## <u>Appendix</u>

## Melton Borough Council's Local Plan Partial Update – Issues and Options Consultation (November 2023)

## **Response from Leicestershire County Council**

	on and Objectives
1	Looking at the options above, which option do you support?
	Option 1 (no change): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/
	somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	<ul> <li>Option 2 (refocussed and simplified version [preferred option]): strongly agree/</li> </ul>
	somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
2	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this section
	A review of the Visions and Objectives is strongly supported to take account of the
	changing context since adoption of the plan. The approach and suggested key issues in
	Option 2 are broadly supported but should be made sufficiently robust to cover all key
	objective areas, including the importance of climate change, health, housing and transport
	connectivity. Option 2 would also allow the Education Infrastructure required to support
	the community to ensure it is appropriate for the scale of development.
	In simplifying the vision and objectives, care needs to be taken not to undermine the
	importance of environmental considerations which need to be considered with priority
	when redeveloping the vision and supporting objectives. It must not be considered as an
	afterthought. In the proposed seven key issues, the reference to reuse and recycling of
	waste has been lost, so assurance would need to be provided within the local plan that all
	the environmental objectives as stated in the existing vision are not lost and overlooked.
	The bullet point, 'Promoting high quality and well-designed development that helps to
	create healthy, sustainable, and safe communities' is the only time health is referenced in
	the key aims. Health is set within the context of new developments. However, is there an
	opportunity to add 'health' into the first bullet point 'Improving facilities for all of the
	community and providing the new infrastructure needed to support our growing
	population' then becomes 'Improving facilities for all of the community and providing the
	new infrastructure needed to support our growing population that supports the health
	and wellbeing of our residents across the life course'. Is there an opportunity to recognise
	the health and wellbeing in existing residents in one of the other key aims without it being
	in the context of new developments and also highlights the need in Melton given Melton
	has an ageing population?
	The strengthening of the need to tackle the causes and effects of climate change within
	the vision/objectives, plus making this more of a priority, is supported. Additionally, it is
	good to see that enhancing and minimising harm to nature is also included. To be
	successful these objectives should be embedded throughout the local plan and within
	other objectives.
	Minerals safeguarding is important in the assessment and allocation of any sites. Waste
	site safeguarding is also important in the consideration of sites and the vision, so as not to
	prejudice the waste hierarchy, which is the responsibility of all local authorities, not

	merely the County Council. Whilst we are aware this section is not yet allocating sites, perhaps protecting and safeguarding finite resources as well as 'reuses and recycles resources' is appropriate? The use of waste as a resource could be mentioned. It is also an NPPF requirement (para 210 e) for the district to identify and safeguard mineral related infrastructure (existing, planned and potential storage, handling and transport sites for minerals) where it is not located on an active mineral site. PPG for Minerals at para 006 (Reference ID: 27-006-20140306, Revision date: 06 03 2014) indicates that in two tier authority areas, responsibility for safeguarding facilities for the above will rest largely with the district planning authority except where such facilities would be located at quarries. The County Council welcomes the repeated positive reference to the heritage and historic character of the Borough, from the Vision statement, through strategic and environmental objectives, to many of the individual policies. Both individual heritage assets and the wider historic character of the service of the statement of the service
	wider historic environment offer significant contribution to the distinctiveness and sense of place the borough, support its communities and economy, as well as promoting the town and surrounding borough as a tourist destination.
	Whilst the current document does not explicitly address Policy EN13 (Heritage Assets) of the current Local Plan, reference to heritage is made throughout the document, reflecting the embedded nature of the resource. In light of the passage of the Levelling Up Act, consideration might be given to reflecting some of the changes brought in by the Act. In that context, LuRA introduces to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (TCPA) a new duty to have special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing specified heritage assets for plan-making and decision-taking. There is also a more general expansion to the duty of decision-takers when it comes to heritage assets from the desirability of preserve or enhance. There is also a new enforcement power in the creation of an option to serve temporary stop notices for listed buildings. On a separate note it also introduces a statutory duty on the County Council to maintain an Historic Environment Record for the authority area.
3	What do you think are the most important objectives to be covered by our Vision? Please select your top 3 [Rank]
	o Improving facilities for all of the community and providing the new infrastructure needed to support our growing population
	o Addressing the causes and effects of climate change o Ensure local housing meets the local communities current and future needs o Supporting a diverse, competitive and innovative rural economy o Enhancing Melton Mowbray's town centre
	o Promoting high quality and well-designed development to help create healthy, sustainable and safe communities o Enhancing nature and minimising harm to the natural environment o <mark>Other (please specify) [free text]</mark>
	It is considered that all of these objectives seem to be logical, sensible and in many ways intertwined. Provision of new infrastructure, ensuring local housing need and enhancing Melton Mowbray is crucial for example, albeit within wider context and a 'golden-thread' which should run throughout the plan reflecting the addressing the causes of climate change, promoting healthy, sustainable and safe communities and enhancing nature and minimising harm to the environment.

