the impact of congestion on journey times. The Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Option Assessment Report (2016) has identified that Option A would provide for improved access to the important centres of Leicester and Nottingham while Option B would allow for improved access to lesser trafficked destinations such as Peterborough, Oakham and Grantham. Option B would also allow for more journeys to and from existing industrial area on the eastern side of the town to avoid going through the town completely. The provision of the Eastern Distributor Road would also maximise employment at existing sites by helping to ensure that a greater proportion of the strategic employment site at Asfordby Hill is kept free for new or growing businesses. The Report has additionally highlighted that the Eastern Distributor road would offer relief to more congested junctions with particular benefit to the south of the town centre (e.g. Burton Street and Sherrard

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			<p>Street) being noted.</p> <p>As such both options are expected to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective. The positive effect for Option A is expected to be combined with a minor negative given the reduced impact it is likely to have in terms of easing local congestion.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	The provision of a new distributor road through the Borough would not help to increase the number of healthcare facilities or open spaces and sports facilities in Melton. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective for both options.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+/-	++/-	<p>The provision of a new distributor road may encourage the use of private vehicles given its purpose as a route to accommodate a high volume of traffic around Melton Mowbray. As such this is likely to result in a high volume of greenhouse gases being emitted along such a route. The provision of new transport infrastructure however may offer opportunities to incorporate improvements to encourage the use of public transport as well walking and cycling which would be to the benefit of limiting greenhouse gas emissions. This will be of particular relevance given that public transport connectivity is currently identified as being low in the Borough. The Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Option Assessment Report (2016) has identified that both options would provide equal opportunities to improve the viability of the public transport network although it is noted that the Eastern Distributor Road (Option B) would provide marginally improved junction performance meaning that public transport services may be improved in terms of their reliability. The more significant improvement of junction performance which might be achieved through Option B may also allow for changes to the town centre as to improve its accessibility to those walking and cycling. Option B would also allow for more significant benefits in terms of alleviating congestion given that it would positively affect more local junctions most notably to the south at Burton Street and Sherrard Street for example, minimising the effects on air quality and carbon emissions.</p> <p>As such both options are expected to produce overall mixed effects on this SA objective with the positive effect for Option B expected to be significant. A significant negative effect is also expected for both options.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	-	Both options would result in the construction of a new distributor road greenfield land which would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton and potentially impact upon local drainage patterns and flood risk. Both routes would pass through areas of Flood Zone 3 most notably at River Eye which becomes the River Wreake as it through the town from east to west. Less sizeable areas of Flood Zone 3 are present at the river's tributaries particularly Thorpe Arnold. Many of these areas however currently benefit from flood defences and it is expected that appropriate mitigation could be incorporated as part of any new strategic road infrastructure. A

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	minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective for both options.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	0	The provision of a new distributor road is unlikely to impact upon water quality in Melton, assuming that safeguards are incorporated into the design to address surface water run-off and pollution control including fuel spillages and salt spraying in winter conditions. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective for both options.

Appendix 3

SA matrices for additional sites (including reasonable alternatives considered as part of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments 2017)

MBC/002/17 (Land east of A606, Ab Kettleby)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Ab Kettleby Community Primary School is located within 435m to the west of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and	--?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Ab Kettleby and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Ab

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		Kettleby East in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹² commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly exposed character of this landscape on sloping, undulating landform beyond the edge of the settlement defined by the A606 and structural vegetation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is mostly greenfield (it is recognised that a farm building is contained at the south western corner of the site) and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to

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secure economic inclusion.		education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains mostly greenfield land (it is recognised that a farm building is present at the south western corner of the site); therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	A PRoW runs along the northern edge of the site. The site is also located within 300m of the cemetery at St James Church which is to the south west and may provide opportunities for walking. However, the village of Ab Kettleby does not have a healthcare facility and there are no sports facilities in close proximity of the site. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is mostly greenfield land (it is recognised that there is a farm building at the south western corner of the site); therefore a

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extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/008/17 (Land off Quorn Avenue, Ab Kettleby)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 45 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. Ab Kettleby Community Primary School is located within 65m to the north of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services nearby but is not located within 400m of the bus stop in question; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site. The site has public transport services which operate more frequently than 2 hourly nearby but is not located within 400m of the bus stop in question. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the western edge of Ab Kettleby and has been identified as being mostly within the LCZ3: Ab Kettleby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the generally integrated and defined historic settlement edge and intact historic features and landscape patterns. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has mostly been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality (a small portion of the site to the west contains both Grade 3a and Grade 3b agricultural land). A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	A PRoW is accessible within 105m of the site to the south and this route runs to the north west to connect to Main Road. A further PRoW can be accessed within 170m to the east of the site at Chapel Lane. The site is also located within 185m of the cemetery at St James Church which is to the east and may provide opportunities for walking and quiet contemplation. However, the village of Ab Kettleby does not have a healthcare facility and there are no sports facilities in close proximity of the site. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/028/17 (Land to the south of the Welby Road/A6006 roundabout, Asfordby Hill)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 40 to 50 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Asfordby Hill Primary School is located within 135m to the north of the site. As such a significant positive effect is</p>

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to education.		expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site. The site however has public transport services which operate more frequently than 1 hourly within 400m of the bus stop in question. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Asfordby Hill and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Asfordby Hill South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹³ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development. In this area the riverine landscape forms an area sensitive to development but this is offset by more eroded valley side landscape pattern with the valley crests displaying settlement edge influences. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.

¹³ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	---?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 400m of Asfordby Hill Local Wildlife Site which is to the north west. Welby mine site and stream candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 620m of the site also to the north west. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+/-	The site is located within 30m of a Minerals Consultation Area which has been identified for sand gravel and therefore a minor negative effect is likely in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is mostly brownfield land with the pockets of greenfield land present identified as Grade 3b agricultural land. An overall mixed effect (uncertain minor positive/minor negative) is therefore likely on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and employment (SA objective 4). Overall, a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide and its access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site contains mostly brownfield land; therefore development at this location may encourage the re-use of existing buildings and materials already onsite. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is uncertain dependent upon what materials or buildings might currently be present.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. The site is located within 80m of an amenity greenspace at Welby Road to the north west. Church Lane/Main Road amenity greenspace is located within 255m of the site to the south west and a children's play area is provided within this space. A Crompton Road Play Area is located within 165m of the site also to the north west. Melton Road provides access to football pitches within 335m of the site to the north west. The closest PRoW to the site is accessible within 255m to the north west at West Side. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility and the village of Asfordby Hill does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. Overall a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) and is mostly on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
efficient use of water resources.		
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: sustainable transport and 10: social deprivation. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of enhancement and/or mitigation , which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/005/17 (Land north of Pasture Lane, Gaddesby)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for less than 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within 600m of a school. The village of Gaddesby however contains Gaddesby Primary School at Ashby Road which may provide new residents with a relatively good level of access to education facilities. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the northern edge of Gaddesby and has been identified as being within the LCZ1: Gaddesby North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the sense of separation of the LCZ from the settlement edge and open landscape character. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Rose Cottage Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located adjacent to the site to the north. Ditch Meadow Local Wildlife Site is located within 75m of the site to the north east. The site is also located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located on land which has been identified as a Minerals Consultation Area for gypsum and therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a agricultural quality. A significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to both potential housing provision and access to education (SA objectives 1 and 2), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities and the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	A PRoW is adjacent to the site to the south. A further PRoW can be accessed within 20m of the site to the south on the other side of Pasture Lane. The site is also located within 140m of Paske Avenue Play Area which is to the south west. However, the village of Gaddesby does not have a healthcare facility and there are no sports facilities in close proximity of the site. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: No potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to any of the SA objectives. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: efficient use of land and minerals. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/003/17 (Land off Burdett Close, Great Dalby)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 to 15 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Great Dalby County Primary School is located within 200m to the west of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Great Dalby and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Great Dalby East in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the contained nature of the field pattern and predominantly well integrated settlement edge within the tranquil, intimate landscape. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species.. Wash Dyke Meadow Local Wildlife Site is located within 240m of the site to the east. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a or

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		Grade 3b agricultural quality. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Great Dalby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health	0/--?	The site is located adjacent to a PRoW to the south. A number of other PRoWs run within 90m of the site also to the south. One of these PRoWs passes within the boundaries of the site meaning this use may be lost dependent upon the

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inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		design of any proposal which might come forward. Corner Field Cricket Pitches are located within 280m of the site to the west. St Swithin's Churchyard is also located within 130m of the site to the west meaning there may be opportunities for interested levels of activity and walking for residents at nearby locations. However, the village of Great Dalby does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Great Dalby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: efficient use of land and resources and 14: health (as part of an overall mixed effect). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/012/17 (Land south of Colston Lane, Harby)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 13 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Harby Church Of England Primary School is located within 380m to the east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	<p>The site is located in Harby and has been identified as being within the LCZ 4: Harby Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the generally medium scale and intact landscape present that experiences a level of intrusion from modern farming practices. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species.. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural quality. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within 240m of allotment gardens at Nether Street which may allow for increased levels of activity among residents. A PRoW which leads to Main Street to the east is also located within 135m to the south east of the site. However, the village of Harby does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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resources.		<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education 9:social cohesion, 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect) and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: efficient use of land and resources. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>

MBC/010/17 (Land west of Harby Lane, Hose)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 to 20 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Hose Church of England Primary School is located within 420m to the south of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation,	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within 200m of an existing employment site at Electro Motion the site also has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a

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promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ6: Hose North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ6 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact landscape character with evidence of historic landscape elements within an expansive, open landscape balanced with the simplicity of landscape pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural quality. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and employment (SA objective 4). Overall, a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide and its access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/-?	The site is located within 65m of Hose Baptist Churchyard to the south, as well as being within 255m of Canal Road Allotments to the south west and within 300m of Hose Village Green Play Area and Hose Village Green Amenity both of which are to the south. Two PRoWs runs to the site's northern edge and these might be used to undertake more activity journeys in the locality. These PRoWs pass within the boundaries of the site however meaning that these uses might be lost dependent upon the design of any development proposal which might come forward. The village of Hose does not have a healthcare facility. An overall mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: efficient use of land and resources and 14: health (as part of an overall mixed effect). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/027/17 (Extension of HOS1, Hose)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 15 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. Hose Church of England Primary School is located within 360m to the south of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ6: Hose North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ6 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact landscape character with evidence of historic landscape elements within an expansive, open landscape balanced with the simplicity of landscape pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in

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resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural quality. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within 145m of Hose Baptist Churchyard to the east, as well as being within 150m of Canal Road Allotments to the south west and within 270m of Hose Village Green Play Area and Hose Village Green Amenity both of which are to the south. A PRoW passes adjacent to the site to the west. However, the village of Hose does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect) and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: efficient use of land and resources. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/026/17 (Land off Waltham Lane, Long Clawson)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for less than 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Long Clawson Church Of England Primary School is located within 475m to the west of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	<p>The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study¹⁴ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. In addition, it is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study states in the assessment of overall sensitivity of the landscape character zone which this site lies within, that the</p>

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		settlement edge in this area is prominent. Therefore, sympathetic new development may offer opportunities to improve this. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate

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safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.		lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located within 325m of Long Clawson Medical Practice which is to the west. Two areas of allotments are located within 50m to the west and within 175m to the north of the site respectively. Two children's play areas are located to the west of the site within 315m on East End and within 325m on The Sands respectively. The closest PRoW to the site is located within 50m to the north on East End. As such the site would provide access to healthcare facilities as well as a number of open spaces and a PRoW which might help to encourage increased levels of activities among residents. A significant positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect), 14: health and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/021/17 (Top End Cattle Market, Melton Mowbray)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 18 to 19 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The Grove Primary School is located within 585m to the south west of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job

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economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within walking distance of an existing employment site at Snow Hill. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁵ . As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to this biodiversity feature may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within or in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on brownfield land and as such allowing for residential development at this location would not result in a loss of high quality agricultural land. Overall a significant positive effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive score respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1). A significant positive score was also given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site contains brownfield land; therefore development at this location may encourage the re-use of existing buildings and materials given the likelihood of the present of such materials at brownfield sites. As such an uncertain minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. The site is located within 25m and 105m of the Crescent Play Area and the Crescent Allotments respectively which are both to the north. The closest amenity greenspace to the site is located within 240m to the north west at Ash Grove Amenity. St Mary's Way park and garden is located within 510m of the site to the south east. Football pitches at Melton Country Park are located within 600m of the site to the east. The closest PRoW to the site is located within 310m to the south west where it joins Nottingham Road. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility although it is recognised that Melton Mowbray provides access to a number of GP surgeries as well as a hospital. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy	++	The site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to

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efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) and is brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: sustainable transport, 4: employment, 8: efficient use of land and resources, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation, and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/022/17 (Burton Street, Melton Mowbray)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. Saint Francis Catholic Primary School is located within 385m to the south west of the site and The Grove Primary School is located within 540m of the site to the north west. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA

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to education.		objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within walking distance of an existing employment site at Saxby Road Area. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶ . As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	The site is has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as likely to have potential adverse impact on the historic environment where appropriate mitigation is unlikely; therefore a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend to some extent on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within or in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on brownfield land and as such allowing for residential development at this location would not result in a loss of high quality agricultural land. Overall a significant positive effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive score respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1). A significant positive score was also given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site contains brownfield land; therefore development at this location may encourage the re-use of existing buildings and materials given the likelihood of the present of such materials at brownfield sites. As such an uncertain minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. St Mary's Parish Church Amenity is the closest area of open space to the site and is located within 70m to the north on Burton Street. New Park at Priors Close is located within 90m of the site to the east. The closest children's play area is located within 105m to the south west at Play Close Skate Park. Access to a civic space is provided at Market Place which is located within 155m of the site to the north west. A PRoW runs along the western boundary of the site and this provides access to New Park. The site is also located within 280m of Latham House Medical Practice which is to the north east. A significant positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site is located on brownfield land however 93.6% of this land is located in Flood Zone 3a. The site does not fall within Flood Zone 3b. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: sustainable transport, 4: employment, 8: efficient use of land and resources, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation, 14: health and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 7: historic environment and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/023/17 (Pavilion Site, Willow Drive, Melton Mowbray)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 13 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The Brownlow Primary School is located within 235m to the south east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within walking distance of an existing employment site. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁷ . As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located between 250m and 1km from an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 335m of Melton Country Park Local Wildlife Site to the north. The Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study shows that the country park is of importance for local species. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features and designations may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within or in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is however located on mostly greenfield land (it is recognised that the site contains a hard standing and a small number of buildings to the south). The site has been identified as being on urban land. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive score respectively in relation to access to

¹⁷ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report

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secure economic inclusion.		education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1). A significant positive score was also given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of mostly greenfield land (it is recognised that a hard standing and a small number of buildings are present to the south); therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+/-?	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. The site is located within 140m of a children's play area at Melton Country Park Trim Trail to the east. Allotments are located within 350m of the site to the north east at Doctors Lane. Thorpe Road Cemetery is located within 460m of the site to the east and may provide additional opportunities for walking to new residents. The closest PRoW to the site is located within 55m to the south at Jubilee Way. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility although it is recognised that Melton Mowbray provides access to a number of GP surgeries as well as a hospital. The site however is located on land which contains football pitches at Melton Country Park and this use might be lost as a result of development dependent upon the design of any proposal which might come forward. An overall mixed effect (minor positive/uncertain significant negative) is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (60.7% of the site is located within Flood Zone 2 and 39.3% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but is mostly greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: sustainable transport, 4: employment, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation, and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objective and 14: health (as part of an overall mixed effect). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/001/17 (Land south of Station Road, Old Dalby)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for less than 20 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Old Dalby Church Of England Primary School is located within 195m to the west of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Old Dalby and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Old dalby East in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the well integrated settlement edge defined by the mature tree line along Paradise Lane, associated with the historic core of the village. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 425m of Sidings Local Wildlife Site to the south east. As such the close proximity of the site to the identified biodiversity feature and its relatively close proximity to the identified biodiversity designation may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	The site is has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as likely to have potential adverse impact on the historic environment where appropriate mitigation is unlikely; therefore a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend to some extent on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.

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8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is located within Minerals Consultation Area which has been designated for sand gravel. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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economic growth.		
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. The site is located within 160m of Longcliff Hill Cemetery which may provide for improved walking opportunities to residents to the west. Church Lane/Main Road amenity greenspace is located within 255m of the site to the south west and a children's play area is provided within this space. Additional amenity greenspace is located at Derdale Hill within 460m to the east of the site. The closest PRoW to the site runs along its eastern boundary joining Station Road to the north. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility and the village of Old Dalby does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. Overall a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect), and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, and 7: historic environment. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/004/17 (Land west of Longcliff House, Old Dalby)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 to 15 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Old Dalby Church Of England Primary School is located within 230m to the south east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services nearby but is not located within 400m of the bus stop in question; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site. The site has public transport services which operate more frequently than 2 hourly nearby but is not located within 400m of the bus stop in question. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and	--?	The site is located towards the north-western edge of Old Dalby and has been identified as being within the LCZ6: Old Dalby Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned

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character of the landscape.		by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the simple character of the landscape pattern combined with the expansive views across the prominent slopes. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is located within 425m of Sidings Local Wildlife Site to the south east. As such the close proximity of the site to the identified biodiversity features and the relatively close proximity of the site to the identified biodiversity site may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
		employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/-?	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. Amenity greenspace is located at Derdale Hill within 85m to the south of the site. Old Dalby Cricket Club is to the south east of the site within 230m. The closest children's play area is provided at Church Lane Play which is to the south east of the site within 335m. Access to a PRoW which runs to the north is provided at the northern boundary of the site. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility and the village of Old Dalby does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. Additionally a PRoW passes within the boundaries of the site meaning that dependent upon the design of any proposal which might come forward this current use may be lost as a result of development. Overall a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect), and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, and 14: health (as part of an overall mixed effect). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/030/17 (Extension of OLD2, Old Dalby)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 80 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is not located within 600m of a school. The village of Old Dalby however contains Old Dalby Church Of England Primary School at Longcliff Hill which may provide new residents with a relatively good level of access to education facilities. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services nearby but is not located within 400m of the bus stop in question; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within walking distance (600m) of existing employment sites at Old Dalby Trading Estate and Crown Business Park. The site has public transport services which operate more frequently than 2 hourly nearby but is not located within 400m of the bus stop in question. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁸ . As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. Siding Local Wildlife Site is also located adjacent to the site to the south. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity designations and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.

