



Authority Monitoring Report 2019: **Background**

This document has been prepared to comply with the *Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (35) Annual monitoring report*, as modified by the *Localism Act 2011, (113) Local development: monitoring reports*. The former Annual Monitoring Report is now superseded by the Authority Monitoring Reports, an exercise done by the Local Authority in order to ensure transparency and broaden the understanding of what planning is achieving in the Borough.

The content of an AMR is defined in *The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning England) Regulations 2012 (34) Authorities' monitoring reports* where it is stated that the AMR must contain information related to the Local Plan progress, the Local Plan performance and the status of Neighbourhood Plans, Duty to Cooperate and Community Infrastructure Levy (regulation 62 on the 2010 Regulations).

Melton Borough Profile

The Borough of Melton is a very rural borough, situated in north-east Leicestershire. The Borough is centred around the historic market town of Melton Mowbray, whilst the surrounding countryside is scattered with over 70 villages.

Demographics & Education

The whole Borough has a total population of roughly 51,100 of which 27,158 live in the town of Melton Mowbray¹.

Educationally, 74.9% of residents between the ages of 16 and 64 currently have more than 5 GCSEs at a C grade or better or the equivalent at NVQ2 level or above¹. Also, 58.9% of residents have 2 or more A Levels or equivalent and 38.7% of residents hold a degree qualification or better¹.

Economy

Within the Borough, there are 30,700 people of working age, of which 88.1% are classed as economically active¹. This is split between genders, as 93.4% of men are economically active and 82.6% of women¹. Gross weekly pay by place of residence for a full time worker is currently £520.0, and only 2.1% of the working age population currently claim Universal Credit¹. Gross weekly pay by place of residence for a full time worker varies massively depending on gender, with males currently earning an average of £536.70, and females earning an average of £439.40 per week¹.

Job density is currently 0.79 throughout the Borough. 87.1% of Local businesses within the Borough currently employ less than 10 employees, which points to a very high percentage of small businesses with a smaller percentage of large multinationals. Only 0.4% of local employers in the Borough employ more than 250 workers¹.

¹ Data provided by NOMIS 2019 <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157145/report.aspx?town=melton%20mowbray>

Transport

The Borough is crossed by the A606 which links Nottingham to Oakham, as well as the A607 which links Leicester to Grantham. The M1 motorway is a 25 minutes' drive from the west of the town, whilst the A1 is a 25 minute drive to the east of the town. Melton Mowbray train station is on the railway line that connects Birmingham and Leicester to Stansted Airport, and Bottesford train station is on the Nottingham to Skegness line. The nearest airport to the Borough is Nottingham East Midlands Airport, which is roughly 40 minutes drive to the North West.

Figure 1: Map of the Borough of Melton