	It is suggested that some alterations are made to the objectives to strengthen them. These include:
	• Improving facilities for all of the community and providing the new infrastructure needed to support <i>economic growth and</i> our growing population
	<ul> <li>Addressing the causes and effects of climate change and encouraging the development of renewable energy</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure local housing meets the local communities current and future needs</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Supporting a diverse, competitive and innovative rural economy in Melton</li> </ul>
	Mowbray and rural areas
Policy	SS1. Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development
4	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (amend the policy [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree
	/neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
5	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	It is considered that that a policy reflecting the presumption in favour of sustainable
	development should remain in the plan to clearly evidence the commitment to it. The policy helps to underpin the plan and decision-making processes, in compliance with the
	guidance set out in the NPPF.
	SS3. Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites)
6	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (review the policy to better define meeting local need): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (review the policy to enhance wider sustainability [preferred option]): strongly
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	Consider Minerals safeguarding and waste safeguarding
8	Under what circumstances do you think new homes in the borough's smallest and least sustainable settlements are justified? [Free text]
	In the interest of minimising infrastructure challenges (including transport impacts of growth), it is considered that new homes in Melton's smallest and least sustainable settlements should be limited to only where there is a clearly identified and <i>evidenced</i> local need (and where options to provide elsewhere are not), which may include some or all of the following:
	<ul> <li>Supporting rural business</li> <li>Maintaining community links</li> <li>Meeting the needs of all within the existing community including a mix of homes for families already living in the settlements</li> <li>Taking advantage of existing under-utilised infrastructure provision and/or when the developments are at their most environmentally sustainable (i.e design is low in carbon (i.e. heat pumps), generates renewable energy where appropriate and its development enhances local biodiversity where appropriate.</li> </ul>
	Minerals safeguarding and waste safeguarding would need to be important considerations in any justification.
9	Do you think criteria should be introduced to require homes built in the borough's smallest and least sustainable settlements to be built to the highest sustainability standards? If yes, what types of criteria do you think the policy should consider? [Free text]Yes. It is considered that there should be criteria to require these homes to be built to the highest sustainability standards in order to meet net zero and tackle climate change (as
	should be the case for all new development, regardless of type or location). The criteria within the policy should include, at a minimum, that design of homes should maximise energy efficiency and carbon reduction in their design and ongoing running/maintenance. For example, through insulation, the use of low carbon materials, maximising air source and/or ground source heat pumps, maximising appropriate local renewable energy generation and storage and provide electric vehicle charging access to promote zero-carbon travel. Additional consideration could be provided for where appropriate heat networks or community energy installations could be included within plans to maximise benefit to the local community. Developments must also consider appropriate action on climate adaptation in regards to flooding and also overheating/heatwaves.
	Broadband to the property should also be considered to enable people to work from home increasing sustainability by reducing the need to travel to work.
	SS4. South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhoods
10	<ul> <li>Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]</li> <li>o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree / neither agree nor</li> <li>disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree</li> <li>o Option 2 (amend to the reflect the 2021 Masterplan [preferred option]: strongly agree/</li> <li>somewhat agree / neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree</li> </ul>

