**Melton Borough Council**

**Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents**

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 – Section 20 (7C)**

**Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 – Regulation 19**

**Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications to the Melton Local Plan**

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The Melton Local Plan (the Plan) was submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination in October 2017. Following the Examination in Public (EiP) hearing sessions from 30th January to 9th February 2018, the Inspector (Ms Mary Travers) has requested the Council to undertake consultations on the Proposed Main Modifications (MMs) required to make the Plan sound. This is without prejudice to the Inspector’s final conclusions and recommendations on the Plan.

The **Proposed Main Modifications**, on which representations are now invited, set out changes to the submitted Melton Local Plan that are necessary to make the Plan sound and legally complaint. These generally take the form of changes, deletions or insertions to policies and reasoned justification, and are essential if the Plan is to be adopted by the Council in due course. At the close of the consultation, representations received relating to the Main Modifications will be submitted to the Inspector for her consideration.

A sustainability appraisal of the Proposed Main Modifications has also been prepared and is also available for consultation. A site assessment that underpins the Proposed Main Modifications is also published.

The Council is also consulting on A**dditional Modifications** and a **Schedule of** **Policies Map Changes**. Additional Modifications are of a minor nature and do not materially affect the policies set out in the Local Plan (e.g. relating to points of clarity, factual updates, correcting typographical or grammatical errors). They are not necessary for soundness. The Policies Map changes reflect the Proposed Main Modifications and the Council’s Additional Modifications. Any comments received on the Additional Modifications and the Schedule of Policies Map Changes will be considered by the Council and not the Inspector.

**Please note – the consultation is limited to the Schedule of Main Modifications and the documents listed above only and this is not an opportunity to comment on other aspects of the Local Plan.** If you submitted comments on previous versions of the Local Plan, the Inspector has considered these during the examination and there is no need to make these again.

**Where you can view the consultation documents**

All of the consultation documents including the Schedule of Main Modifications can be viewed on the website [www.meltonplan.co.uk/mods](http://www.meltonplan.co.uk/mods) .

Paper copies of the all of the documents referred to above will also be available for inspection throughout the consultation period at both libraries in the Borough (Melton Mowbray and Bottesford). All other documents can be viewed online in the libraries. The documents are also available at Parkside Council Offices – Station Approach Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1GH, Monday-Friday 9.00am to 5pm).

**How to make Representations**

You can submit comments on the Schedule of Main Modifications and other documents identified above by completing and returning the form that is available on [www.meltonplan.co.uk/mods](http://www.meltonplan.co.uk/mods) or by completing and returning a paper copy of the form, available at the locations identified above.

Comments being returned electronically should be e-mailed to planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk.

Any being returned by post should be to:

Planning Policy, Melton Borough Council, Council Offices, Parkside, Station Approach Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 1GH.

Please note all responses should be returned to the Planning Policy Team and not the Local Plan Examination Programme Officer.

**Deadline for making Representations**

The consultation period is for 6 weeks, from 21st June 2018 to 2nd August 2018 inclusive. All representations must be received by the Council by the end of 2nd August.

**Notification of Inspector’s Report and Local Plan Adoption**

Any representation on the Main Modifications may be accompanied by a request to be notified when a) the report of the Inspector is published, and b) the Local Plan has been adopted.

For any further queries, please contact the Planning Policy team on 01664 502502 or via e-mail at [planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk) .