¹⁸ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1). A minor positive score was also given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a minor positive is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and also the level of housing that the site may provide as well as the relatively good level of access the site would provide to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote	0	The site is located within close proximity of a number of PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. The closest PRoW to the site runs within 195m of its north western corner at Station Road. Another PRoW can be accessed on Station Road within 275m to the west of the site. There is also access to a further PRoW

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healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		within 275m of the site to the south and this route eventually links to Six Hills Lane. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility and the village of Old Dalby does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 9: social cohesion, and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/018/17 (Land south of Melton Road, Scalford)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning,	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and

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enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Scalford Church of England Primary School is located within 170m to the east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as within 400m of a bus stop however services provided at this location are limited; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site is located within 400m of a bus stop which provides some limited services. Overall a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Scalford and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Scalford South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ2 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the largely intact landscape character, the presence of historic landscape elements and intricacy of landscape scale and pattern that would be sensitive to residential development. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The candidate Local Wildlife Site at Melton to Bingham disused railway line - south of Melton to Scalford Rd is located within 365m to the west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features and designations may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Scalford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. Cemeteries can be accessed at St Egelwin's Churchyard and at Scalford Cemetery to the east and west of the site within 160m and 175m respectively and these locations may provide improved walking opportunities for new residents. An amenity greenspace is located within 325m at Sandy Lane Recreational Ground which also provides access to a children's play area. There are allotments located within 375m of the site to the north east at Sandy Lane. The closest PRoW to the site is located to the south within 60m of the site and this runs to the east towards South Street. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility and the village of Scalford does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Scalford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect), and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/006/17 (Land north of Stathern, Stathern)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 15 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Stathern Primary School is located within 325m to the south of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the northern edge of Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Stathern North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁹ commissioned by the Council. LCZ2 has a medium to low sensitivity to residential development due to the generally expansive nature of the landscape with few vulnerable features and a poorly integrated settlement edge, although areas of original vernacular settlement edge would be more sensitive by virtue of their intactness. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 425m of Sidings Local Wildlife Site to the south east. The site is located within 15m of Moor Lane pond candidate Local Wildlife Site to the north). As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features and designations may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.

¹⁹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is at the edge of Strathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. An area of allotments is located within 35m to the south of the site at Penn Lane. The closest area of amenity greenspace is located within 320m of the site to the south at Water Lane. A children's play area is provided adjacent to this amenity greenspace at Stathern Play Area. Access to PRoWs is provided towards the eastern and western corners of the site. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility and the village of

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		Strathern does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. Additionally a number of PROWs pass within the boundaries of the site meaning that dependent upon the design of any proposal which might come forward these current uses may be lost as a result of development. Overall a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Strathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect), and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, and 14: health (as part of an overall mixed effect). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/029/17 (Extension of STAT1, Stathern)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 65 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Stathern Primary School is located within 125m to the east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	<p>The site is located towards the south western edge of Stathern and has been identified as being within the LCZ 1: Stathern West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study²⁰ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to its lower elevation and the relative simplicity of the landscape character displayed. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.</p>

²⁰ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 425m of Sidings Local Wildlife Site to the south east. The site is located within 25m of Rundle Beck Willows potential Local Wildlife Site to the north west. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features and designations may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is mostly greenfield land (it is recognised that a sizeable barn is located at the north eastern corner of the site) and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is at the edge of Strathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of mostly greenfield land (it is recognised that there is a sizeable barn towards the north eastern corner of the site); therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. Water Lane amenity greenspace is located within 140m of the site to the east and a children's play area is adjacent to this location. The closest area of amenity greenspace is located within 320m of the site to the south at Water Lane. Penn Lane allotments are located within 215m to the north of the site. The closest PRoW to the site is located within 50m to the south east at Mill Hill. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility and the village of Strathern does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Strathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--	The site is located on brownfield land however 9.2% of this land is within Flood Zone 3b. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social cohesion, 10: social deprivation (as part of an overall mixed effect), and 15: greenhouse gases. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

Appendix 4

SA matrices showing updated likely effects for policies following focussed changes

Policy SS2: Development strategy

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	++	The Leicester and Leicestershire Housing & Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) (2017) has identified the policy off assessment of housing requirement for the Borough as 4,250 dwellings. Further assessment work undertaken through the Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough report (2017) demonstrates that there is clear justification for planning for between 5,750 and 7,000 dwellings over the plan period. As such by requiring for at least 6,125 new homes over the plan period this policy will ensure that housing requirements for Melton are met over the plan period. Housing will be mainly focussed at Melton Mowbray (the Main Urban Area) but will also be delivered at smaller settlements (the Service Centres and Rural Hubs as well as the Rural Settlements) to meet local needs. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++/-	++/-	The development of at least 6,125 new homes over the plan period could put strain on existing schools and colleges; however the policy specifies that development will be expected to contribute positively to the contribution of key infrastructure to support the Borough's growing population and economy, which is taken to include education facilities. Focussing most of the new housing at Melton Mowbray, followed by Service Centres and Rural Hubs, should ensure that most new residents have good access to the schools and colleges that are mainly concentrated in those larger settlements. However, continuing to focus most development at Melton Mowbray where approximately 65% of the Borough's need will be provided may mean that potential opportunities to improve access to education facilities in rural areas are reduced. If population growth is centred at Melton Mowbray there will be less of an increase in support for rural schools, although the development strategy does allow for some limited development in rural areas and some of the site allocations policies in the Local Plan make provision for increasing capacity at local schools. Overall, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	++	The development strategy involves locating most development at Melton Mowbray (the Main Urban Area) which is likely to have a significant positive effect on enabling people to use sustainable transport. Journeys to work and access services and facilities are likely to be shorter and therefore more easily undertaken on foot or by bicycle and public transport services in the Melton Mowbray area are better than in the more rural parts of the Borough. This is particularly likely to be the case because up to 31 hectares of additional employment land by 2036 is also to be provided in Melton Mowbray. The policy also specifies that development at Melton Mowbray will be expected to contribute positively to the provision of key infrastructure including traffic relief, which may involve improvements to sustainable transport links. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the	++	++	The policy provides for the development of some 51 hectares of employment land to meet local needs between 2011 and 2036. Most of this employment land will be located at Melton Mowbray (up to 31 hectares) which should mean that the jobs created are accessible for most people and can be reached via public transport. The development of new employment sites which are assumed to be of high quality should encourage investment and result in the delivery of jobs to meet the needs of the growing population. A significant positive effect on this

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
needs of the community.			objective is therefore likely.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+/-?	+/-?	<p>The development strategy set out in this policy focuses most new development at Melton Mowbray. In the open countryside beyond the settlements identified as Service Centres and those villages identified as Rural Hubs, development will be restricted to that which is necessary and appropriate. Minimising the extent of development in rural areas may help to preserve the character of villages and the quality of rural landscapes. However, while directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer good opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites at the town, it will also result in the loss of greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray and landscape sensitivity around Melton Mowbray is generally medium or high. Therefore, a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is identified for this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on the specific location of development at Melton Mowbray and elsewhere in relation to the areas of highest landscape sensitivity (site allocations have been subject to SA separately) and on the design of the development and the incorporation of mitigation measures.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+/-?	+/-?	<p>The large-scale development proposed through this policy could result in disturbance or damage to biodiversity and geodiversity; however effects will depend more on the specific location of the development in relation to areas of biodiversity and geodiversity value rather than its overall distribution within the Borough (site allocations have been subject to SA separately).</p> <p>While directing most development to Melton Mowbray (approximately 65% of the Borough's housing need) may offer good opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites within the town, thereby avoiding habitat loss on greenfield sites, it will also result in large-scale development on greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray. It is also noted that brownfield sites within the town may harbour valuable biodiversity.</p> <p>While directing most growth to Melton Mowbray would steer the majority of development away from the SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites located elsewhere in the Borough, there are a number of Local Wildlife Site around the town, including the large Melton Country Park Local Wildlife Site to the north and Bull Field and Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings in the west. In addition, some level of development will still take place in and around the smaller settlements where there are also sites of biodiversity and geodiversity value. At the smaller Rural Settlements the remaining proportion of the Borough's need is to be accommodated as 'windfall' sites. While this approach may not identify sites for development which are less sensitive in terms of biodiversity or geodiversity value, the requirement that development must be of a smaller size (three dwellings or less at Rural Settlements in line with Policy SS3) and sustainable in accordance with the further criteria of Policy SS3 should help to reduce negative impacts.</p> <p>It will be important for development sites at Melton Mowbray and elsewhere to be considered carefully in relation to the potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity features (this has been addressed at the strategic level through the SA of site allocations). New development may also offer good opportunities to incorporate</p>

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			biodiversity enhancements wherever it is located, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure. Therefore, the overall effects of this option are mixed (minor positive and significant negative) and are currently uncertain, depending on the design and specific location of development.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	--?	<p>The large-scale development proposed through this policy could result in impacts on cultural heritage assets and their settings. Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray (approximately 65% of the Borough's housing need) could help to preserve the historic character of the rural villages although this policy does still direct some development to the smaller settlements. At the smaller Rural Settlements the remaining proportion of the Borough's need is to be accommodated as 'windfall' sites. While this approach may not identify sites for development which are less sensitive in terms of local heritage assets and their settings, the requirement that development must be of a smaller size (three dwellings or less at Rural Settlements in line with Policy SS3) and sustainable in accordance with the further criteria of Policy SS3 should help to reduce negative impacts.</p> <p>Overall the effects of development will depend mainly on its specific location, rather than its broad distribution, in particular the proximity of development to sensitive heritage features (site allocations have been subject to SA separately). There is a cluster of listed buildings in the centre of Melton Mowbray which could be affected by nearby development. While there are fewer heritage features outside of the town centre, there are a number of scattered listed buildings as well as two Scheduled Monuments – Sysonby Grange and Medieval Settlement Remains – to the north west and south west of Melton Mowbray respectively, which may be affected by nearby development, particularly if it is large in scale. There are also designated and undesignated heritage features at the smaller settlements that could be affected by development. Therefore, an overall significant negative effect is identified although this is currently uncertain depending on the design of development and its specific location, particularly the location of the development that comes forward outside of Melton Mowbray. It is also recognised that high quality new development may offer the opportunity to enhance the setting of nearby heritage features.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	--?	<p>The large-scale development proposed through this policy will inevitably result in the loss of greenfield land, and considering the extent of high quality agricultural land in the Borough, it is likely that there will be loss of land which is Grade 3a or higher.</p> <p>While directing most development to Melton Mowbray (approximately 65% of the Borough's housing need) may offer some opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites within the town, thereby avoiding development on greenfield land, it would also result in large-scale development on greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray. Most of the land around Melton Mowbray is Grade 3 agricultural land (some of which is Grade 3a) although there are also areas of Grade 2 land, particularly to the north west, north east and south east of the town. Development in those areas could therefore have particularly negative effects. Two of the Minerals Consultation Areas in the Borough are adjacent to Melton Mowbray, to the east and west of the town. Development in those locations could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals resources. There are also areas of high quality agricultural land in and around the smaller settlements of the Borough which could be lost as the policy directs.</p>

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			<p>some limited development there, and opportunities for infill development on brownfield land at smaller villages likely to be more limited. At the smaller Rural Settlements the remaining proportion of the Borough's need is to be accommodated as 'windfall' sites. While this approach may not identify sites for development which will result in the loss of higher quality agricultural land, the requirement for development to be of a smaller size (three dwellings or less at Rural Settlements in line with Policy SS3) and sustainable in accordance with the further criteria of Policy SS3 should help to reduce negative impacts.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative effect on this objective is therefore likely although this is uncertain depending on the eventual location of development at Melton Mowbray and elsewhere, in relation to the areas of highest quality agricultural land and Minerals Consultation Zones (site allocations have been subject to SA separately).</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++/-	++/-	<p>Given that this policy would provide for approximately 65% of the Borough's residential need at Melton Mowbray it is expected that more people would be able to access the services and facilities that are mainly located there, particularly benefitting people without access to a car. Focussing the population growth at the town could also stimulate the provision of new services and facilities there and the policy specifies that development at Melton Mowbray will be expected to contribute positively to the provision of key infrastructure which is taken to include community services and facilities. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely. However, directing most development to Melton Mowbray would also compound access-related issues for people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities in those areas are reduced, although some limited development through 'windfall' sites is still directed to the smaller settlements under this policy. Village vitality may also be detrimentally affected as more activity is concentrated in Melton Mowbray. Therefore, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely overall.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	+/-	<p>The development of some 51 hectares of employment land between 2011 and 2036 will help to reduce poverty and economic exclusion by providing jobs to meet the needs of the growing population. Focussing most new development at Melton Mowbray where up to 31 hectares of additional employment land is to be provided by 2036 is likely to mean that there is reduced support for rural services and facilities and reduced village vitality which would increase social deprivation and exclusion in rural areas; however focussing development at Melton Mowbray would improve social inclusion for the concentration of people living in and around the town. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	<p>The amount and distribution of development in Melton Borough would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Instead, effects will be determined by factors such as the design of development, e.g. the incorporation of lighting which can improve perception of safety at night.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste	-?	-?	<p>The development of at least 6,125 new homes and some 51 hectares of employment land between 2011 and 2036 will inevitably result in an overall increase in waste generation, although per capita waste generation will not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, will instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation</p>

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materials.			sustainable waste management systems within new developments. The effects of development on waste generation will depend to some extent on the location of sites that are allocated for development (i.e. whether they are on brownfield land which may offer opportunities for the re-use of existing buildings and materials) as the allocated sites have been subject to SA separately. However, focussing most development at Melton Mowbray would require the development of an urban extension on greenfield land; therefore opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials are less likely to exist and a minor negative effect is likely overall.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	++	The overall housing figure planned for through this policy is above the objective assessment of need set out in HEDNA (4,250 dwellings) but is considerate of the requirement for between 5,750 and 7,000 dwellings over the plan period as identified in the Towards a Housing Requirement for Melton Borough report (2017). As such this level of housing development is higher than the minimum required, in order to meet the need arising from natural population growth and would also help to support economic growth. Therefore, a positive effect is likely in relation to enabling economic growth as a result of the Borough's labour force being stronger. This would have resulting positive effects on the diversity of jobs available. In addition, focussing most development at Melton Mowbray (at least 3,980 homes and up to 31 hectares of additional employment land to be provided here by 2036) may help to reduce traffic congestion as more people can walk, cycle and use public transport day to day and this may have an indirect positive effect on creating conditions to enable economic growth. The policy also requires that development at Melton Mowbray contributes positively to the provision of key infrastructure which is to include traffic relief and would support the growth of the local population and economy. Overall a significant positive effect is likely.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-	++/-	The development of at least 6,125 new homes over the plan period could put strain on existing healthcare facilities; however the policy specifies that development will be expected to contribute positively to the contribution of key infrastructure, which is taken to include health-related infrastructure such as GP places. Locating most development (approximately 65% of the Borough's housing need and 31 hectares of employment land) at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be shorter. This is likely to help increase levels of physical activity day to day. Access to healthcare facilities may also be improved for new residents, as most of the GPs and other medical facilities in the Borough are located in the town. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely. However, directing most development to Melton Mowbray would also compound issues of access to such facilities for people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new facilities (including healthcare facilities) in those areas are lost. Therefore, a minor (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the	++	++	The scale of development proposed through this policy will inevitably result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, although the extent to which new development is energy efficient and may incorporate renewable energy generation and use would be determined by design and people's behaviour rather than the spatial distribution of the development.