11	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	The County Council would not support deletion of the Policy and strongly suggests the policy is retained and updated.
	We would seek to work with Melton Borough Council in order to see whether and how this policy needs to be amended with regard to the Southern Melton Mowbray Distributor Road in the light of the latest Housing Infrastructure Fund position, including as necessary safeguarding of its route (i.e. to replace the current broader area identified in the Local Plan).
	The Policy would make the delivery of Education Infrastructure more achievable from both a financial perspective and viable education delivery. The South Masterplan provided sites for two primary schools, 1 x 210 1 x 420 places, and a 650 place secondary school. This will need to reviewed depending on any modifications to the Local Plan and updated to ensure previous proposals are still fit for purpose.
	<ul> <li>The review of the policy should also:</li> <li>consider how the development should be designed to maximise carbon reduction and nature enhancement, whilst minimising the impacts of climate impacts</li> <li>Reflect the future waste arisings further to the proposed 2000 dwellings and the subsequent need for LCC and Melton Borough Council to work effectively together to manage the future need for additional waste infrastructure at the appropriate time.</li> <li>Reflect healthcare needs</li> <li>Reflect education with the planned 2,000 dwellings in the generating 170 childcare places. There is also no mention of Early Years, which needs to be recognised.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Consider Minerals safeguarding and waste safeguarding</li> </ul>
Policy	SS5. Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood
12	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix] o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree o Option 2 (amend to reflect the 2021 masterplan [preferred option]): strongly agree/
	somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
13	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	As per Policy SS4, the County Council would not support deletion of the Policy and strongly suggests the policy is retained and updated.
	We would seek to work with Melton Borough Council in order to see whether and how
	this policy needs to be amended to continue to make provision for the completion of the
	MMDR NE and ongoing developer contributions towards it.
	The Policy would make the delivery of Education Infrastructure more achievable from both a financial perspective and viable education delivery. The North Masterplan provides two primary sites, 1 x 210 and 1 x 420, this will need to reviewed depending on any modifications to the Local Plan and updated to ensure previous proposals are still fit for purpose.

	The review of the policy should also:
	• consider how the development should be designed to maximise carbon reduction
	and nature enhancement, whilst minimising the impacts of climate impacts
	• Reflect the future waste arisings further to the proposed 1700 dwellings and the
	subsequent need for LCC and Melton Borough Council to work effectively
	together to manage the future need for additional waste infrastructure at the
	appropriate time.
	Reflect healthcare needs
	<ul> <li>Reflect education with the planned 1,700 dwellings in the generating 145</li> </ul>
	childcare places. There is also no mention of Early Years, which needs to be
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	recognised.
	Consider Minerals safeguarding and waste safeguarding
Policy	SS6. Alternative Development Strategies and Local Plan Review
14	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (reduce to locally specific criteria only [preferred option]): strongly agree/
	somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (additional criteria): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
15	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
15	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	It is considered a policy on this subject should be retained, but be clear and concise and in
	line with the Vision of the Plan.
	Climate action should be analyzed advectory associate and thus as well be included as a
	Climate action should be embedded wherever possible and thus could be included as an
	additional criteria to strengthen the Local Plan and climate change/nature objectives.
	Option 2 may also tie in with the Government's intention for Local Plans to be more
	locally focused. Whilst it is appreciated that this plan is being prepared under the current
	system, it may 'future proof' the plan. Option 2 would also facilitate a more reflective and
	relevant local plan for the Melton Mowbray area.
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	If the option chosen proposes to introduce new or additional criteria, we would need to
	think carefully about any criteria relating to an utter and entire failure to deliver the
	southern MMDR (as opposed to a delayed delivery and/or alternative approach to
	provision). In such circumstances from a transport perspective, we would be cautious
	about that triggering a 'search' for an alternative Plan spatial strategy (as opposed to a
	recast of the Southern Sustainable Neighbourhood Policy), given the Local Highway
	Authority's previously expressed view that focusing growth on Melton Mowbray is
	preferable to a more dispersed pattern of growth.
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	Clarity over the Leicester City's unmet need would be helpful as this will further guide the
	strategic plan for Education Infrastructure requirements and the number of pupil places
	required.
Policy	C2. Housing Mix
16	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree

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	o Option 2 (amend the policy [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
17	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	The County Council consider that although it will make the policy longer, amendments would ensure the policy is strengthened. It is agreed that housing mix should be based on latest evidence, with consideration made to make some distinction between different
	communities, e.g. those in Melton Mowbray town centre and the rural areas.
	Minerals and waste safeguarding should be considered as part of the assessment of any sites.
Policy	C3. National Space Standard and Smaller Dwellings
18	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (amend the policy [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree
	/neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
19	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	It is agreed that this policy should be updated to reflect a requirement for Nationally
	Described Space Standards to be met for all dwellings, and to promote quality affordable
	housing.
Policy	C4. Affordable Housing Provision
20	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (amend the policy to reflect National Planning Policy Framework and new
	evidence [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
21	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
21	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	The approach to Option 2 is agreed, with evidence showing internal housing space is
	linked to health outcomes, opportunities for children to play and study. Insufficient space
	is linked to poor health impacts on mental wellbeing.
	Specific comments from the County Council as a landowner
	The policy should be updated as proposed but should contain the exception proviso in relation to viability in order not to act as a constraint on housing delivery. Given the level of affordable housing required to meet the needs of the Borough, consideration should be given to increasing the overall numbers to help deliver affordable housing needs. The
	policy should also consider delivery of 100% affordable housing sites and the need for market housing to support rural exception sites where grant funding is insufficient to support delivery.
	C7. Dural Complete
Policy	C7. Rural Services
Policy 22	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]

	o Option 2 (Amend the policy [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree
	/neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
23	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	A retention and reworking of Policy C7 is supported to provide more clarity. The policy
	should enable the protection, retention or enhancement of existing community services
	and facilities or that lead to the provision of additional assets in the interests of making a
	place more sustainable in terms of minimising the need for external travel by car. The
	policy should also reflect issues that are important to health and wellbeing outcomes
	including community cohesion and opportunities for social connectivity.
	Specific comments from the County Council as a landowner
	The rationale behind the policy is sound. However, it could be reworded in a way that
	permits limited development to support a local school, for example, rather than
	concentrating on the conditions for its redevelopment. The policy should also be
	repositioned within the chapter to follow Self Build policy.
Policy	/ v C8. Self Build and Custom Build Housing
24	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (Delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (Address increasing needs): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree
	nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (Address increasing needs and add local-specific criteria [preferred option]):
	strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/
	strongly disagree
	o Option 4 (Adding the two optional local eligibility tests): strongly agree/ somewhat
	agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
25	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	The local plan should encourage exemplar sustainable housing options, which option 3
	could enable. This will require thinking about what would incentivise self-builders to
	choose to build low carbon & environmentally designs. However, if done correctly the
	non-self build properties should maximise where possible their designs to be low carbon
	and environmentally friendly – meaning in theory, this option isn't needed as all houses
	should be sustainable and low in carbon, including their ongoing running/maintenance.
	Minerals and waste safeguarding should be considered as part of the assessment of any
	sites.
Policy	/ v C9. Healthy Communities
26	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (Revise the policy but also make health and wellbeing a key thread that runs
	throughout the entire plan [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither
	agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
27	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	Strengthening the Plan to make health and wellbeing a key thread running through it
	would be welcomed and supported and is the preferred option. The policy needs to

	promote Healthy and Safe Communities and comply with NPPF guidance and include the key elements by reference to the policies detailed elsewhere in the plan.
	Delivery of active travel infrastructure and measures can contribute significantly to improving the health of our communities and we would be keen to discuss how a reviewed Plan might help in terms of being able to cite it in future bids to Government for funding for active travel infrastructure and measures.
	Revising this policy will ensure the inclusion of the Health Impact Assessments expectations and threshold criteria agreed upon locally ensuring a clearer process for all.
	In regards to the wording of the first bullet point in option 2 ' <i>Refocus and reduce the policy to only cover health issues not better dealt with elsewhere in the plan (such as within climate change, transport, design, developer contribution, open and green space policies) to reduce replication and improve clarity within the plan', we agree with referencing health throughout and its links to all the other relevant policies but would still like to see those wider determinant themes (transport, green space etc) still included within the health section also to reiterate how crucial those aspects are in shaping health outcomes.</i>
28	Do you think the Local Plan should require Health Impact Assessments for large scale developments? [Yes/No/Unsure]
29	If you answered 'yes' to question 28, what size and types of development do you think should require them and why? [Free text]
	Health impact assessments are a crucial tool in identifying the potential positive or negative impacts of developments on local populations and help to assess the potential risk or benefits to health, ensuring that informed proactive measures can be taken to mitigate negative effects and maximise the health benefits. Health Impact assessments are associated with improving health outcomes and reduce inequalities.
	Following a meeting with district planning reps in October 2023 (including a representative of Melton Borough Council), the Office for Health Inequalities and Disparities (OHID) and the TCPA, there was initial agreement on an approach where some development sites identified in the adopted Development plan would require a Health Impact Assessment, and these will be identified and agreed by the Borough Council and the Leicestershire Public Health team early in the adoption process based on size and/or local health data.
	The draft Leicestershire HIA scoping tool/criteria (to be applied to planning applications for sites not identified within the plan) is currently being considered. This will identify thresholds for HIA completion based on a list of agreed criteria around numerical thresholds and local health need. The Public Health team would very much like to work with the Borough to develop and embed these criteria when approved.
	It is also considered that all development should be future ready and adapted to the inevitable increase and magnitude of climate impacts – therefore recommend that the threshold is kept low to ensure climate adaptation and reduction in health impacts is maximised.
Policy	EC1. Employment Growth in Melton Mowbray