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Borough.			<p>Locating most development (approximately 65% of the Borough's housing need and up to 31 hectares of employment land) at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there via sustainable modes of transport e.g. on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be shorter. There are also better public transport links in and around the town compared with more rural areas of the Borough where levels of car use would be likely to be much higher. This would have a significant positive effect on levels of emissions and air quality, particularly because the policy specifies that development at Melton Mowbray will be expected to contribute positively to the provision of key infrastructure within the town, including traffic relief which may include the provision of improved sustainable transport links locally.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-?	-?	<p>The provision of at least 6,125 new homes and approximately 51 hectares of employment land over the plan period is likely to result in the loss of a large area of greenfield land thereby increasing the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough which would contribute to an increase in local flood risk. Furthermore, although focussing most development (approximately 65% of the Borough's housing need and up to 31 hectares of employment land) at Melton Mowbray may result in some level of development proceeding at brownfield sites, it is still likely to result in the loss of permeable greenfield land as it would not be possible to deliver all development required through infill development at brownfield sites alone. There are fairly extensive areas of flood zones 2 and 3 in Melton Mowbray, around the River Eye which runs through the town from east to west. Therefore, focussing most development at the town may mean that it is more difficult to steer development away from high flood risk areas and a potential minor negative effect is identified. However, this is uncertain depending on the exact location of development. It is also noted that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation such as SuDS into new development.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	?	?	<p>The scale of development proposed through this policy (at least 6,125 new homes and approximately 51 hectares of employment land) will inevitably involve an increase in demand for water resources although there would not necessarily be a per capita increase. The effects of development on the efficient use of water resources will depend on the design of the development and behaviour of people, rather than the spatial distribution of development within the Borough.</p> <p>Focussing most of the Borough's development (approximately 65% of the Borough's housing need and up to 31 hectares of employment land) at Melton Mowbray may place particularly increased pressure on the sewage treatment works serving the town. Information about existing capacity at the sewage treatment works is not currently available; however it is assumed that any upgrades to the capacity that may be required would be delivered as part of the development proposals, particularly because the policy specifies that development at Melton Mowbray would be expected to contribute positively to the provision of key infrastructure. There is a Source Protection Zone in Melton Mowbray, although this is in the centre of the town, away from the greenfield land around the edge of the town where large-scale development would need to be focussed. The likely effect</p>

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
			this objective is therefore uncertain.

Policy SS3: Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites)

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	+	The policy provides for small-scale housing development outside of allocated sites where it would meet an identified local need. Given that the policy addresses development at the rural settlements outside of the main urban area and that such development is to be of an appropriate scale it is considered likely that a small-scale of development would result from the policy. The policy is also relatively restrictive in terms of the criteria that proposals must adhere to meaning that a minor rather than significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	+	This policy permits small-scale housing development outside of allocated sites where it would be served by sustainable infrastructure or would provide new infrastructure or services to the wider benefit of the settlement. This is taken to include education infrastructure such as school places and so the policy could help to support small rural schools through appropriate new development. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+/-	+/-	This policy could result in the development of housing outside of allocated sites which may be in less sustainable locations in terms of access to sustainable transport. However, the effects of any such development on transport patterns would depend on its specific location which is not yet known. In addition, the policy only permits this type of development where it would in keeping with the scale of the host settlement and would be served by sustainable infrastructure or would provide new infrastructure or services to the wider benefit of the settlement – this is taken to include sustainable transport infrastructure. As such development supported through this policy may help to limit the potential for overloading of existing transport infrastructure. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	+	The policy permits development outside of allocated sites where it would provide economic development to meet local needs, subject to other criteria being met. New economic development is to be provided in line with Policy EC2. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely as the policy could increase employment opportunities in more rural parts of the Borough.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	+/-	+/-	This policy could result in the development of housing outside of allocated sites which may be in less appropriate locations in terms of their impacts on the landscape. However, any development resulting from the policy would be of a small-scale (the policy allows for up to 10 dwellings at such

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landscape.			proposals and requires that new development is to be provided as to be in keeping with the scale and character of the host settlement) and it would only be permitted where it respects the Borough's landscape and settlement character and the design of the development is in line with Policy D1. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	+	Any development resulting from this policy would only be permitted where it respects ecological and biodiversity features and where appropriate provides mitigation to prevent any potential harm. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+	Any development resulting from this policy would only be permitted where it respects heritage features and provides mitigation to prevent any potential harm. The policy is expected to help protect local established character within Melton as it requires that new development at unallocated sites is to be provided as to be in keeping with the scale and character of the host settlement. The policy also requires development outside of allocated sites to be of a design which conforms to Policy D1 meaning the setting of local heritage assets and the character of local settlements should be protected. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	+?	The policy requires proposals for small-scale development outside of allocated sites to not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land where possible. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely although there is uncertainty attached due to the fact that in some circumstances the loss of high quality land may be permitted.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	++	The policy permits small-scale housing development which is in keeping with the scale and character of the host settlement at which it is provided. This development would be delivered to locations beyond allocated sites where it would enhance the sustainability of such host settlements. The policy includes a requirement that new development of this type should be well served by infrastructure or will provide new infrastructure or services to the benefit of the host settlement. Therefore, the policy should help to support and improve services in the rural parts of the Borough and a significant positive effect is likely.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	The policy permits small-scale housing development outside of allocated sites where it would enhance the sustainability of the settlement(s) which it relates to. This includes a requirement that it should be well served by infrastructure or will provide new infrastructure or services to the benefit of the settlement. Therefore, the policy should help to reduce social deprivation and exclusion in rural communities and a minor positive effect is likely.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this objective and a negligible effect is recorded.

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	+	The policy would result in small scale development outside of the allocated sites in the Borough. This type of development is to be served by sustainable infrastructure and/or provide new infrastructure or services to the wider benefit of the settlement. As such the policy would support the provision of new infrastructure which could facilitate further local economic development in some situations. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+/-	+/-	This policy permits small-scale housing development outside of allocated sites where it would be served by sustainable infrastructure or would provide new infrastructure or services to the wider benefit of the settlement. This is taken to include healthcare infrastructure such as GP places and so the policy could help to support rural healthcare facilities through appropriate new development. Additionally, development supported through this policy is required to be in keeping with the scale of the host settlement and is required to be for 10 dwellings or less and therefore is not expected to be of scale which might have adverse impacts in terms of placing undue pressure on existing local healthcare facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. However, this is mixed with a minor negative effect as the policy could result in development in more rural parts of the Borough where levels of car use are likely to be higher thus reducing the potential for journeys to be undertaken by more active modes of transport.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	-	-	New development will inevitably involve an increase in greenhouse gas emissions although the scale of development resulting from this policy is likely to be small and effects will be determined mainly by the design of the development and people's behaviour. However, the policy could result in development in more rural parts of the Borough where levels of car use are likely to be higher which would have a minor negative effect on this objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	+	Any development resulting from this policy would only be permitted where it does not increase the risk of flooding in accordance with Policy EN11. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this objective and a negligible effect is recorded.

Policy SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation)

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	++	The South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood allocated through this policy would deliver approximately 2,000 homes which constitutes some 30% of the outstanding housing requirements in the Borough. 1,700 of these homes are to be delivered by 2036. Therefore, the site would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036 ²¹ . The policy also requires at least 15% of these homes to be affordable as well as requiring a mix of home types, tenures and sizes which should help to meet the needs of a wide range of new residents. The policy requires the provision of extra care housing to meet the needs of the local population which has seen a rise in the number of older people in recent years. New development is to be designed to perform well against Building for Life 12 which should help to provide well-designed homes and neighbourhoods which meet local requirements. A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	++	This site would be developed as an urban extension and is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray which is to the north. As such, siting development at this location will provide good access to the concentration of existing schools in Melton Mowbray. The existing Swallow Dale Primary School and Longfield Academy would be located within walking distance of the sustainable neighbourhood meaning that pupils would have a good level of access to these facilities without travelling by car. A new primary school by Dalby Road and financial contributions towards secondary education are also to be provided as part of the development and this should help to mitigate any increased pressure on local school places which might otherwise have occurred as a result of the increase in local population. Overall a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++/-	++/-	Given the very close proximity of sustainable neighbourhood to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport day to day. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links that run through the development area - the number 19, 29 and 113 bus services run along the A606 between Oakham and Melton (Monday to Saturday) and the journey time to Melton town centre is less than 15 minutes. The 100 and 128 services run between Melton Mowbray and Leicester (Monday to Saturday) and the 5A service runs adjacent to the northern boundary of the site offering a 20 minute frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre. Additionally, the policy supports the provision of a new and enhanced bus service which would provide access to Melton Mowbray Town Centre and local employment opportunities and this should encourage local residents to make use

²¹ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

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			<p>of public transport, further reducing reliance on private car use. A new Travel Plan is also to be incorporated to encourage new residents to make use of public transport. Encouraging the incorporation of 'Active Design' through this policy, in accordance with Policy D1, should help to promote the use of active modes of transport such as walking and cycling which may reduce car dependency in the Borough.</p> <p>Most journey lengths should be short as there is a good concentration of existing jobs, services and facilities in Melton Mowbray. The location of the sustainable neighbourhood in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. The policy provides for the delivery of employment land, educational and community facilities as well as improved walking and cycling routes as part of the development which would further encourage new residents to use sustainable forms of transport.</p> <p>Given the current transport infrastructure, the expected delivery of new infrastructure and essential service development which might ease congestion in the town centre and current and future public transport provision in the area a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the development of this sustainable neighbourhood would facilitate the delivery of a strategic road link between the A606 and A607 forming part of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road as well as other improvements to the road network to mitigate likely adverse impacts. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	++	<p>This sustainable neighbourhood is at the edge of the existing urban edge and is within relatively close proximity (approximately 1.15km at its closest point) of Melton Mowbray town centre. As such it would provide new residents with good access (by public transport) to job opportunities in the town and at other employment sites (including industrial estates such as Leicester Road Industrial Estate to the north west). The policy also provides for new employment land (approximately 20ha) within the sustainable neighbourhood area. The new employment provision will include B1 (business), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) and will also allow for the expansion and improvement of the existing Leicester Road Industrial Estate. The employment land allocated in this area would potentially be a commercially attractive location given its links to the town centre as well as proximity to current employment sites. This would provide additional employment opportunities for residents and as such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the	+/-?	+/-?	The South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood would involve the development of a large

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quality and character of the landscape.			<p>area greenfield land to the south of Melton Mowbray and therefore is likely to impact upon local landscape character. The eastern side of the area allocated would cover part of the Area of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Burton Lazars. The Area of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Eye Kettleby would also be encroached upon by the development. The policy includes within it a requirement to protect the separate identities of Burton Lazars and Eye Kettleby, which may help to mitigate the potential for adverse impacts on local character.</p> <p>The area to the south of Melton Mowbray where this allocation lies is classed as being of medium-high sensitivity to development²². This is due to the intricate small scale landscape and cultural pattern and open visual character and the degree of intervisibility which is increasingly present towards the east. A potential significant negative effect on the landscape is therefore identified as a result of large-scale development at this location. However, it is noted that the site lies within a folded/rolling valley which may reduce the negative impacts on the landscape. The policy requires an approach which incorporates masterplanning to be pursued when submitting a development proposal as part of the Melton South Sustainable Neighbourhood. This approach is to be respectful of areas of green infrastructure and green space (including strategic green gaps) and should also provide areas of new landscaping which will potentially mitigate landscape impacts. All development within the Sustainable Neighbourhood is to be guided by the design principles of Policy D1 which should mean development will have reduced potential for detrimental impacts on local landscape setting. In addition, the existing 'hard' development edge south of Melton Mowbray could be improved by appropriately designed new development in this area and as such a minor positive effect is expected in combination with the previously identified significant negative effect; therefore a mixed effect is expected on this SA objective overall. The effects are currently uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of the development and considering that there may be potential to mitigate these effects.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+/-?	+/-?	<p>The South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood is almost directly adjacent to Leicester Road Grassland Local Wildlife Site and within 200m of Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings Local Wildlife Site, although there are no Local Wildlife Sites within the boundaries of the development site. A number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have also been identified within this area particularly towards the central area of the site by Sandy Lane and to the west along the dismantled railway to the south of Kirkby Lane.</p> <p>The loss of a large area of greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of loss of local habitats which have not yet been identified, although it may be possible to incorporate</p>

²² Influence Environmental (2015), Melton Borough Protected Open Areas Study.

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			<p>mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p> <p>As such, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective due to the potential habitat destruction or disturbance which may result from construction and operation of the development. However, the policy supports the protection and enhancement of existing wildlife corridors in the area and requires that new development protects and enhances areas of biodiversity and green infrastructure specifically at the River Wreake tributaries and the Edendale Brooke. It also provides for a protection zone between the River Eye SSSI and any future development. Therefore, the potential negative effect on this SA objective is expected to be mixed with a minor positive effect. The effect is recorded as uncertain until the exact design and layout of the development is known.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+/-?	+/-?	<p>The land allocated by the policy is within close proximity (approximately 190m at its closest point) of a Scheduled Monument to the south east by Melton Road on the approach to Burton Lazars. This designation includes St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital. To the north west the site is located almost adjacent to the Scheduled Monument which is by Leicester Road. The closest Listed Buildings to the South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood are Chestnut Farmhouse which is a Grade II Listed Building within Burton Lazars to the south east and Squires Monument which is within the grounds of the Church of St James and is a Grade II* Listed Building also within Burton Lazars.</p> <p>Development at this location could potentially have a significant negative impact on the setting of these historic assets given their close proximity to the sustainable neighbourhood. However, the policy provides for protection and potential enhancement of historical and archaeological features, specifically referring to the St Mary and Lazarus Hospital Scheduled Monument. As such a minor positive effect is also expected on this SA objective and overall a mixed effect is recorded. This is uncertain until the detailed design and layout of the site is known.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+/-	+/-	<p>The South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood set out for development through this policy comprises greenfield land which is mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Quality, although there is an area of Grade 2 Agricultural Land in the west of the site. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of some high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Part of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area (MCA) is also within the site, towards its north western edge by Kirkby Lane. The close proximity of this MCA may result in the sterilisation of or restriction of access to minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction.</p>

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			<p>However, the master planning approach to the South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood which the policy requires states that high grade agricultural land should be protected. As such, the policy may help to guide an element of the proposed development to areas of lower quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++		<p>The South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood would be large enough to be relatively self-contained with the policy providing for, in addition to residential properties, new facilities and services including a primary school, community facilities (including community hall), medical services and local employment opportunities as well as a new local centre to include a small parade of shops by Dalby Road. The policy requires the support of secondary education provision through financial contributions. This would be to the benefit of internal cohesion of the new development area given that residents would not have to travel to access important services. The development would also be within close proximity of the existing services and facilities that are concentrated in Melton Mowbray and would therefore provide support for their ongoing viability. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	++	<p>The South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in and around Melton Mowbray. The policy would also result in the provision of new employment opportunities (approximately 20ha of land is to be allocated for B2, B2 and B8 uses to expand and enhance the Leicester Road Business Park adjacent to the site to the north west) and community facilities (including a school, community hall and medical services), reducing the risk of existing services and facilities becoming overloaded and leading to social exclusion. The policy supports the provision of a relatively large amount of affordable housing (at least 15% of the 2,000 new homes to be built are to be affordable), thereby reducing barriers to home ownership in Melton. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	+	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime within the South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. These issues will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known. However, the policy specifically requires that walking, cycling and public transport routes which are provided are to be safe. In addition, the requirement for development to be provided with the support of a master planning approach should help to create safer neighbourhoods in terms of appropriately incorporating safe green spaces and active street frontages which provide natural surveillance. A minor positive effect is therefore</p>

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			expected on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However levels of recycling will not be affected by the development allocated through this policy, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new sustainable neighbourhood. As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	++	<p>The policy provides for a section of a distributor road which would link the A606 in the west and A607 in the east within the area covered by the sustainable neighbourhood forming part of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road. As such, the development would provide the land needed to facilitate this route thus reducing congestion in Melton Town centre, which might otherwise have a negative effect on the local economy particularly in light of the proposed growth in the area.</p> <p>The policy also provides for approximately 20ha of employment land with the sustainable neighbourhood for B1 (business), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) uses and expansion enhancement of the existing Leicester Road Business Park. Given that the policy provides for the enhancement of the road network which could potentially improve strategic connections for business locally and also provides a substantial amount of new employment land a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	<p>The policy allows for the development of the South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood which is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray to the north. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the existing healthcare facilities in Melton Mowbray. The land allocated for development through this policy would be located within 800m of Melton Mowbray hospital on the A607 to the north west and there are also GPs within the town that could be easily accessible, meaning residents would have a good level of access to these existing facilities, potentially via sustainable transport. The policy also provides for the creation of new local non-retail and community services and facilities which would include new medical services. This would reduce the potential for any adverse effects which might otherwise result from a concentrated large increase in population and the pressure on existing facilities which would be associated with this.</p> <p>The area which is allocated by this policy is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces. Top Park is located to the south east within 530m by Lime Street and Mars Sports ground is located to the north west of the site within 180m by Saxby Road. There are several amenity greespaces accessible to the north of Kirkby Lane at the edge of the site within 130m. New development of this large scale would also present opportunities for further open space to be</p>

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			<p>incorporated within the sustainable neighbourhood area and the policy supports development which provides new cycling and walking links including those making use of green infrastructure. Encouraging the use of 'Active Design' through this policy, in accordance with Policy D1, should further encourage the use of active modes of transport locally. There is further support in the policy for the provision of facilities which may support healthier lifestyle choices amongst residents given that new high quality multi-functional green spaces should be created in line with the Council's open space standards. The policy also supports the provision of, or contributions towards, sports pitches and indoor leisure facilities in Sustainable Neighbourhood, in accordance with the Playing Pitch Strategy and emerging Indoor Facilities Assessment and this type of provision could further contribute to improved public health and well-being. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++/-	++/-	<p>While large-scale new development to the south of Melton Mowbray will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will depend largely on its design which is not yet known. Considering the large scale of this development it could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation and the policy supports development which exceeds building regulation in terms of energy efficiency and carbon emissions. The policy presents a specific aim seeking for new development to provide 10% of houses that obtain energy from renewable sources, where viable.</p> <p>Given the very close proximity of sustainable neighbourhood to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north, there is very good potential for residents and employees travelling to and from the site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. People will be able to make use of the existing public transport links and the enhanced public transport provision within the sustainable neighbourhood area that the policy supports. A modal shift away from car use is supported by the policy through the provision of improved cycling and walking facilities as well as accessible bus stops which connect to the town centre and local employment opportunities. Encouraging the use of 'Active Design' through this policy, in accordance with Policy D1, should also help to promote the use of active modes of transport locally which may reduce car dependency in the Borough. Any modal shift would be amplified by requirement to provide a new Travel Plan to encourage new residents to make use of public transport.</p> <p>The policy also allows for the provision of employment land (20ha) and community services (including medical services, a school and new local centre) within the proposed development area which could reduce the need to travel. The location of the sustainable neighbourhood is relatively</p>