30	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (Amendments to reflect Use Class Order, new evidence and National Planning
	Policy Framework): strongly agree/ somewhat agree / <mark>neither agree nor disagree</mark> /
	somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (Create separate policies for employment allocations and employment
	development in Melton Mowbray): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
31	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
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	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	It is agreed that Option 1 (deletion of the policy) is not feasible. It is felt that Option 3
	would provide the best opportunity for developing more bespoke criteria which could,
	say, for example, in transport terms be related to passenger transport provision and
	delivery of elements of the emerging Melton Mowbray Local Cycle and Walking
	Infrastructure Plan.
	It is considered that there could be a general employment policy covering need and
	spatial distribution. In the same way that there are individual policies for major housing
	sites the same should apply to major employment allocations.
32	Unless submitted already as part of the Employment-only Call for Sites (June-July 2023),
	is there any employment site you want us to consider as a potential allocation? If there
	is, please submit the details, including a location plan showing the boundaries to
	planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk and add a note in this section [Free text]
	It should be noted that Minerals and waste safeguarding should be considered as part of
	the assessment of any sites.
Policy	EC2. Employment Growth in the Rural Area (Outside Melton Mowbray)
33	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (policy wording amendments [preferred options]): strongly agree/ somewhat
	agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
34	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	It is agreed that a Policy covering this matter should be retained, including developing
	criteria relating to highways and transport matters.
	The policy can provide an opportunity for embedding climate change action and
	additionally, rural employment opportunities should align to Leicester, Leicestershire and
	Rutland's Local Nature Recovery Strategy which is currently under development and led
	by Leicestershire County Council (james.obrien@leics.gov.uk).
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	Given the current limited supply of EV charging points, it is considered that if an
	employment site is adjacent to an existing settlement, there could be an exploration as to
	whether these points could be utilised by residents in the evenings/weekends when not
	being used by people working there.
	Minerals and waste safeguarding should be considered as part of the assessment of any
	sites.