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			<p>close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport infrastructure would be supplemented by additional cycling and walking provisions as well as an improved public transport network, it is expected that these contributions could lead to an overall benefit in terms of reduced local greenhouse gas emissions and improvement to air quality. As such a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the policy would support the creation of a new strategic road link between the A606 and A607. While this would help to reduce congestion and the resulting pockets of poor air quality, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+/-	+/-	<p>The main potential source of flooding in the area allocated by this policy is a tributary of the River Wreake in the north west. This area of the site has been identified as being partly within Flood Zones 2 and 3. As such, the overall area within the site which is at high risk of flooding is relatively small when compared to the total developable area and it is expected that development could be accommodated in areas not affected by risk of flooding.</p> <p>The policy promotes development which provides appropriate sustainable drainage systems, flood alleviation measures and is provided in downstream areas to reduce flood risk where possible. It also supports the development of buildings which are adaptable to future climatic conditions including flooding. These measures should help to reduce the risk of flooding and as such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The development would, however, involve the development of a large area of greenfield land which would substantially increase the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton and reduce potential for infiltration of surface water locally, potentially increasing flood risk. As such a combined minor negative effect is also expected on this SA objective.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	+	+	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of the large-scale development proposed through this policy, this would depend mainly on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The policy also requires that development in this area protects and enhances water quality and as such it is anticipated that appropriate measures to achieve this aim will be put in place. As such a minor positive effect is</p>

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Policy SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	++	The Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood would deliver approximately 1,700 homes (1,500 homes during the Plan period) which constitutes some 25% of the outstanding housing requirements in the Borough. Therefore, the site would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036 ²³ . The policy also requires at least 15% of these homes to be affordable homes and requires a mix of home types, tenures and sizes which should help to meet the needs of a wide range of people. Additional care housing to meet the needs of the aging local population is also to be provided at the Sustainable Neighbourhood. New development is to be designed to perform well against Building for Life 12 which should help to provide well-designed homes and neighbourhoods which meet local requirements. A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	++	The area of land which is identified as the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood by this policy is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray which is to the south. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the concentration of existing schools in Melton Mowbray. The existing schools of St Mary's Melton Mowbray Church of England Primary School on Brampton Road and John Ferneley High School on Scalford Road would be located within walking distance of the sustainable neighbourhood meaning that pupils would have a good level of access to these facilities, potentially via sustainable modes of transport. A primary school (covering 2.5ha) as part of a local centre and financial contributions towards secondary education are also to be provided as part of this development and this should help to mitigate any pressure on local schools which might otherwise occur as a result of a significant increase in the local population. Overall a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	++/-	++/-	Given the very close proximity of the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray which is to the south, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links that are in close proximity to the development area such as the bus stops currently located on Nottingham Road, Scalford Road, Wymondham Way and Kipling Drive which provide access to the

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choices.			<p>town centre. The allocated area has public transport routes that run through it including the hourly 19 service between Oakham and Nottingham, the 24 service between Melton Mowbray and Bottesford, the 25 service between Melton Mowbray and Stathern and the 15 service which offers a 30 minute frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre. Journey times to Melton Mowbray town centre are more frequent than once every 15 minutes. Additionally, the policy supports the provision of a new and enhanced bus service which would provide access to Melton Mowbray Town Centre and local employment opportunities and would further reduce reliance on private car use.</p> <p>The policy requires the provision of walking and cycle links as part of any proposed development. Improvements include the specific provision of the Melton Country Park Greenway which is required to improve accessibility and the attractiveness of walking and cycling connections through the Melton Country Park to the town centre and other destinations of note. It is expected that levels of walking and cycling may be further encouraged given that new employment uses and a new local centre, as well as services and facilities (including a school community facilities and new local centre at Scalford Road) will be provided within the development area and will therefore be located within close proximity to the new residential properties. The policy should help to further enhance the potential for the use of sustainable transport within the new development given that it contains as one of its aims a modal shift away from private car use. Adopting the principles of "Active Design" and the requirement for a Travel Plan for the Sustainable Neighbourhood is expected to further encourage this modal shift.</p> <p>Given the current transport infrastructure, the expected delivery of new infrastructure and essential service development which might ease congestion in the town centre and current and future public transport provision in the area, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the development of this site would facilitate the delivery of a strategic road link between the A606 Nottingham Road to Melton Spinney Road as part of the Melton Mowbray Outer Relief Route as well as a route which allows for north/south connectivity in Melton. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the	++	++	<p>The Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood is within relatively close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. As such it would provide new residents with good access (by public transport) to job opportunities in the town and at other employment sites (including industrial estates such as Asfordby Business Park to the west). The policy also provides for small-scale employment uses as part of a new local centre, which is mainly limited to B1(a) (office) use. This would provide some additional employment opportunities for residents and as such a significant</p>

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needs of the community.			positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+?/-	+?/-	<p>Although it would not result in settlement coalescence and would not encroach upon any of the Areas of Separation in the Borough, the development of the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood would involve development on a large area of greenfield land which would significantly affect the landscape character of the area surrounding Melton Mowbray as well as the setting of town by significantly extending its urban edge to the north.</p> <p>The landscape sensitivity of this area to the north of the town has been assessed as being medium to high due to its tranquil undeveloped rural character as well as its variable topography²⁴. Therefore, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>However, the existing 'hard' development edge north of Melton Mowbray could be improved by appropriately designed new development in this area and the policy requires that development provides an improved town edge in this area. The policy also seeks to maintain the separate areas of Thorpe Arnold and Scalford to the north east and north of Melton Mowbray respectively. There is a requirement that new development is integrated successfully with the nearby Country Park, by providing for a protection zone between it and any future development to include an undeveloped area of land between the northern boundary of the park and the proposed distributor road. Integration with the surrounding landscape is also to be prompted through a comprehensive master plan and design code which responds to the Areas of Separation and Settlement Fringe Sensitivity Study (2015) and the Biodiversity and Geo-diversity Study (2015). The policy supports the provision of new landscaping and areas of green space while protecting important strategic green gaps. This may help to mitigate any adverse impacts on the landscape and as such a minor positive effect is also expected on this SA objective. The mixed effects are currently uncertain given that the exact effect on the landscape of the Borough will depend on the design and layout of any development.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+/-?	+/-?	The area of land which would comprise the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood contains part of the Melton Country Park Local Wildlife Site and is also located in close proximity to the Scalford Brook Local Wildlife Site, Nottingham Road Hedgerow Local Wildlife Site and Corfe Wet Grassland Local Wildlife Site. A number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have also been identified within the area; to the south west towards the A606, to the north by Scalford Road and also within Melton Country Park. The loss of a large area of greenfield land is likely to result in the loss of habitats which have not yet been identified and the large scale residential development proposed may result in increased recreational pressures

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			<p>which could be to the detriment of local biodiversity.</p> <p>The policy does, however, provide for mitigation in relation to negative effects which may result on biodiversity as a result of this potential development. Existing green infrastructure and wildlife corridors are to be protected and new corridors are to be provided to allow for increased habitat connectivity. Between the northern boundary of the Melton Country Park and the proposed distributor road an area of undeveloped area of land is to be retained to form part of a protection zone which is likely to provide protection to local biodiversity. Specific protection is given to the areas important for biodiversity or green infrastructure at Melton Country Park, Scalford Brook and Welby Brooke and the disused railway line. The delivery of the Melton Country Park Greenway specifically in a sympathetic manner should help to protect biodiversity and geodiversity at this location while improving access to the town centre and other notable locations by more sustainable modes of transport. As such a minor positive effect is also expected in combination with the significant negative effect previously identified. Effects are uncertain at this stage until detailed proposals for the site come forward.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+/-?	+/-?	<p>Syonsby Lodge, a Grade II Listed Building, is located within the area which is allocated for development within the policy to the east of the A606. The new neighbourhood would also be within close proximity of a Scheduled Monument (Sysonby Grange) which is located on St Bartholomew's Way to the west. Development at this location could therefore potentially have negative impacts on the setting of these designated historic assets although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known. The policy incorporates mitigation, supporting development which allows for the protection and enhancement of historic assets and their settings. In addition to this master planning which is to support all planning applications for development within the area is to be supportive of the protection of local heritage assets. The approach supported by the policy should therefore help to mitigate adverse effects on the historic environment and as such a mixed (minor negative and minor positive) effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+--	+--	<p>The area covered by the proposed Sustainable Neighbourhood comprises greenfield land which is mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Quality, with a sizeable area of the land to the east of Scalford Road and some of the land surrounding the Melton Country Park being Grade 2 Agricultural Land. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Part of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area (MCA) is also within the SUE towards the south east by the Melton Spinney Road. The development could therefore result in the sterilisation of and restriction of access to minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction. As such, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>

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			This significant negative effect is, however, likely to be combined with minor positive effect given that the master planning approach which is to be undertaken in relation to any new development within the Sustainable Neighbourhood is to be protective of high grade agricultural land.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	++	<p>The Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood allocated through this policy would be immediately adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's services and facilities. Therefore, opportunities to access existing services in the town on foot or by public transport would be high. Focussing large scale population growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services and facilities becoming overloaded; however the policy supports the development of a local centre within the sustainable neighbourhood which would include a school and healthcare facilities as well as other essential community facilities. Development here may also help to stimulate the existing services in Melton Mowbray through increased footfall and contribute to their ongoing viability.</p> <p>As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	++	<p>The Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in and around Melton Mowbray and the policy would also result in the provision of new employment opportunities in the new local centre as well as community facilities (including a school and health services), reducing the risk of existing services and facilities becoming overloaded and a lack of provision of local employment opportunities which might lead to social exclusion. The policy supports the provision of a relative large amount of affordable housing locally (15% of the 1,700 new homes to be built are to be affordable) as such reducing barriers to home ownership in Melton.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	+	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. These issues will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known. The policy does require that any development proposal be supported by a master plan however. This approach could help to create safer neighbourhoods in terms of appropriately incorporating safe green spaces and active street frontages which provide natural surveillance while allowing for road networks which will be suitable and safe for the type of development proposed.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase	0	0	All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation.

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the reuse and recycling of waste materials.			However levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development. As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	++	<p>The policy provides for development at the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood which would incorporate the delivery of a section of a distributor road between the A606 Nottingham Road and Melton Spinney Road as well as a route which allows for north/south connectivity in Melton to help reduce congestion in Melton Mowbray Town centre. The provision of infrastructure which will help to ease local congestion would benefit local economic growth. The policy also provides for some employment uses (mainly limited to B1(a) office use) within the new local centre which is to be created as part of the development. This employment development would therefore be located in close proximity to residential development giving residents a good level of access to these employment opportunities.</p> <p>Overall a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	<p>The policy proposes development within the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood which is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray which to the south. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the existing healthcare facilities that are concentrated in Melton Mowbray. The development area would be located within 2km of Melton Mowbray hospital on the A607 to the south east. The policy provides for healthcare facilities as required at a local centre within the Borough and also provides for extra care housing which may be of benefit to the health and well-being of elderly people.</p> <p>The development is adjacent to Melton Country Park and this area of open space could potentially encourage healthier and more active lifestyles amongst new residents. A new greenway would be provided at this location to improve the potential for access to the town centre and other notable locations by more active modes of transport. The policy also broadly seeks to protect and enhance existing green infrastructure in the area and the provision of a multi-functional network of green spaces through the policy should further benefit health. Sports pitches are to be provided in the immediate vicinity of Melton Mowbray in accordance with Playing Pitch Strategy and emerging Indoor Facilities Assessment and as such should appropriately serve the local community. Links from existing green infrastructure within the sustainable neighbourhood to the countryside are also to be provided. Given that the masterplan for the development is to incorporate the principles of 'Active Design' in accordance with Policy D1 it should help to promote the use of active modes of transport locally. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and	++/-	++/-	While the development of the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood allocated through

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reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.			<p>this policy will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings it is recognised that the policy supports development which exceeds building regulations in terms of energy efficiency and carbon emissions.</p> <p>Given the proximity of the development area to Melton Mowbray to the south, new residents could make use of the existing public transport links such as the bus stops currently located on Nottingham Road, Scalford Road, Wymondham Way and Kipling Drive which provide access to the town centre. The policy seeks to supplement these current provisions with a new and enhanced bus service which links to the town centre and local employment opportunities, which may further reducing reliance on car use. New and improved walking, cycling and road connections are also to be provided as part of the development, with improvements to include the new Melton Country Park Greenway. As such it is expected that this policy should help improve the attractiveness of more active modes of transport. The policy's support for employment uses and new community facilities and services in the area and in close proximity to proposed residential properties may also result in new residents making use of more sustainable forms of transport over car use in the area. Any reduction in local private car use is likely to be amplified by the policy requirement for the masterplanning process required for new development to be undertaken in line with the principles of "Active Design" which should help to encourage modal shift. Development is also to be supported by a Travel Plan which would further encourage modal shift and as such may help to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions from car use.</p> <p>The location of the housing in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport infrastructure, the potential for improvements to infrastructure to support public and more active modes of transport and the provision of new essential services and employment uses in the area a significant positive is likely. However, this effect is expected in combination with a minor negative effect given that the policy supports the strategic road link between the A606 Nottingham Road and Melton Spinney Road as well as a new north/south route-while this would help to ease congestion, it could facilitate ongoing car use and the associated emissions.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+/-	+/-	The main potential source of flooding in the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood is Salford Brook which to the east. This area has been identified as being within Flood Zone 3a, 3b and 2 in parts. The overall area which is at high risk of flooding is relatively small when compared to the total area within the boundaries of the sustainable neighbourhood area, however, and it is expected that development could be accommodated in areas not affected by risk of flooding.

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			<p>The policy promotes development which provides appropriate sustainable drainage systems and flood alleviation measures in accordance with the Melton North assessment in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. Development is not to be provided at areas of higher risk of flooding. The policy also supports the development of buildings which are adaptable to future climatic conditions including flooding. These measures should help to reduce the risk of flooding in the Borough and as such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Although the policy supports the provision of green infrastructure and green space through a master planning approach the development would, however, involve the loss of a large area of greenfield land which would substantially increase the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton. This reduction of greenfield land would reduce areas where surface water infiltration could occur, thus increasing the risk of flooding. As such a minor negative effect is also expected on this SA objective. .</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	+	+	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend mainly on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location which the policy guides. The policy requires that development in this area protects and enhances water quality. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>

Policy C2: Housing mix

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	++	<p>This policy requires developments to provide a mix of house types and sizes to address local needs, in particular the need for more small, entry level homes and housing for the elderly. The requirement for housing developments of 10 or more new dwellings to provide an appropriate mix and size of houses should result in the provision of a range of housing to accommodate different groups thereby helping to address the findings of Melton Borough Council's Housing Needs Study. The support the policy gives for residential developments which include bungalows will be of particular benefit in the Borough considering the current lack of smaller homes and the aging local population. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people	0	0	<p>The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
have access to education.			
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	+	This policy requires developments to provide a mix of housing types and sizes within developments of 10 or more dwellings. The policy also contains support for residential developments which include bungalows which may be of benefit to those who need smaller homes as well as older people in particular. This may have a positive effect on social inclusion by ensuring that communities contain a mix of people and by enabling elderly or disabled people to remain in their own homes. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	This policy seeks to ensure that housing of various types is provided within new residential developments, including homes that are appropriate for the elderly and disabled people as well as care homes and sheltered homes. Encouraging proposals for wheelchair accessible dwellings to meet the technical standard for access of Building Regulations 2015 Part M4(3) should help to improve the accessibility of the local built environment for those with health issues of this nature. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.			
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

Policy C4: Affordable housing provision

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA Score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	++/-	This policy will result in the provision of affordable housing at sites of eleven or more dwellings and/or where the floor space of residential units exceed 1000 m ² . This type of housing is to be provided at varying levels in various areas of the Borough which have been set out in line with local residential values. As such this approach should help to protect the viability and thereby the delivery of new housing schemes in Melton considering the potential impact of affordable housing on overall viability. Viability of new housing schemes in Melton should be further protected given that where an applicant considers the sought level of affordable housing provision to be unviable a viability assessment is to be undertaken. The policy approach would also result in delivery of higher levels of affordable housing in areas where residential values have been identified as being particularly high as such helping to address the need for more moderately valued housing in such areas. The policy however aims to provide only 1,300 new affordable homes between 2011 and 2036 based on the Council's Local Plan and CIL Viability Study. This figure has been adopted as it has been identified that it is not viable to meet all the identified affordable housing needs for the Borough which the HEDNA has set at 1,750 affordable homes over the plan period. As such this approach would result in only the partial provision of required number new affordable homes for local residents; this issue is of particular relevance when it is considered that the affordability issue in Melton means that to buy one of the cheapest 25% of homes sold in the Borough, residents currently need to earn more than the national average wage. As such, an overall mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA Score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the	+	++/--	Ensuring that affordable housing is available to meet the needs of people who may be unable to afford a property otherwise (for example first time buyers) will have be of benefit in terms of

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.			the promotion of local social inclusion. The policy would result in the provision of higher levels of affordable houses in areas which have the highest residential values and thereby currently provide for lower levels of more moderately priced homes. As such it is expected that the policy would be of direct benefit in terms of addressing issues of social inclusion at such locations. The policy however does not aim to meet the total identified requirement for affordable housing over the plan period which has been set at 1,750 for Melton in the HEDNA. It instead would provide for only the amount of affordable housing which is considered viable up to 2036 (1,300 affordable homes) which would result in a shortfall of affordable homes in the Borough. An overall mixed effect (significant positive/significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA Score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

Policy C6: Gypsies and Travellers

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	++	The policy will help to ensure that sites are available to meet the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in the Borough as per the evidence of the Leicestershire GTAA 2017. This document has identified a need for two permanent residential pitches between April 2016 and March 2021 and one permanent residential pitch between April 2021 and March 2026. Planning permissions have been granted and work has begun at Dalby Road and Sandy Lane respectively to meet these requirements. There is no further requirement for any pitches from April 2026 through to 2036. The criteria set out in the policy will combine to ensure that any applications that come forward for additional sites are of a high standard. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	+	+	The policy requires sites for Gypsies and Travellers to be well-related in relation to local infrastructure and services, and to provide safe and convenient access to the road network. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

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choices.			
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+/-?	+/-?	The provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers could have a negative effect on the landscape, in the same way that any form of new development might. However, the policy indicates that no further sites of this type will be needed over the Plan period and does not make any site allocations. A regular review is however required of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People permanent pitch and plot requirements which may identify that there is a change in local need in the future. If further pitches were to be required any impact on the local landscape will depend upon the exact location of new Traveller sites which is unknown at this stage. The policy however requires sites for Gypsies and Travellers to be appropriate in scale, provide for suitable landscaping and be well designed, which should reduce the potential for impacts on the landscape. A mixed (minor positive/ minor negative) effect is likely overall and there is uncertainty attached until the location of any future additional sites is known.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+/-?	+/-?	The provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers could have a negative effect on biodiversity and geodiversity features, in the same way that any form of new development might. However, the Policy indicates that no further sites of this type will be needed over the Plan period and does not make any site allocations. A regular review is however required of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People permanent pitch and plot requirements which may identify that there is a change in local need in the future. If further pitches were to be required any impact on biodiversity will depend upon the exact location of new Traveller sites which is unknown at this stage. In addition, new development may offer opportunities to incorporate biodiversity enhancements such as green infrastructure provision. A mixed (minor positive/ minor negative) effect is therefore identified overall and there is uncertainty attached until the location and design of any further sites is known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+/-?	+/-?	The provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers could have a negative effect on local heritage assets and their setting, in the same way that any form of new development might. However, the Policy indicates that no further sites of this type will be needed over the Plan period and does not make any site allocations. A regular review is however required of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People permanent pitch and plot requirements which may identify that there is a change in local need in the future. If further pitches were to be required any impact on the local

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			heritage assets will depend upon the exact location of new Traveller sites which is unknown at this stage. The policy requires sites for Gypsies and Travellers to be appropriate in scale, provide for suitable landscaping and be well designed, which should reduce the potential for impacts on the local heritage assets and their settings. A mixed (minor positive/ minor negative) effect is therefore identified overall and there is uncertainty attached until the location of any further new sites is known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	?	?	The provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers could result in the loss of high quality agricultural land, in the same way that any form of new development might. However, the Policy indicates that no further sites of this type will be needed over the Plan period and does not make any site allocations. A regular review is however required of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People permanent pitch and plot requirements which may identify that there is a change in local need in the future. If this situation is to change any impact on land and soils will be dependent upon the exact location of Traveller sites which is unknown at this stage. An uncertain effect is therefore identified.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	+	The policy supports sites for Gypsies and Travellers that will promote peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community. These sites should also be well related to local infrastructure and services of a nearby town or village which is likely to result in a good level of access to community services and facilities. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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economic growth.			
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	Although the policy does not address the provision of Traveller sites in relation to healthcare facilities and open spaces it does require that this type of provision is made at locations which would provide an acceptable living environment for occupiers free from pollution; hazards or other adverse impacts on standards of living. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	+	The policy supports sites for Gypsies and Travellers where they are free from flooding. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy IN1: Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy (MMTS) (New Policy)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of	++/-	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road

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transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		around the east of the town which is expected to assist with the improved efficiency of the local transport network. This route is to be delivered as to include enhanced pedestrian, cycling and public transport facilities thereby helping to encourage modal shift in the Borough. Furthermore the policy requires that where it is demonstrated that a development would contribute to increased transport problems at Melton Mowbray this should be address through financial or in kind contribution. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This significant positive effect is expected to be combined with a minor negative effect given that the delivery of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road would facilitate an increased level of vehicular travel in the District.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road around the east of the town which is expected to assist with the improved efficiency of the local transport network. This would include improved public transport links and cycling and pedestrian routes all of which should help to reduced levels of congestion in the District. Given that Melton Mowbray is the most developed location in the District containing the highest proportion of employment uses this policy is expected to allow for improved local connections as well as to a lesser extent connections to economic centres further afield. The new distributor road would provide particular improved access to those key employment sites to the east notably at Saxby Road. It is expected overall that the policy would allow for further economic growth of Melton and therefore a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+/-	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road around the east of the town. The corridor of investigation into which this new distributor road falls takes in areas of land within LCZ1, LCZ2, LCZ3, LCZ4, LCZ5 and LCZ6 as identified in the Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study (2015). The Study has identified that LCZ1, LCZ2, LCZ3, LCZ4 and LCZ5 have medium to high landscape sensitivity. The distributor road would also pass through the Area of Separation to the north east of Melton Mowbray towards Thorpe Arnold and through the Area of Separation to the south east of Melton Mowbray towards Burton Lazars. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This significant negative effect is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect given that the design of the route is to include measures to minimise/mitigate impacts on the environment which is to taken to include impacts on landscape character.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+/-	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road around the east of the town. The corridor of investigation into which this new distributor road falls passes through the River Eye SSSI which is the only national biodiversity designation in close proximity to Melton Mowbray. This option would also result in the new road being provided in close proximity to the Local Wildlife Site at Corfe Wet Grassland as well as taking up land which is currently within the Melton Country Park Local Wildlife Site. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This significant negative effect is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect given that the design of the route is to include

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		measures to minimise/mitigate impacts on the environment which is to be taken to include impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity designations.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+/-?	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road around the east of the town. The provision of a new distributor road is likely to have impacts on local character, the historic environment in Melton and the significance of the settings of heritage assets in particular. The corridor of investigation into which this new distributor road falls passes in close proximity of the Listed Buildings in the village of Thorpe Arnold (including Wold House, The Hall, Church Of St Mary The Virgin and Home Farmhouse). The buildings at Thorpe Arnold would be screened from the new road to a certain degree by existing development within the village however. The new distributor road would also have the potential to impact upon the settings of the Scheduled Monuments at Spinney Farm to the north and at St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital, Burton Lazars to the south east in particular, through which the corridor of investigation passes. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that any effect on the historic environment will be dependent upon the design of the scheme which is unknown at this stage. This significant negative effect is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect given that the design of the route is to include measures to minimise/mitigate impacts on the environment which is to be taken to include impacts on local character and the settings of identified heritage assets.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road around the east of the town. Most of the land affected by the corridor of investigation considered for the new distributor road is classified as being of either Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural value with a small pocket Grade 2 agricultural land located to the east of the town on either side of the railway line. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road which is expected to assist with the improved efficiency of the local transport network. This approach is likely to help improve access to services and facilities in Melton particularly through the provision and enhancement of sustainable transport links. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road which is expected to assist with the improved efficiency of the local transport network. This approach is likely to help improve access to employment opportunities in Melton particularly through the provision and enhancement of sustainable transport links which will help to reduce reliance upon journeys undertaken by private car. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of	+	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road which is expected to assist with the improved efficiency of the local transport network. The provision of new junctions with improved design is likely to improve the safety of

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
crime.		the road network in Melton Mowbray and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road from the A606 Nottingham Road to the A607 Leicester Road around the east of the town which is expected to assist with the improved efficiency of the local transport network. While the policy will not involve the delivery of new employment land in the District it would also include improved public transport links and cycling and pedestrian routes which should further help to reduced levels of congestion in the District. Given the importance of Melton Mowbray as the most developed location and economic centre of the District this policy is expected to facilitate local economic growth through for improved local connections as well as to a lesser extent connections to economic centres further afield. The new distributor road would provide particular improved access to those key employment sites to the east notably at Saxby Road. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of enhanced pedestrian and cycling facilities. As such residents may be encouraged to undertake a higher number of journeys by active modes of transport which would be to the benefit of public health in Melton. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++--	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road which will include improved public transport, walking and cycling facilities. It is expected that this approach may help to encourage a modal shift locally while also reducing the potential for congestion in Melton Mowbray which will be to the benefit of local air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. It is considered likely however that the provision of a new distributor road in Melton would accommodate a higher number of vehicles in the Borough meaning there is potential for adverse impacts on local air quality and the local contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. The significant positive effect is therefore expected to be combined with a significant negative effect.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	The policy aims to deliver a comprehensive transport strategy for Melton Mowbray. This is to include the provision of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road. The corridor of investigation within which this new route would be provided passes through areas of Flood Zone 3 most notably at River Eye which becomes the River Wreake as it through the town from east to west. Less sizeable areas of Flood Zone 3 are present at the river's tributaries particularly by Thorpe Arnold. Many of these areas however currently benefit from flood defences and it is expected that appropriate mitigation could be incorporated as part of any new strategic road infrastructure. The construction of a new distributor road would be mostly on greenfield land however and therefore would result in an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton thereby potentially impacting upon local drainage patterns and flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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		objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy IN2: Transport, Accessibility and Parking (Previously Policy IN1)

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	++	A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective as the overall purpose of the policy is to promote an efficient and safe transport network in Melton, encouraging the use of sustainable and active modes of transport in place of car use. The policy requires new developments to be located where travel can be minimised and the use of sustainable transport modes maximised. While the policy also proposes parking provision this measure is not considered to detract from the overall aim to achieve modal shift and it is recognised that there will always be a requirement for car use, particularly given the rural nature of the Borough.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	+	The policy promotes an efficient and safe transport network in Melton as well as the locating of new developments in areas in which the need to travel would be minimised and as such, access to employment opportunities is likely to be increased. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
quality and character of the landscape.			therefore recorded. .
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	+	The policy promotes an efficient and safe transport network in Melton as well as the locating of new developments in areas in which the need to travel would be minimised and as such, access to services and facilities across the Borough is likely to be increased. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	The provision of an enhanced sustainable and active transport network in the Borough as well as the locating of new developments in areas in which the need to travel would be minimised could promote economic inclusion as more employment opportunities should be accessible without the need of a private car. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary	++	+	The policy seeks to encourage an efficient and safe transport network in Melton to include the movement of people and goods. This approach while not directly supporting the delivery of specific

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.			new strategic road network in the Borough which would likely help to attract new employment uses would help to reduce local congestion as such improving conditions for economic growth. Encouraging local modal shift by reducing the need to travel by car should further help to achieve this aim. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	The policy promotes an efficient and safe transport network in Melton and supports new development proposals that include the provision or enhancement of sustainable and active modes of transport. A minor positive effect is identified as these impacts will result in fewer journeys to be made by private car, reducing air pollutants leading to improved air quality that can benefit the health of residents in Melton. In addition, increased walking and cycling will benefit local public health.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	++	The policy promotes an efficient and safe transport network in Melton and supports new development proposals that include the provision or enhancement of sustainable and active modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore identified as this will result in fewer journeys being made by private car, reducing greenhouse gases emissions and air pollution. While the policy also proposes parking provision this measure is not considered to detract from the overall aim of achieving modal shift and it is recognised that there will always be some requirement for car use, particularly given the rural nature of the Borough.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy IN3: Developer Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy (Previously Policy IN2)

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions would include contributions towards affordable housing provision. Although the requirement for residential developments to make contributions towards infrastructure provision could affect the profitability of such developments, it is not considered to have a likely impact on delivery of development particularly given that the Council intends to adopt a CIL at a level that will

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
			not affect the viability of development.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to educational infrastructure (in line with the Regulation 123 list which sets out funding gaps that could be filled by CIL receipts). As such this approach should help to avoid existing schools in the Borough becoming overloaded as a result of the development proposed through the Local Plan.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+/-	+/-	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to sustainable transport infrastructure, helping to avoid significant increases in car use as a result of the development proposed through the Local Plan. However, this is mixed with a minor negative effect overall because the policy will also deliver funding for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road which could facilitate ongoing car use.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded. Although the requirement for employment developments to make contributions towards infrastructure provision could affect the profitability of such developments, it is not considered to have a likely impact on their viability and therefore the delivery of new employment land, particularly as similar requirements are expected to apply in other authorities.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to green infrastructure, with the associated benefits for biodiversity.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
8. To use land and mineral	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.			therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to a range of types of infrastructure, some of which could support social inclusion and community cohesion, for example the provision of new community facilities. Contributions are to be sought to provide new infrastructure and facilities as set out on the Regulation 123 list which identifies where a funding gap could be filled by CIL receipts.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	++	The policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective because it would require developer contributions to support improvements to a range of types of infrastructure as set out on the Regulation 123 list which identifies where a funding gap might be filled by CIL receipts. It is expected that this type of provision (particularly that which supports improved transport links in Melton including the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road) would help to encourage economic growth in the Borough. It is not expected that the delivery of development would be adversely impacted upon by the requirement for developers to make contributions to improve local infrastructure and adhere to the CIL given that the Council intends to adopt a CIL at a level that will not affect the viability of development.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required in line with the Regulation 123 list which sets out funding gaps that could be filled by CIL receipts should contribute towards improvements to healthcare infrastructure. As such this approach should help to avoid existing facilities in the Borough becoming overloaded as a result of the development proposed through the Local Plan. Funding for green infrastructure would also benefit public health.

SA Objectives	Reg 19 Plan SA score	Revised policy SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+/-	+/-	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required in line with the Regulation 123 list which sets out funding gaps that could be filled by CIL receipts should contribute towards improvements to sustainable transport infrastructure, helping to avoid significant increases in greenhouse gas emissions from car use as a result of the development proposed through the Local Plan. However, this is mixed with a minor negative effect overall because the policy will also deliver funding for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road which could facilitate ongoing car use with the associated emissions.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to water management infrastructure, which could help to manage flood risk. Contributions are to be sought to provide new infrastructure and facilities as set out on the Regulation 123 list which identifies where a funding gap could be filled by CIL receipts.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	+	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to utilities including sewage treatment capacity improvements if required. Contributions are to be sought to provide new infrastructure and facilities as set out on the Regulation 123 list which identifies where a funding gap could be filled by CIL receipts.

Appendix 5

SA matrices showing updated likely effects for sites in the Local Plan affected by focussed changes

Newly Allocated Sites in Local Plan

GADD3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 13 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within 600m of a school. The village of Gaddesdy however contains Gaddesby Primary School at Ashby Road which may provide new residents with a relatively good level of access to education facilities. Policy GADD3 requires that development of the site is only to be permitted when local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Gaddesby and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Gaddesby North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the sense of separation of the LCZ from the settlement edge and open landscape character. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Rose Cottage Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located within 240m to the north of the site. Ditch Meadow Local Wildlife Site is located within 330m of the site to the north east. The site is also located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being an important habitat for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located on land which has been identified as a Minerals Consultation Area for gypsum and therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a agricultural quality. A significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive effect in relation to potential housing provision (SA objective 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities and the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	A PRoW is adjacent to the site to the south. A further PRoW can be accessed within 20m of the site to the south on the other side of Pasture Lane. The site is also located within 140m of Paske Avenue Play Area which is to the south west. However, the village of Gaddesby does not have a healthcare facility and there are no sports facilities in close proximity of the site. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

GREA1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 37 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. Great Dalby County Primary School is located within 200m to the west of the site. Policy GREA1 requires that development of the site is only to be permitted when local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy GREA1 requires that new development at this site is provided in accordance and agreement with the Highways 6Cs design guide. This guidance seeks to provide for the safe and free movement of all road users, including cars, lorries, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport and as such may help to further secure the minor positive effect expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Great Dalby and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Great Dalby East in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the contained nature of the field pattern and predominantly well integrated settlement edge within the tranquil, intimate landscape. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Wash Dyke Meadow Local Wildlife Site is located within 240m of the site to the east. The site is also located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being an important habitat for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain. Policy GREA1 requires that future development of the site is sympathetic and limits the impact on the Conservation Area (The Great Dalby Conservation Area is adjacent to the site to the north and west) through appropriate choice of materials and high quality and well considered design.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural quality. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Great Dalby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located adjacent to a PRoW to the south. A number of other PRoWs run within 90m of the site also to the south. One of these PRoWs passes within the boundaries of the site meaning this use may be lost dependent upon the design of any proposal which might come forward. Corner Field Cricket Pitches are located within 280m of the site to the west. St Swithin's Churchyard is also located within 130m of the site to the west meaning there may be opportunities for interested levels of activity and walking for residents at nearby locations. However, the village of

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		Great Dalby does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Great Dalby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

HAR3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 53 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 480m from Harby Church of England Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to</p>