	This policy and any proposed should be reviewed in light of any changes to the National
	Planning Policy Framework.
_	r EC3. Existing Employment Sites
35	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (add specific class uses to policies): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither
	agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (adding flexibility to the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither
20	agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
36	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]A policy covering this matter should be retained.
	A policy covering this matter should be retained.
	Adding flexibility to the policy is to an extent helpful, however in addition to the
	'disadvantages' of that approach already cited in the Issues and Options document, a
	further one is if it were to result in development that was of a more intensive traffic
	generation in a location that was 'unsuitable' (e.g. because of highway capacity or safety
	issues, or geographic location (poor transport connectivity).
	Minerals and waste safeguarding should be considered as part of the assessment of any
	sites. This is perhaps especially an issue in relation to waste sites where there is the
	potential for them to be redeveloped for more profitable uses. Safeguarding could also be
	an issue where the redevelopment puts a more sensitive use in close proximity to an
	extant waste or mineral site.
	Based on a review of the current sites, a distinction could be made between key
	employment sites, secondary sites and sites of little future economic value with
	appropriate protection for each level.
Policy	v EC4. Other Employment and Mixed-use Proposals
37	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (wording amendments and define mixed-use development): strongly agree/
	somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (split the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/
	somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
38	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]It is considered that a policy covering this matter should be retained and continue to
	contain at least a criteria related to accessibility by active and sustainable modes of
	transport. Minerals and waste safeguarding should also be considered as part of the
	assessment of any sites.
	It is however, felt the policy provisions are potentially capable of being delivered in other
	chapters of the plan – Home working in the Housing Chapter for example
Town	Centre and Retail Evidence
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39	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (Focus on Melton Mowbray Town Centre): strongly agree/ <mark>somewhat agree</mark>
	/neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (Carry out a full Town Centre and Retail Study including needs assessments):
	strongly agree/ somewhat agree / <mark>neither agree nor disagree</mark> / somewhat disagree/
	strongly disagree
40	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this section [Free text]
	A review of the evidence focusing on Melton Mowbray Town Centre is generally
	supported given the existing Melton Retail Study is dated 2015.
Policy	EC5. Melton Mowbray Town Centre
41	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (Update and incorporate elements of the Town Centre Vision [preferred
	option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat
	disagree/ strongly disagree
42	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	Given the importance of an attractive, well-functioning Town Centre in terms of
	minimising the need for external travel to other places (especially by car), we would wish
	to see a policy retained in the Plan.
	From a Public Health perspective this could benefit from linking to a strong policy around
	hot food takeaways. A focus on density and health considerations linked to population
	health, as adopted in other areas nationally would also be welcomed.
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Policy	Policy EC8. Sustainable Tourism		
47	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]		
	o Option 1 (Delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor		
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ <mark>strongly disagree</mark>		
	o Option 2 (Clarify the policy to focus on socio-economic benefits): strongly agree/		
	somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ <mark>somewhat disagree</mark> / strongly disagree		
	o Option 3 (Amend the Policy to define sustainable tourism): <mark>strongly agree</mark> / somewhat		
	agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree		
48	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional		
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]		
	Option 3 is the preference in order to include a definition of sustainable tourism and		
	breaking this down into the individual factors to help combat climate change and enhance		
	nature.		
	An additional recommendation would be to include that tourism developments are		
	adapted to future climate change impacts, including flooding and heat waves. Where new		
	developments/opportunities do not consider nature and mitigate against climate change,		
	these should not be prioritised for social and economic gain.		
	The policy should include criteria relating to accessibility by active and sustainable modes		
	of transport.		
Policy	EN2. Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
49	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]		
49	o Option 1 (Delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor		
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree		
	o Option 2 (Amend the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor		
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree		
	o Option 3 (Split the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/		
	somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree		
50	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional		
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]		
	The suggested additions for nature and biodiversity, including the acknowledgement that		
	these areas are closely linked to climate change mitigation and adaptation would be very		
	welcome. Both options 2 and 3 would be welcomed but there is a preference for Option 3		
	to enable more focused aspects of biodiversity and geodiversity.		
	Sites afforded statutory protection should be acknowledged as such and be afforded that		
	level of protection.		
	The policy should reflect the statutory requirements for BNG and incorporates		
	requirements arising from the LNRS. Development supporting BNG initiatives should be		
	encouraged.		
	EN3. The Melton Green Infrastructure Network		
51	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]		
	o Option 1 (Delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor		
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree		
	o Option 2 (Amend the policy [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree		
	/neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree		

52	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	It is considered that a policy covering this matter should be retained but updated, and
	continue to contain a criteria related to enhancement of public rights of way and
	permitted routes and possibly also how this aligns to the delivery of the emerging Melton
	Mowbray Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan/Melton Mowbray Transport
	Strategy.
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<u>Ροπςγ</u> 53	/ EN5. Local Green Spaces
55	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (Delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (Incorporate Green Belt criteria): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither
	agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (Designate additional Local Green Spaces): strongly agree/ somewhat agree
	/neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
54	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	The County Council is supportive of a revised policy and would welcome designation of
	additional Local Green Spaces where deemed appropriate. The assessment of any new
	spaces should closely link with the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and work towards
	enhancing local native biodiversity – they could also increase opportunities for community
	involvement in nature.
	In addition, Local Green Spaces can be identified in the context of the importance to the
	community and in respecting the setting of important buildings. They can be protected via
	design principles but should strictly adhere to NPPF guidance in particular in respect of the
	need not to be an extensive tract of land.
55	If you wish to propose a new area for Local Green Space, please send a map and
	supporting information to planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk and add a note in this section [Free text]
	N/A
Policy	/ EN7. Open Space, Sport and Recreation
56	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (Delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (Update the policy, particularly the standards [preferred option]): strongly
	agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly
	disagree
57	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	Option 2 would ensure the consideration of new evidence and ensure provisions suitable
	for all ages and groups. The policy should set out minimum standards required and
	consider measures to address any current shortfalls.
	Public Health would be happy to support with information and evidence for this if useful.
Policy	v EN8. Climate Change
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58	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]

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	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ <mark>strongly disagree</mark>
	o Option 2 (Delete the policy, and make climate change a 'core thread' that runs
	throughout the entire plan): strongly agree/ somewhat agree / <mark>neither agree nor disagree</mark> /
	somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (Retain but update policy EN8 and make climate change a core thread that runs
	throughout the entire plan [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither
	agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
59	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
35	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	As with sustainability, climate change is a fundamental global and national consideration
	and as such it is considered that it should be a thread that runs through the entire plan.
	The update to policy EN8 to is also supported to strengthen and promote sustainable and
	low carbon developments.
	Resource efficiency and the circular economy are also important in ensuring reduction in
	climate change impacts.
Policy	y EN9. Ensuring Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Development
60	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (Refocus the policy and split it into new more specific policies as required
	[Preferred approach]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/
	somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (Make the policy more robust and specific, to ensure all new development
	meets the highest standards): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
<u>C1</u>	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
61	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	It is considered that a form of Policy in this regard is retained and there is agreement with
	the need for at least Option 2.
	With Option 2, a considered review of the policy into more specific policies would better
	enable an approach more fitting to the context of an existing local plan and facilitate
	consideration of the local context making it more relevant and focussed to the local plan
	area.
	Option 3 would make the 'policy more robust and specific, to ensure all new development
	meets the highest standards' - If this waits for the new local plan, consideration must be
	given to the impact of all developments that wouldn't consider this between now and the
	new local plan, and the impact this has on the environment – especially as these
	developments will likely have a lifetime beyond 2050. Therefore, developments that are
	allowed but didn't meet the highest standards, will exacerbate difficulties in meeting net
	zero across Melton.
	Reference to cycle parking provision should be retained in Plan policy and EV charging
	provision covered appropriately so as not to overlap with Building Regulations.
	It should also be noted that resource efficiency and the circular economy are also

Policy	EN10. Energy Generation from Renewable and Low Carbon Sources
62	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (review the policy to ensure it works well for all types of renewable energy
	schemes [preferred approach]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
63	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	LCC would consider the removal of the policy to be detrimental as it would weaken the
	borough's ability to align with and contribute toward climate change law and national
	policies including net zero, the priority of which is stronger than ever. Removing the policy
	would reduce the flexibility with which Melton LPA could consider infrastructure
	development designed to generate energy from renewable and low carbon sources.
	The County Council sees numerous opportunities where this policy can be strengthened.
	From the perspective of the Local Highway Authority, there should be further
	consideration of access for construction, maintenance and de-commissioning. It might
	also be appropriate to include reference to 'repowering'/upgrading specifically, e.g. to
	cover off where a number of smaller wind turbines are replaced with larger ones (and
	whether the larger turbine components could be safely transported to the site).
	Consideration should be given to including community energy opportunities within the
	policy, to further strengthen community benefits and opportunities for local green
	growth. It is also recommended that the policy aims to maximises prioritisation for local
	renewable energy generation & storage where appropriate and simplifies the processes
	for new developments to include this within plans.
	For renewables such as biomass – considerations should be given to how this is sourced for the development, to ensure the fuel is truly renewable, limits its wider impact to the
	environment and where possible comes from local sources, to limit wider emissions (e.g.
	transportation).
	This policy could also include the consideration of heat networks for new developments to
	maximise opportunities to reduce carbon emissions.
	The policy also has an opportunity to positively encourage the generation of renewable
	energy both from commercial schemes and roof-top sources. To secure this the policy
	needs to be a strategic policy not subject to being overridden in NDPs and set out the
	primary areas for commercial production based on best evidence.
Policy	EN11. Minimising the Risk of Flooding
64	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (add new elements of national policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree
	/neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 3 (restrict policy to strategic overview and local matters): strongly agree/
	somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree <mark>/ somewhat disagree</mark> / strongly disagree

Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
It would not be considered appropriate to delete this policy, given locally relevant criteria.
Climate impacts are projected to become more frequent and severe, even if carbon emissions stopped today – therefore, this policy needs to ensure it encourages new developments to adapt to climate impacts where possible/appropriate. In addition, climate adaptation should be built into other appropriate policies. Consideration should be given to where the local plan may lose its influence over being able to ensure appropriate adaptation measures are put in place. If it is found that there is a risk of developments not applying appropriate adaptation measures, option 2 should be
prioritised, even if the policy remains long. Poor adaptation to climate change will cost more in the long run due to damages than if appropriate measures are considered at development stage.
Consideration should be made as to whether a specific policy is needed to help address heatwaves and overheating in new developments, as this would be the other main impact experienced with future climate change.
EN12. Sustainable Drainage Systems
Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
o Option 2 (Incorporate additional requirements): strongly agree/ somewhat agree
/neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
The proposed revisions appear to represent best practice.
IN1. Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy (MMTS)
Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
o Option 2 (reflect the latest position in the policy [preferred option]): strongly agree/
somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
Ensuring Policy IN1 reflects the latest position for delivering transport infrastructure in
and around Melton Mowbray is considered a necessity.
IN2. Transport, Accessibility and Parking
Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
o Option 2 (amend policy wording to align with national and local guidance [preferred
option]: strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional