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to education.		the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 185m east of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Harby and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Harby Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge associated with the Grantham Canal that in turn contributes to the enclosed visual character that has low sensitivity to changes. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. Policy HAR3 however requires that future development is undertaken to ensure that the northern and western site boundaries are sensitively treated with the addition of soft attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments, particularly along the canal corridor.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 630m of Grantham Canal SSSI which is to the north east. There is a Local Wildlife Site along the northern site boundary (Grantham Canal cLWS) and another located within 605m to the south of the site (Hose Lane Grassland). The site is also located between 250m and 1km of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being an important habitat for protected species. The Biodiversity Study has also concluded that this site is of high ecological value due to it being adjacent to a canal, a cLWS, and woodland on the western boundary. Policy HAR3 however requires that future development is undertaken to ensure that west and northern edges of the site are enhanced as a wildlife corridor with biodiversity improvements and that there will be no adverse impact to any protect species. As such a minor negative

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		effect is recorded for this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy HAR3 also requires that development addresses the frontage to Colston Lane and has an active road frontage on the approach to the village which may help to protect and potentially enhance the established character of the surrounding area.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mostly brownfield land and only the western part of the site remains undeveloped which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). Therefore land of a high agricultural value is unlikely to be lost to another use. As such a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective and 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to housing (SA objective 1) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located mainly on brownfield land and therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in proximity to open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an area of greenspace and play area located within 340m to the east of the site on School Lane. Nether Street Allotments are located within 220m of the site. There is a footpath located within 115m of the site. An additional footpath is located within 270m to the north east of the site. These areas of open space and PRoWs may encourage residents to partake of more active lifestyles and make use of more active modes of transport. However there are no healthcare facilities within walking distance (600m) of the site or within the village of Harby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy HAR3 requires that development is undertaken to ensure that footpath/cycling links are put in place to link the site to the village of Harby. It is expected that the policy might further encourage journeys to be taken by active modes of transport from this location but would not address the deficiency of healthcare services in the area.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

HOS2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 35 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Hose Church of England Primary School is located within 420m to the south of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within 200m of an existing employment site at Electro Motion the site also has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and	-?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ6: Hose North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ6 has a medium

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character of the landscape.		sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact landscape character with evidence of historic landscape elements within an expansive, open landscape balanced with the simplicity of landscape pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. Policy HOS2 requires that development of the site is undertaken as to ensure that the northern boundary of the site provides an adequate buffer with soft landscaping and suitable boundary treatment to respect the adjacent open countryside. It is expected that this approach may have be of benefit in terms of protecting local landscape sensitivity.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain. Policy HOS2 requires that development is provided as to allow for an adequate buffer with soft landscaping and suitable boundary treatment to respect the Scheduled Monument (the grange moated site) to the north.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural quality. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and employment (SA objective 4). Overall, a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide and its access to employment opportunities.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located within 65m of Hose Baptist Churchyard to the south, as well as being within 255m of Canal Road Allotments to the south west and within 300m of Hose Village Green Play Area and Hose Village Green Amenity both of which are to the south. Two PRoWs runs to the site's northern edge and these might be used to undertake more activity journeys in the locality. These PRoWs pass within the boundaries of the site however meaning that these uses might be lost dependent upon the design of any development proposal which might come forward. The village of Hose does not have a healthcare facility. An overall mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

LONG2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 35 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located in close proximity to any schools however the settlement the site is located within, Long Clawson, does provide access to Long Clawson Church of England Primary School on School Lane. Policy LONG2 requires that development of the site is only to be permitted if local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 250m of an existing employment site to the north east by Hickling Lane. The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the western edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ²⁵ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy LONG2 requires that any new development would be sympathetic to the landscape character, however. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 470m of a candidate Local Wildlife Site which has been identified due to the presence of rough grassland to the south west. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature and potential designations may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 4 agricultural quality. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

²⁵ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1), education (SA objective 2), and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities, relatively good access to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 150m of two allotments on Hickling Lane. Another allotment is located to the south of the site within 375m and this is also located on Hickling Lane. The cemetery located to the north east at St. Remigius Church is within 445m of the site. A footpath is located within 115m of the site to the north by Hickling Lane and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of Long Clawson Medical Practice however the site is considered to have reasonable access to this facility given that they are

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		both located within Long Clawson. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located at the intersection of Broughton Lane and Hickling Lane towards the western edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

MEL4

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 26 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The Grove Primary School is located within 585m to the south west of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within walking distance of an existing employment site at Snow Hill. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ²⁶ . As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species.. As such the close proximity of the site to this biodiversity feature may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy MEL4 additionally requires that no development takes place

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		within 100m of the eastern boundary of the Scheduled Monument.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within or in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on brownfield land and as such allowing for residential development at this location would not result in a loss of high quality agricultural land. Overall a significant positive effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive score respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1). A significant positive score was also given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site contains brownfield land; therefore development at this location may encourage the re-use of existing buildings and materials given the likelihood of the present of such materials at brownfield sites. As such an uncertain minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. The site is located within 25m and 105m of the Crescent Play Area and the Crescent Allotments respectively which are both to the north. The closest amenity greenspace to the site is located within 240m to the north west at Ash Grove Amenity. St Mary's Way park and garden is located within 510m of the site to the south east. Football pitches at Melton Country Park are located within 600m of the site to the east. The closest PRoW to the site is located within 310m to the south west where it joins Nottingham Road. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility although it is recognised that Melton Mowbray provides access to a number of GP surgeries as well as a hospital. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) and is brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SCAL1

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 23 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. Scalford Church of England Primary School is located within 170m to the east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as within 400m of a bus stop however services provided at this location are limited; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site is located within 400m of a bus stop which provides some limited services. Overall a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	-?	The site is located in Scalford and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Scalford South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ2 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the largely intact landscape character, the presence of historic landscape

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landscape.		elements and intricacy of landscape scale and pattern that would be sensitive to residential development. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	---?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The candidate Local Wildlife Site at Melton to Bingham disused railway line - south of Melton to Scalford Rd is located within 365m to the west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features and designations may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain. Policy SCAL1 requires that development at this site is sympathetic and limits the impact on the Scalford Conservation Area (which is directly to the east) as well as the Listed Building setting (Stoneleigh and Yew Tree house Grade II Listed Buildings are within 25m and 75m of the site respectively to the south east) through appropriate choice of materials and high quality and well considered design.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Scalford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. Cemeteries can be accessed at St Egelwin's Churchyard and at Scalford Cemetery to the east and west of the site within 160m and 175m respectively and these locations may provide improved walking opportunities for new residents. An amenity greenspace is located within 325m at Sandy Lane Recreational Ground which also provides access to a children's play area. There are allotments located within 375m of the site to the north east at Sandy Lane. The closest PRoW to the site is located to the south within 60m of the site and this runs to the east towards South Street. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility and the village of Scalford does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Scalford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

THOR2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 11 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school. Policy THOR2 requires that development of the site is only to be permitted when local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective..</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy THOR2 requires that footways are provided to ensure safe pedestrian access to the village of Thorpe Arnold which could help to strengthen the significant positive effect expected.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Thorpe Arnold Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact historic character and complex landscape pattern created by vegetation and undulating topography. The site is also within an Area of Separation. Policy THOR2 requires that development at this site would however provide a comprehensive landscape scheme, substantial boundary landscaping and screening to mitigate impacts of the development when viewed from the open countryside. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. In addition Corfe Wet Grassland (Local Wildlife Site) is located within 690m to the west of the site and Brentingby Lodge Farm Meadow is another Local Wildlife Site located within 740m to the east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Policy THOR2 however requires that biodiversity enhancements are provided within the site to mitigate any loss of habitat as a result of loss of hedgerows/trees. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that part of this site is of low ecological value. As the Study addresses less than 50% of the site however, a precautionary approach has been taken for the scoring of this SA objective and an overall minor negative effect has been recorded with consideration for the mitigation the relevant policy text requires. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that exact design of the proposal is unknown at this stage.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been primarily

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maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to both potential housing provision and access to employment (SA objectives 1 and 4). A significant positive score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a significant positive is expected on this SA objective given the access to education opportunities that this site may provide in particular and also considering the potential level of new housing and access to employment opportunities which might also be provided here.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace feature is located 730m west from site on Hunts Drive and Doctors Lane Allotments are located 1098m from site. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold

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prolong life.		Cricket Club is located 300m north east of the site and another sports facility is Thorpe Road Recreation Ground which has a football pitch located 900m south west from site. There is a footpath on the western site boundary and another from the eastern site boundary leading east to Woodfold Lane, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy THOR2 requires that development is undertaken as to provide new footways to allow for safe pedestrian access to the village of Thorpe Arnold which may help to further encourage journeys by active modes of transport at this location. The policy would not however address the deficiency of healthcare services in the area.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

New Reserve Sites included in Local Plan

HAR5

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 13 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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present and future residents of the Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Harby Church Of England Primary School is located within 380m to the east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	<p>The site is located in Harby and has been identified as being within the LCZ 4: Harby Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the generally medium scale and intact landscape present that experiences a level of intrusion from modern farming practices. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species.. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural quality. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within 240m of allotment gardens at Nether Street which may allow for increased levels of activity among residents. A PRoW which leads to Main Street to the east is also located within 135m to the south east of the site. However, the village of Harby does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
resources.		

STAT3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 45 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Stathern Primary School is located within 365m to the south of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the northern edge of Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Stathern North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ²⁷ commissioned by the Council. LCZ2 has a medium to low sensitivity to residential development due to the generally expansive nature of the landscape with few vulnerable features and a poorly integrated settlement edge, although areas of original vernacular settlement edge would be more sensitive by virtue of their intactness. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. Stathern Wood potential Local Wildlife Site covers a significant area of land to the east of the site within 385m. Candidate Local Wildlife Site Moor Lane pond is located to the north of the site within 265m. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features and designations may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is at the edge of Strathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

²⁷ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PRoWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. An area of allotments is located within 195m to the south west of the site at Penn Lane. The closest area of amenity greenspace is located within 320m of the site to the south at Water Lane. A children's play area is provided adjacent to this amenity greenspace at Stathern Play Area. Access to PRoWs is provided towards the eastern and western corners of the site. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare facility and the village of Stathern does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. Additionally a number of PRoWs pass within the boundaries of the site meaning that dependent upon the design of any proposal which might come forward these current uses may be lost as a result of development. Overall a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by

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maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Sites included in Local Plan with updated boundaries

ASF1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively large and has been allocated for 100 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within 410m of Captain's Close Primary School which is to the north east. Given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, particularly because the Local Plan indicates that there is currently capacity at the school (although there may be a future requirement to provide additional spaces depending on future housing provision in the area).
3. To make efficient use of	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public

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transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	There are no existing employment sites located in close proximity of the site. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site was assessed as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given, that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Asfordby and has been identified as being within LCZ3: Asfordby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ²⁸ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development because of the floodplain landscape as well as the historic landscape patterns which have been identified in the sensitivity work. As such, a potential significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation through high quality and appropriate design. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The closest designated biodiversity site to the site is Asfordby Amateur Sports Club Candidate Local Wildlife Site which is located within 165m to the west. A Potential Local Wildlife Site, Wreake Floodplain Wetland, is also located within 425m of the site to the south east. As such, the proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value; therefore a negligible effect is most likely overall. The negligible effect is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.

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enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The proximity of the site to this area may therefore influence the efficient use of minerals through sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has mostly been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land (small portions of the site to the east and south are Grade 3b Agricultural Land). Development at this location would therefore result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. Considering that a large area of Grade 2 Agricultural Land would be lost if this area was to be developed, an overall significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is on the edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and potential for the site to provide housing in particular as well as the reasonable access to employment opportunities that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are

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necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.		often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. A children's playground and an amenity green space are both located by Glendon Close to the north of the site within 15m and 50m respectively. Allotments are also located to the north within 180m by Hoby Road. A football pitch and artificial grass pitch are located at Asfordby Sports & Social Club which is located to the west of the site within 340m. A footpath is located by the northern boundary of the site and this routes runs from Hoby Road in the west towards Glendon Close in the east. The close proximity of this public right of way may encourage residents to undertake journeys on foot. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m); however Asfordby Surgery is located within the same village as the site (on Regency Road) and as such access to healthcare is considered to be reasonable. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is on the edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b. However, as the site is on greenfield land, a minor negative effect on flood risk is identified overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

CROX2

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 285m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the west. However, the Local Plan states that there is only capacity at the school to accommodate an additional 18 places (significantly fewer than the amount allocated at the village). Therefore, S106 agreements will need to be in place to accommodate the allocated housing. Overall a potential but uncertain significant positive effect is identified, depending on the required capacity improvements being delivered.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help in reducing journeys undertaken by car through the encouragement of journeys by alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and	-?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2:

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		Croxton Kerrial Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ²⁹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to its lower elevation and the relative simplicity of the landscape character displayed. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy CROX2 specifies that existing vegetation should retained so far as it is practicable which may help to mitigate the landscape impacts of the development to some extent.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 385m of bat roosts which have been identified at St John the Baptist's Church to the north west. The site is also located within 390m of Croxton Kerrial Churchyard which has been identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site and is also to the north west. As such the relative proximity of the site to this feature and designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Although the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that part of this site is most likely to be of low ecological value it addresses less than 50% of the site however, and therefore a precautionary approach has been taken for the scoring of this SA objective. Policy CROX2 specifies that existing vegetation should retained so far as it is practicable which may help to mitigate any biodiversity-related impacts of the development to some extent. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site in the north west has previously been developed) and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the north west of the site within 235m by Middle Street. Further to the north west of the site within 400m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the south west of the site within 105m and this route runs between Main Street and Saltby Road. The site is located within 330m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the west on Main Street. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and	++	The site is located within the south eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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improving air quality in the Borough.	+	
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

EAST1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 9 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school as the nearest to the site is located approximately 825m to the west in adjoining village of Bottesford. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at that school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Easthorpe. Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has less than 2 hourly public transport services /is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Easthorpe and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due to its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. Potential Local Wildlife Site Mature Horse Chestnut is located to the north west of the site within 180m. There is a candidate Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Castle View Road Pond) located within 420m to the south of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also	-/+?	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located primarily on brownfield land; however the greenfield part of the site has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Quality land. Development on brownfield land represents

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maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. However high quality agricultural land may also be lost to another use. Overall a mixed effect (minor negative/uncertain minor positive) is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located primarily on brownfield land and therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such an uncertain minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within a 600m proximity to the north west of the site, the closest

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prolong life.		being within 395m at Grantham Road Village Green. Easthorpe Road Allotments are located within 310m to the north of the site. There are two children's play areas (Grantham Road Play Area and Skate Park) located within 460m to the north west of the site such as Grantham Road Play Area. Bottesford Cricket and Social Club is located within 550m of the site to the west. The closest PRoW to the site is a footpath which is located within 170m to the north east. This route runs to Easthorpe Road. The site is however not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility and the village of Easthorpe does not have a GP practice, although the adjoining village of Bottesford does have a facility located 800m from the site. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3b and 1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

FRIS1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 48 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	+?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 350m of Frisby of England Primary School to the west. The Local Plan identifies capacity issues at the school and notes that development at Frisby will require the school to expand to accommodate growth. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. The site does, however, provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	<p>The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Frisby on the Wreake and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Frisby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study³⁰ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to medium scale landscape which is contained by the rising topography to the south towards Leicester Road. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.</p>

³⁰ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites. The site is located however within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the relative proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the west of the site within 360m by Main Street. To the north of the site within 220m allotments are located by Mill Lane. A footpath is located to the north of the site within 155m which runs to Mill Lane. However, the site is not located in a village that contains a GP practice. Overall a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is located on Great Lane within the eastern edge of Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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resources.		

GADD1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 14 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Gaddesby Primary School located within 555m of the site to the south east. The Local Plan states that the school currently has 78 spare places which will decrease yearly until 2020 when projections indicate that it is expected to be close to capacity; therefore at this stage it is expected that new development within the village will help to support the school and ensure its ongoing viability. A significant positive effect is therefore expected.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Gaddesby and has been identified as being within LCZ 4: Gaddesby West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the contained visual character of the eastern part of the LCZ by virtue of surrounding vegetation. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. Buttercup Meadow Local Wildlife Site is located within 50m of the site to the west. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is located on mostly greenfield land (although it is recognised that the eastern portion of the site is brownfield land) which has been identified as Grade 3a Agricultural Land. Development at this location would therefore result in greenfield land which is of good quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This would result in an overall significant negative effect.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provisions (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation

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inclusion.		to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as mostly greenfield land (although it is recognised that the eastern portion of the site is brownfield land); therefore development at this location would present reduced opportunities for the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Paske Avenue Play Area is located within 595m of the site to the north east and a footpath is located within 95m of the site to the south at the opposite side of Rearsby Road. However, the village of Gaddesby does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable limited amounts of travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

HAR1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 15 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 310m of Harby Church of England Primary School which to the west. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Harby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job

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economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located within 350m to the south east of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Harby and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Harby Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due primarily to the open visual character and exposed character of the landscape. As such, a potential significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation through high quality and appropriate design. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 365m of Grantham Canal Local Wildlife Site and SSSI which is to the north. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain as detailed proposals for the site are not yet known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. For most of the site it is unknown if the land is of Grade 3a or 3b quality (although the most easterly portion of the site has been identified as being of Grade 3b quality). Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Boyers Orchard Allotments are directly to the south of the site. Semi natural greenspace at Stathern Road Nature Reserve is located within 205m to the south east of the site. The closest public right of way to the site is a footpath which is by the western boundary of the site at Boyer's Orchard. However there is no healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) of the site or within the village of Harby. Additionally a PROW passes within the boundaries of the site meaning that dependent upon the design of any proposal which might come forward this current use may be lost as a result of development. Overall a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

HAR4

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 61 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within 335m of Harby Church of England Primary School which to the east. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Harby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop and Policy HAR4 specifies that a footpath link must be put in place linking the site to the village. Therefore, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located within 145m to the north east of the site and it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Harby and has been identified as being within the LCZ 5: Harby Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the well integrated and defined settlement edge associated with the Grantham Canal that in turn contributes to the enclosed visual character that has low sensitivity to changes. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy HAR4 specifies that development must address the frontage to Colston Lane and have an active road frontage on the approach to the village and that the northern and western boundaries must be sensitively treated with inclusion of attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive and improved boundary treatments.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0/-?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 300m of Grantham Canal Local Wildlife Site which is to the north. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, Policy HAR4 incorporates biodiversity-related mitigation, stating that there must be biodiversity/ecology improvements within the site and that there will be no adverse impacts on any protected species. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value to the east and of moderate ecological value to the west. Overall a mixed effect (negligible/minor negative) is therefore identified although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy HAR4 requires that development on this site would address the frontage to Colston Lane and has an active road frontage on the approach to the village which may help to protect and potentially

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		enhance the established character of Harby.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is, however, classed mostly as greenfield land (although it is recognised that a small part of the site to the south east has already been developed) and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (although some of the land to south east has already been developed) and therefore development at this location presents very limited opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials which may be present on entirely brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The allotments at Nether Street are located to the east of the site within 115m. School Lane Play Area is located within 265m to the north east of the site and amenity green space at School Lane is also located to the north east of the site within 270m. The closest public right of way to the site is a footpath at Langar Lane which is to the north east within 215m. However there is no healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) of the site or within the village of Harby. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall. Policy HAR4 specifies that a footpath link must be put in place linking the site to the village which may further encourage active lifestyles locally but would fail to address the current deficiencies in healthcare provision.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on mostly greenfield land (it is recognised that a small part of the site to the south east has already been developed); therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 42 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. Hose Church of England Primary School is located within 290m to the south of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able

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and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site at Electro Motion; the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ6: Hose North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ6 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact landscape character with evidence of historic landscape elements within an expansive, open landscape balanced with the simplicity of landscape pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council also concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the presence of a pond onsite and a minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a or Grade 3b agricultural quality. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.