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	The need for developments to consider and implement sustainable transport
	infrastructure, good and accessible design and sufficient parking outweighs the extra
	burden and complexity for developers.
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-	IN4. Broadband
72	Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (amend the policy [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree
	/neither agree nor disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
73	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	A review of this Policy is supported to take account of changes in the NPPF and to reflect
	the importance of broadband provision across Melton Borough. The suggestion to delete
	the reference to 'Fibre to the Cabinet' is agreed.
-	D1. Raising the Standard of Design
74	Question 74 Looking at the options above, which option do you support? [Matrix]
	o Option 1 (delete the policy): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
	o Option 2 (review and strengthen policy so it sets out strategic principles for high quality
	new development [preferred option]): strongly agree/ somewhat agree /neither agree nor
	disagree/ somewhat disagree/ strongly disagree
75	Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional
	information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy [Free text]
	We would welcome criteria around new developments that specifically aims to improve
	health and wellbeing outcomes after the construction phase - for example, places that
	enable active travel, and connectivity of place to reduce isolation by design that
	encourages social interactions.
	Making the policy a strategic policy will elevate its importance and place a greater
	responsibility on developers to adhere to its requirements ensuring a consistent standard
	in development proposals. Having the key strategic design considerations clearly laid out
	in the plan would also remove uncertainty around requirements and ensure design
	expectations were clear.
76	Do you think the current design policy criteria covers all design issues adequately, that the current policy works well? Would you like to suggest any criteria to be added or
	removed from the policy? [Free text]
	Regards current criteria 'e' regarding the sustainable management of waste, this could be
	strengthened by making it clear that the need for appropriate space provision needs to be
	both for individual dwellings as well as communal residential buildings. This also needs to
	be designed and incorporated where possible with residents needs in mind e.g. the
	additional ability to house a compost bin and food waste caddy for example not just a
	rubbish and recycling bin.
	The Policy could also consider use of SuDS are part of the design of a scheme.
	See also response to Q75.

<ul> <li>Attractiveness: creating a pleasant environment to live and work [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Sensitive to context: responds well to its surroundings [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Distinctiveness: builds upon the unique characteristics of its surroundings and creates a sense of place in itself (design features such as scale, massing, materials, landscaping and architectural detailing). [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Neighbour amenity: does not adversely affect neighbours and nearby uses [not</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Legible places: places that are easily understood by their users, particularly when moving around. [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Connectedness: created new and weaves into existing networks [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important]</li> <li>Connectedness: created new and weaves into existing networks [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Comprehensive: ensuring development is designed and delivered in a coordinated way, and avoiding piecemeal schemes [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; somewhat important; neutral; quite</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Safe and attractive streets and spaces: create spaces and environment that feels safe and secure to be in. [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Environmental sustainability and adapting to climate change [not important; somewhat</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Mix of uses: the right range of uses and densities[not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Protecting and enhancing heritage assets [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Car parking [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> <li>Community consultation: opportunities for community to get involved and help shape development proposals [not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Other: please state any other key deign considerations not highlighted above[not important; somewhat important; neutral; quite important; very important]</li> </ul>
All of these design considerations are important, particularly connectedness and comprehension of development. Detailed community involvement needs to be considered in the context of all sections of the community (especially younger age groups).
78 Do you think there is a need for specific policy guidance about the use of design coding within the local plan? [Yes/No/Unsure]
79 If you responded 'yes' to question 78, please provide reasons? [Free text box]
On balance, yes, in so far as allocations that are to be subject to design coding should be identified within the context of the site policy. Furthermore, having specific policy guidance would ensure and facilitate a consistent approach to design standards and would remove the risk of any deviation from what would be required.
Equalities Impact

80	Do you have any views on the potential impact of the proposals raised in this consultation on people with protected characteristics as defined in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010? [Yes/No/Unsure]
81	If you responded 'yes'/'unsure' to question 80, please provide your reasons and whether there is anything that you think could be done to mitigate any impacts identified [Free text].
	N/A

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