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prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to potential housing provision, access to education facilities and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1, 2 and 4),,. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular, as well as considering the level of housing that the site may provide and also considering the access the site would provide to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site contains greenfield land; therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within 70m of Hose Baptist Churchyard to the east, as well as being within 100m of Canal Road Allotments to the south west and within 200m of Hose Village Green Play Area and Hose Village Green Amenity both of which are to the south. A PRoW passes adjacent to the site to the west. However, the village of Hose does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (100% of the site is located within Flood Zone 1) but it is greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect in relation to flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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water resources.		

LONG1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within 600m of a school although there is one school (Long Clawson Church of England Primary School) located within the village. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on whether capacity is improved there to accommodate the new development – the Local Plan specifies that the allocated sites in Long Clawson should only be brought forward for development when primary places have been provided as the Local Education Authority has significant concerns about the capacity of the school to accommodate additional pupils from the housing proposed.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	+	The site is located within 220m of an existing employment site to the north east by Hickling Lane. The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ³¹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. In addition, it is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study states in the assessment of overall sensitivity of the landscape character zone which this site lies within that the settlement edge in this area is prominent. Therefore, sympathetic new development may offer opportunities to improve this. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 320m of a Local Wildlife Site to the west. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on Grade 3b Agricultural Land and development at this location could therefore result in moderate quality agricultural land being lost to another use. As such a minor negative effect is identified on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

³¹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1), education (SA objective 2), and to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site options on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Allotments are located to the south east of the site within 115m on Melton Road. A cemetery is located on Sand Pit Lane within 470m of the site to the east. Amenity green space is accessible within 565m of the site to the east also by Sand Pit Lane. A footpath is located at the north western corner of the site towards Coronation Avenue. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of Long Clawson Medical Practice; however the site is considered to have reasonable access to this facility given that they are both located within Long Clawson. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	++	The site is located on Melton Road towards the south western edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	<p>All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies.</p> <p>This site is relatively large and has been allocated for 120 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of two schools; Sherard Primary School and Community Centre (approximately 70m from site) and Birchwood Melton Area Special School (approximately 240m from site). Policy MEL GENERAL considers this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations over 50 dwellings, requiring that impacts on local education facilities are addressed through developer contributions. Furthermore Policy MEL2 supports development at this site where the existing pre-school would be relocated and would not result in the loss of the facility. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 565m north of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely in comparison to development on brownfield, although the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 670m of River Eye SSSI which is to the north east and 530m from a Local Wildlife Site (Mars Petcare, River Eye). The site is located between 250m and 1km from areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council found that this site is of moderate ecological value due to there being known bat roosts present in several buildings and a small woodland in the north eastern corner of the site. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment,	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	The site is not located within 250m of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as partly brownfield land; however there is a section of greenfield land within the site (it is classed as Urban land). Development at this location would therefore not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use and a minor positive effect on this SA objective is expected.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1), education (SA objective 2), and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities, relatively good access to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on partly brownfield land; therefore development at this location could involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site and whether such opportunities do in fact exist.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations are expected to have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	<p>The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace feature is located 372m south of the site on Norfolk Drive and another 305m north east on Buckminster Close. River Meadows is a semi natural greenspace feature located 390m north of the site. There are two children's play areas within 480m of the site on Baldocks Lane and Hartopp Road. Victoria Street Allotments are located 340m north west of the site. There is a footpath 510m north west of the site on Ankle Hill.</p> <p>Although there is an existing sports facility (King Edward VII Community Sports Centre) located on the site, only part of one pitch is within the site and MBC has advised that this has already been replaced in the immediate vicinity. In addition, the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility although Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. Additionally Policy MEL General requires that new development at this site addresses impacts on National Health Service provision through developer contributions. Overall a significant positive effect is identified on this SA objective.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on partly brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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resources.		

MEL3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	<p>All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies.</p> <p>This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 45 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 175m of St Mary's Church of England Primary School which is to the south. The Local Plan states that there is a net surplus of school places at St Mary's Church of England Primary School although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the	+	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it does have frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>

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community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within the LCZ1: Melton Mowbray North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development. The site has been classed medium to high sensitivity due to the varied topography which effectively forms the hinterland to the town, plus the tranquil rural character and the availability of expansive views from elevated points. As such a potential significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Nottingham Road Hedgerow (Local Wildlife Site) is located within 75m to the north east of the site. The site is located between 250m and 1km from areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that part of this site is most likely to be of low ecological value. As the Study addresses less than 50% of the site however, a precautionary approach has been taken for the scoring of this SA objective and an overall significant negative effect has been recorded. The significant negative effect is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy MEL3 incorporates mitigation, stating that development proposals must be supported with an appropriate Heritage Assessment identifying the significance of the Scheduled Monument nearby and provide appropriate mitigation (in consultation with Heritage England).
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land which has been identified as being Grade 3b agricultural land. As such a minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to access to education facilities (SA objective 2), and minor positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular, with consideration also for the level of access the site provides to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located entirely on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity green space feature on Nottingham Road located within 195m to the south east of the site and a children's play area is located on Horseguards Way within 205m to the south of the site. However, the site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall. Policy MEL3 incorporates mitigation in relation to the impacts of noise, which could otherwise affect health, stating that noise impacts resulting from the HGV traffic along St Bartholomew's Way must be assessed and where impacts identified, appropriate mitigation provided.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL6

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 37 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within 495m of John Ferneley College. The Local Plan states that there is available capacity at that school although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools.

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 550m south of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land; however it is within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on more open land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. Melton Country Park is a Local Wildlife Site located within 580m of the site to the east. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the site having the potential to support various protected and notable species and a traditional orchard is present onsite. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment,	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within a close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land although it is classed as Urban land in terms of agricultural quality. Development at this location would not therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. This results in an overall minor negative effect for this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be unlikely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest amenity greenspace feature is located 230m from site (Cranmere Road Amenity) and another 252m away (Drummond Walk Amenity). There is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace along Dieppe Way/Nottingham Road. The Crescent Allotments and Play Area are located within a 125m proximity to the site. Melton Country Park football pitch is a sports facility located 495m south west of the site. There is a footpath 255m north of the site from Scalfold Road. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices with the nearest being Latham House Medical Practice located 862m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

OLD1

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 28 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The Old Dalby Church of England Primary School is located within 145m to the south east of the site. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Old Dalby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	--?	The site is located in Old Dalby and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Old Dalby North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge, established within the valley bowl contours of the landscape as experienced within views from the LCZ. The site is not within an

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landscape.		Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1), however the site was given a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate

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safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.		lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An area of amenity greenspace is located on Derdale Hill within 160m of the site to the south west and a children's play area is located within 335m of the site to the south on Church Lane. In addition Old Dalby Cricket Club is a sports facility located within 130m to the south of the site. There is a footpath following the southern and eastern boundaries of the site. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Old Dalby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		

STAT1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 65 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Stathern Primary School is located within 125m to the east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Stathern and has been identified as being within the LCZ 1: Stathern West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ³² commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to its lower elevation and the relative simplicity of the landscape character displayed. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. Policy STAT1 requires that development at this site includes an acceptable landscaping scheme along with a sensitively designed layout and open green areas and tree belts to break up and limit the visual impact of the built form.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is located within 25m of Rundle Beck Willows potential Local Wildlife Site to the north west. The site is also located within 425m of Sidings Local Wildlife Site to the south east. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features and designations may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council also concluded that part of this site is of low ecological value. As the Study addresses less than 50% of the site however, a precautionary approach has been taken for the scoring of this SA objective and a significant negative effect has been recorded for this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known. Policy STAT1 requires that schemes for the development of this site would be designed to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the settlement when approaching Stathern from Mill Hill.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Minerals Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of natural resources. The site is mostly greenfield land (it is recognised that a sizeable barn is located at the north eastern corner of the site) and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.

³² Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is at the edge of Strathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provision (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site consists of mostly greenfield land (it is recognised that there is a sizeable barn towards the north eastern corner of the site); therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be possible on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in the Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces and PROWs which may encourage residents to undertake more active lifestyles. Water Lane amenity greenspace is located within 140m of the site to the east and a children's play area is adjacent to this location. The closest area of amenity greenspace is located within 320m of the site to the south at Water Lane. Penn Lane allotments are located within 215m to the north of the site. The closest PROW to the site is located within 50m to the south east at Mill Hill. The site is not located within 600m of a healthcare

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		facility and the village of Strathern does not provide access to a healthcare facility, however. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. Policy STAT1 requires that development is undertaken as to provide new open green areas. It is expected that the policy might further encourage the undertaking of more active lifestyles at this location but would not address the deficiency of healthcare services in the area.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Strathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with a higher level of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable a higher number of people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The site is located on brownfield land however 9.2% of this land is within Flood Zone 3b. Policy STAT1 requires that new development at the site should be supported by flood mitigation measures and that drainage infrastructure is available to accommodate the surface water from the site. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

WYM1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 12 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 75m of St Peter's Church of England Primary School to the north. The Local Plan states that</p>

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education.		there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Wymondham. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ 1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ³³ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development should be of an appropriate scale, contained by existing landform and features, and should respect the linear character of the settlement contained in the valley setting. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.

³³ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites. The site is located however within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this part of this site is of low ecological value. As the Study addresses less than 50% of the site however, a precautionary approach has been taken for the scoring of this SA objective and an overall significant negative effect has been recorded. The significant negative effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land which is of unknown grade in terms of agricultural quality although it is noted that land in close proximity to the site has been identified as being Grade 3b. As such residential development at this location may result in the loss of agricultural land which is of moderate quality and a potential minor negative effect is identified. This minor negative effect is uncertain dependent upon the agricultural quality of this site.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities as well as the high level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 280m of an amenity green space on Main Street to the east. The site is located within 565m of the cemetery on Nurses Lane which is to south east. The site is bordered by a footpath at its north western corner by Glebe Road and another footpath is accessible to the east by Rookery Lane within 65m of the site. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Wymondham does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located between Glebe Road and Rookery Lane on the western edge of Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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use of water resources.		

Sites included in Local Plan with updated capacities

ASFH1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 260m of Asfordby Hill Primary School which is to the north east. The Local Plan states that the school will be over capacity over the next four years, but policy ASFH1 therefore states that further development of site ASFH1 will be supported only when local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation,	++	The site is located within 290m of an existing employment site to the north of Melton Road and to the west of Welby Road and has also been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good

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promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the southern edge of Asfordby Hill and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Asfordby Hill South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ³⁴ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development. In this area the riverine landscape forms an area sensitive to development but this is offset by more eroded valley side landscape pattern with the valley crests displaying settlement edge influences. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective given the area's medium sensitivity to residential development. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 425m of a Local Wildlife Site which is designated due to the presence of calcareous grassland to the north east. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within 190m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area which has been identified to the west. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	+	The site is on south western edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with moderate access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

³⁴ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both education (SA objective 2) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Football pitches are provided within 125m of the site to the north on Melton Road. An amenity greenspace and a children's playground are both located at Melton Road to the north east of the site within 270m. A footpath is located within 170m of the site to the north east by Melton Road and this may encourage people to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle. However, the site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare centre and the village of Asfordby Hill also does not contain any healthcare facilities. Overall a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	+	The site is on south western edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

BOT1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 41 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within close proximity of two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School is located 405m from the site to the south west and Belvoir High School is located 530m from the site also to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to these schools a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The Local Plan states that there is currently capacity at the primary school to accommodate about 358 new homes at Bottesford; however this is slightly fewer than the total number of homes allocated at Bottesford (371). The potential significant positive effect is therefore uncertain.
3. To make efficient use of	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy BOT1

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transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		requires that the footpath link through the centre of the site to Grantham Road is retained which may help to ensure that the protection of walking links in the area.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located within 375m to the north of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is also located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is adjacent to two potential Local Wildlife Sites to the south. The site is also located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Policy BOT1 incorporates some biodiversity-related mitigation, stating that development proposals for the site must ensure that no adverse impacts will affect the nearby Local Wildlife Site located in proximity to the southern boundary. In addition, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is of low ecological value. A potential negligible effect is therefore identified overall although this is uncertain given that detailed proposals for the site are currently unknown.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment,	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.

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heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and a significant negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective 2) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objectives 1). As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located within 250m of the site to the north east. Bottesford Village Hall Field is located to the south west of the site within 50m. Further amenity green space is provided at Grantham Road Village Green which is located within 170m of the site to the north east. The closest children's play area to the site is located within 20m to the south at Bottesford Village Hall Field Play Area. Allotments are located within 150m of the site to the north at Grantham Road. A footpath follows the southern boundary of the site and although there is another footpath within the site, Policy BOT1 specifies that the footpath link through the centre of the site to Grantham Road should be retained and enhanced with additional landscaping and improved boundary treatment. However, there is also amenity green space to the rear of Bottesford Village Hall within the site and it is not known whether this would be lost as a result of development. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (4% of the site is within flood zone 3b and 1% is within flood zone 3a) but is on greenfield land. However, policy BOT1 incorporates mitigation, stating that proposals will be supported where flood mitigation measures have been put in place and the drainage infrastructure is available to accommodate the surface water from this site. An overall negligible effect is therefore expected.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

BOT2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 65 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the village (Bottesford) in which the site is located has two schools - Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The Local Plan states that there is currently capacity at the primary school to accommodate about 358 new homes at Bottesford; however this is slightly fewer than the total number of homes allocated at Bottesford (371). The potential minor positive effect is therefore uncertain.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites. The site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides limited access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Bottesford Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ³⁵ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development given contained visual character with a small scale intact landscape pattern to the south. However, Policy BOT2 specifies that the south and east boundaries must be sensitively treated with the addition of 'soft' attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites. The site is however located between 250m and 1km of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. Policy BOT2 specifies that the land to the southern boundary of the site must be enhanced as a wildlife/biodiversity corridor and that there will be no adverse impact on any protected species. In addition, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is most likely to be of low ecological value. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy BOT2 requires that new development at the site addresses the frontage to Grantham Road and has an active road frontage on the approach to the village which may help to protection and potentially enhance the existing character of the area.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

³⁵ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1), a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor negative score in relation to the economy (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide in particular as well as the access the site would provide to education facilities but taking into account the limited access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 290m of the Easthorpe Road Allotments to the west. Amenity green space is located within 445m of the site at Grantham Road Village Green to the west. Grantham Road Skate Park is also located to the west of the site within 465m. The site is also adjacent to a footpath which runs from the northern side of Grantham Road. The site is located within Bottesford which contains a GP surgery on Walford Close and although the site is not located within walking distance (600m) of this facility, given that it is located within the same village, residents would have reasonable access. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (4% of the site is within flood zone 3b) but is on greenfield land. Policy BOT2 incorporates mitigation in relation to flooding, requiring that flood mitigation measures are put in place and that the drainage infrastructure is available to accommodate the surface water from this site. A negligible effect is therefore likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

BOT3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been allocated for 163 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of any schools although two schools are located within Bottesford (Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School) which would mean that residents would have a relatively good level of access to them. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The Local Plan states that there is currently capacity at the primary school to accommodate about 358 new homes at Bottesford; however this is slightly fewer than the total number of homes allocated at Bottesford (371). The potential minor positive effect is therefore uncertain.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport, particularly because policy BOT3 specifies that footpath/cycling links must be put in place linking and connecting the site to the village. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 90m of an existing employment site to the east and has been assessed by the Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides a relatively good level of access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the north western edge of Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ 1: Bottesford Central in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ³⁶ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development given its small scale character and the presence of intact historic landscape elements. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Bottesford Triangle Local Wildlife Site is located within 45m of the site to the north west. The site is also located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Policy BOT3 incorporates biodiversity-related mitigation, stating that the land around the river corridor and railway line should be enhanced as a wildlife/biodiversity corridor and that there must be no adverse impact to any protected species. In addition, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is of moderate ecological value due to it including a combination of different habitats with potential for roosting bats (trees), riparian species (River Devon) and other wildlife along the dis-used railway abutting (wildlife corridors). Overall a potential minor negative effect is therefore identified although this is currently uncertain until detailed proposals for the site come forward.

³⁶ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has mostly been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land and development at this location could therefore result in agricultural land which is of moderate quality being lost. This could result in a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to housing SA (objective 1) and minor positive scores in relation to access to education (SA objective 2) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the high level of housing that the site may provide in particular as well as the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in

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necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.		Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 140m of allotments on Pinfold Lane and within 220m of an amenity green space on Chapel Street. Footpaths are located to the south of the site by River Close and Pinfold Lane. The site is located within 295m of Bottesford Surgery which is to the south on Walford Close. However, a footpath runs through the site and this may be lost to the development proposed. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective. Policy BOT3 incorporates mitigation in relation to noise impacts, which could otherwise impact upon health, stating that development proposals must be accompanied by a noise mitigation strategy to ensure that noise from the railway to the north of the sites is adequately mitigated. Furthermore Policy BOT3 requires that footpath/cycling links have been put in place linking and connecting the site to the village which may help to further promote physically active and healthier lifestyles in the area.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	8% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 17% is within Flood Zone 3a. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site and policy BOT4 incorporates mitigation, stating that flood mitigation measures must be put in place and that the drainage infrastructure must be available to accommodate the surface water from this site. Overall a minor negative effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

BOT4

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SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 55 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the village of Bottesford in which the site is located in has two schools: Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The Local Plan states that there is currently capacity at the primary school to accommodate about 358 new homes at Bottesford; however this is slightly fewer than the total number of homes allocated at Bottesford (371). The potential minor positive effect is therefore uncertain.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. In addition, policy BOT4 specifies that a footpath link should be provided linking the site to the village which may help to maintain a high level of accessibility in the area.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site.</p> <p>There is an existing employment site located within 85m to the south west of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. It is noted that the site is

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character of the landscape.		located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely, but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation. Policy BOT4 incorporates some landscape-related mitigation, requiring that the north, east and west boundaries are sensitively treated with the addition of soft attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 65m of a potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Trackside Verge) to the north east with an additional feature of this type (Bottesford Triangle) located within 775m to the east of the site. The site is also located between 250m to 1km of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species.. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the site was assessed in the Biodiversity and Geodiversity study that has been undertaken for Melton Borough Council as being of low ecological value, assuming that the trees/wildlife corridor are protected. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The majority of the site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and education facilities (SA objectives 1 and 2). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located within 590m of the site to the south west. There is an amenity green space feature (The Square) located within 470m to the south west of the site and another within 325m to the south of the site (Grantham Road Recreation Area). Station Road Meadow, an area of natural/semi natural green space, is located within 130m to the south of the site. Grantham Road Allotments are located within 325m to the south of the site and Grantham Road Skate Park is within 350m of the site to the south east. There is a bridleway following the outside edge of the eastern site boundary that leads to Beacon Hill and a footpath within 65m of the site to the south which leads to River Devon. In addition, policy BOT5 specifies that a footpath link should be provided linking the site to the village. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy BOT4 incorporates mitigation in relation to noise impacts, which could otherwise impact upon health, stating that development proposals must be accompanied by a noise mitigation strategy to ensure that noise from the railway to the south of the site is adequately mitigated.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

CROX1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within 195m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the north west. However, the Local Plan states that there is only capacity at the school to accommodate an additional 17 dwellings (significantly fewer than the amount allocated at the village). Therefore, S106 agreements will need to be in place to accommodate the allocated housing. Overall a potential but uncertain significant positive effect is identified, depending on the required capacity improvements being delivered.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help with reducing journeys undertaken by car through the encouragement of journeys by alternative modes of transport. Policy CROX1 also requires that a footpath is provided between the site access and Mill Lane and that any proposed development is supported by a transport statement is provided with the application. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Croxton Kerrial Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ³⁷ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to small scale, intimate fieldscapes. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is also noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study includes some design guidance for the landscape character zone that this site lies within, which includes a statement that any development coming forward in the landscape character zone would be best contained to the southern extension of the village, within the small scale field pattern adjacent to the existing edge – this is where this site is located. The design guidance also states that the existing southern settlement edge has a loose form that is relatively prominent in views from the southern village approach due to the gently rising landform, and that any development coming forward on this edge should have regard for this existing edge character and should be appropriately designed to sit within the landform without dominating views. This should be taken into account in any development proposals, and may help to mitigate impacts on the landscape. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 390m of Croxton Kerrial Roadside Verge Nature Reserve which has been designated as a Local Wildlife Site to the south east. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.

³⁷ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation. Mitigation is built into policy CROX1 which states that an area of open space must be included in the development to provide a buffer from the adjacent Grade II Windmill to protect its setting and that a heritage assessment must be provided with impacts assessed and suitable mitigation measures identified. This should pay particular attention to the effect of the development proposal on the Conservation Area, Grade Listed Windmill and potential archaeological concerns. Overall a negligible effect is therefore considered most likely.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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materials.		
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the north of the site within 235m by Middle Street. Further to the north of the site within 490m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the north west of the site within 45m. Policy CROX1 specifies that another footpath should be provided between the site access and Mill Lane. The site is located within 195m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the west on Main Street. However, the site also contains part of a footpath and development at this location may result in the loss of this feature. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within the south eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

CROX3

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 11 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 120m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the north east. However, the Local Plan states that there is only capacity at the school to accommodate an additional 17 dwellings (significantly less than the amount allocated at the village). Therefore, S106 agreements will need to be in place to accommodate the allocated housing. Overall a potential but uncertain significant positive effect is identified, depending on the required capacity improvements being delivered.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. Policy CROX3 also specifies that safe pedestrian access must be provided, paying due regard to the differences in site levels between the site and the carriageway. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. The site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and	--?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Croxton Kerrial and has been identified as being within LCZ3:

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		Croxtion Kerrial Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ³⁸ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to small scale, intimate fieldscapes. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 65m of a potential Local Wildlife Site to the west which has been designated due to the presence of mature ash trees. Green Lane, Spring Cottages potential Local Wildlife Site is located within 135m of the site also to the west. In addition, Croxton Park SSSI is approximately 600m to the south west. As such, development may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. which could affect the identified biodiversity sites. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known. Policy CROX3 specifies that proposals must incorporate measures to ensure no harm/damage will be caused to the nearby SSSI.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land and development at this site could therefore result in land which of moderate quality in terms of its agricultural grade being lost to another use. An overall minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore expected.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to education facilities (SA objective 2),

³⁸ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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secure economic inclusion.		a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and a minor negative score in relation to the economy (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small portion of the site to the north east is used to accommodate parking from the doctor's surgery located on the other side of The Nook) and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the north east of the site within 245m by Middle Street. Further to the north east of the site within 490m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the north of the site within 25m by Main Street and a byway is located to the east of the site within 5m. The site is located within 35m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the east on Main Street and although some of the site is currently used for car parking at the surgery, Policy CROX3 specifies that replacement provision must be made so the development will not impede access to the surgery. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located at Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

FRIS2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 22 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 335m of Frisby Church of England Primary School which is to the south east. The Local Plan identifies capacity issues at the school and notes that development at Frisby will require the school to expand to accommodate growth. However, policy FRIS2 states that development of this site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available or can be created through developer contributions. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Frisby on the Wreake and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Frisby on the Wreake West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due small scale character and presence of important and relatively intact historic landscape elements such as ridge and furrow field systems. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 590m of Frisby Marsh SSSI which is to the south west. Asfordby Amateur Sports Club candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 765m to the north east of the site. The site is also located between 250m and 1km from an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and	-	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore expected overall on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is the closest sports facility to the site which is located within 185m to the east. There is a footpath within 115m to the east of the site which runs from Well Field Lane. However there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance of the site and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy FRIS2 incorporates mitigation for noise issues which could otherwise affect health, requiring that it is demonstrated by means of a noise assessment that noise

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		from the railway to the north of the sites can be adequately mitigated.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land. Policy FRIS2 incorporates mitigation, stating that flood mitigation measures must have been put in place and the drainage infrastructure must be available to accommodate the surface water from this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

FRIS3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 67 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is adjacent to Frisby Church of England Primary School which is to the north. The Local Plan identifies capacity issues at the school and notes that development at Frisby will require the school to expand to accommodate growth. However, policy FRIS3 states that development of this site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available or can be created through developer contributions and requires that provision is made within the boundaries of</p>

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		the site for the expansion of the adjacent primary school. A significant positive effect is therefore identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Frisby on the Wreake and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Frisby on the Wreake South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the medium scale landscape that is contained by rising topography to the south, up to Leicester Road. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This minor negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 615m of Frisby Marsh SSSI which is to the west. The site is also located between 250m and 1km of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located mostly within a gypsum Mineral Consultation Area with a relatively small section of the northern part of the site identified as being within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The majority of the site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality (a small portion of the northern part of the site is located on land which has been identified as being Grade 3b quality Agricultural Land but the rest is unspecified). Development at this location could therefore also result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the remainder of the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Frisby on Wreake allotments are located within 600m to the north east of the site and Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is located within 230m to the north of the site. There is a footpath along the western boundary of the site. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

LONG3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 41 new dwellings;

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the present and future residents of the Borough.		therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 540m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the west; however the Local Plan states that the Local Education Authority has significant concerns about the capacity of the school to accommodate additional pupils from the housing proposed and specifies that the allocated sites in Long Clawson should only be brought forward for development when primary places have been provided. Policy LONG3 states that the development of the site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. Overall a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	--?	<p>The site is located in Long Clawson and has been identified as being mostly within LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. A small part of the site lies outside of the area which this study addresses. LCZ2 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the complex landscape pattern and intimate scale of the vegetated and undulating landscape with</p>

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landscape.	?	intact field boundaries and riparian corridors. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the mosaic of habitats present which have potential to support numerous species of fauna. A potential minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mostly brownfield land (only the southern part of the site remains undeveloped) meaning that land of a high agricultural value is unlikely to be lost to another use. As such a potential minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is identified as being located on mostly brownfield land. Development of this site could therefore involve the reuse of existing buildings and materials already onsite; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain given that the extent to which such opportunities exist is unknown.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 115m of two allotments to the west and to the north on East End and Hose Lane respectively. Access to a children's playground is located to the east of the site within 370m on The Sands. A footpath runs along the northern edge of the site to connect to Water Lane to the east. The site is located within 375m of the healthcare centre in Long Clawson which is on The Sands to the west. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located on Waltham Lane towards the south eastern edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely. In addition, policy LONG3 incorporates mitigation, stating that drainage infrastructure must be available to accommodate the surface water from the site without causing or exacerbating flooding elsewhere.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL10

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 70 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 60m of St Mary's Church of England Primary School. The Local Plan states that there is a net surplus of school places at St Mary's Church of England Primary School although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations which provide over 50 dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy MEL GENERAL also requires that applications on allocated sites in Melton Mowbray over 50 dwellings are supported by appropriate Transport Assessments identifying the impacts upon the existing highways infrastructure and make a contribution to the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy commensurate to their impact which should help to maintain a good level of access to public transport at the site.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within the LCZ7: Melton Mowbray Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due the medium landscape scale and variable landscape intactness and condition. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. Policy MEL10 incorporates some landscape-related mitigation, stating that development proposals must respond to the edge of settlement location and provide an active street frontage along Horseguards Way, responding to the local character in scale and massing. Proposals must also retain, where possible, the vegetation screen off St Bartholomew's Way.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Nottingham Road Hedgerow (Local Wildlife Site) is located within 205m of the site to the north. The site is also located between 250m and 1km from an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to this identified biodiversity site and may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is most likely to be of low ecological value. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain. Policy MEL10 requires that new development at the site provides an active street frontage along Horseguard's Way, responding to the local character in scale and massing which may help to protect and potentially enhance existing character in the area.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land; however the Agricultural Land quality of this site is unknown. The surrounding greenfield land to the site has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain as the Agricultural Land Quality of this site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to employment (SA objective 4) and housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Nottingham Road located 178m from site and a children's play area 65m away on Horseguards Way. There is a footpath located 825m north of the site which leads to Holwell. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall. Policy MEL GENERAL requires that developments providing over 50 dwellings in Melton Mowbray should provide developer contributions to address impacts on National Health Service provisions. Furthermore MEL10 incorporates mitigation in relation to noise, which could otherwise impact upon health, stating that noise impacts resulting from the HGV traffic along St Bartholomew's Way must be assessed and where impacts identified, appropriate mitigation provided.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

THOR1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 13 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school, with pupils being accommodated in Melton Mowbray. The Local Plan states that large-scale housing in Thorpe Arnold, along with proposed growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local primary schools. However, policy THOR1 addresses this issue, supporting development at the site</p>

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		provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. As such an overall minor positive effect is expected.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy THOR1 requires that footways are provided to ensure a safe pedestrian access from the development into the village.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Thorpe Arnold Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium sensitivity to residential development. The existing settlement edge is exposed in part and this could be mitigated through small scale development with appropriate landscaping on this edge. The site is not within an Area of Separation. Policy THOR1 incorporates landscape-related mitigation, requiring that a comprehensive landscape scheme, providing substantial boundary landscaping and screening to mitigate impacts of the development when viewed from the open countryside, is provided. Overall a potential negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective. This effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species.. In addition Brentingby Lodge Farm Meadow (Local Wildlife Site) is located within 690m of the site to north east and Corfe Wet Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located within 475m of the site to the south west. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy THOR1 incorporates biodiversity-related mitigation, requiring that biodiversity enhancements are provided within the site to mitigate any loss of habitat as a result of loss of hedgerows/trees. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy THOR1 seeks to provide mitigation in terms of the historic environment requiring that the development at this site is sympathetic to the setting of Grade II Listed Building (Wold House and The Hall are both in close proximity of the site to the west and south west respectively) and other heritage assets.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, half of the site is Grade 3b and the other half is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment (SA objectives 1 and 4). However a minor negative score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the access to employment opportunities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the distance to education facilities.
11. To improve community	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the

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safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.		incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace feature is located 845m north west from site on Hunts Drive and Doctors Lane Allotments are located 1165m from site. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is located 395m north east of the site and another sports facility is Thorpe Road Recreation Ground which has a football pitch located 925m south west from site. There is a footpath on the northern site boundary leading east to Woodfold Lane and another 120m west of the site that leads north. In addition Policy THOR1 requires that footways are provided to ensure a safe pedestrian access from the development into the village which may help to further encourage residents to partake of more physically active lifestyles in the area. However the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

WYM2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 21 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>St Peter's Church of England Primary School is located 500m west of the site. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Wymondham. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the often small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 250m of an area which has been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. Wymondham Hedgerow potential Local Wildlife Site is located within 575m to the east of the site and another Local Wildlife Site, Wymondham Grassland, is located within 695m also to the east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value (assuming that the trees located adjacent to the site are protected) and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as greenfield land; however the grade of the Agricultural Land is unknown. Nearby greenfield land has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a potential minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain as the agricultural land quality of this site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	++	The site is in Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity green space feature located on Main Street within 230m to the south west of the site and allotments also on Main Street are located within 140m of the site. The closest public right of way to the site is the footpath which is located within 65m to the north. However there are no sports facilities or healthcare facilities in the village of Wymondham, therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	++	The site is in Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

WYM3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 22 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within 235m of St Peter's Church of England Primary School to the south west. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Wymondham. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce

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transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the northern edge of Wynondham and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ³⁹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development should be of an appropriate scale, contained by existing landform and features, and should respect the linear character of the settlement contained in the valley setting. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 250m of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. The site is also located within 690m of Wymondham Grassland Local Wildlife Site to the east. As such the close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features may result in damage or disturbance or further adverse impacts associated with recreation pressures or increased air pollution, for example. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.

³⁹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified overall although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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materials.		
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 60m of an amenity green space on Main Street to the south. An allotment is located within 310m of the site to the south east also on Main Street. The nearest footpath is located to the south of the site within 80m. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Wymondham does not contain a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located by Main Street on the northern edge of Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land. Policy WYM3 incorporates mitigation, requiring appropriate flood and drainage assessments proposing mitigation effective to deal with the scale of the impacts are identified. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

OLD2 (Reserve)

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	<p>All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies.</p> <p>This site is relatively small and is a reserve site for 23 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located 385m from Old Dalby Church of England Primary School which is to the east. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Old Dalby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located within 380m to the south west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	--?	<p>The site is located towards the north western edge of Old Dalby and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Old dalby West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the localised complexity of the landscape pattern. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy OLD2 requires that the existing boundary</p>

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landscape.		trees and hedges are retained except as required to allow access which may help to mitigate landscape-related impacts however no comprehensive approach to mitigation is included. A significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located between 250m and 1km of areas which have been identified through work undertaken on behalf of the Council in the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study as being of importance for protected species. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in damage or disturbance. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to it abutting woodland. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall although this is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity green space features are located on Derdale Hill located 90m east of the site and a children's play area on Church Lane is located within 315m south east of the site. In addition Old Dalby Cricket Club is a sports facility located within 295m to the east of the site. The closest public right of way to the site is located to the west within 60m by Longcliff Hill. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) of the site or within the village of Old Dalby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		