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## About you

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### 3 Are you responding as an individual, consultee, stakeholder or other?

Resident

If Consultee, Stakeholder, or Other, please give details here. :

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### 5 Age

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## Chapter 1: Introduction

### 1 CH1Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 1 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:  
No

2 CH1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH1Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 1 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Chapter 1 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Developers were not require to state their affiliation or financial interest when they participated in the reference groups. Consultation was essentially one way; no response was given to points raised during the consultation, and major changes were introduced without consultation

4 CH1Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 1 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 1 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

## Chapter 2 - Melton Borough Today – A Portrait

**1 CH2Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 2 is?**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::**

Yes

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::**

Yes

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:**

Yes

**2 CH2Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?**

**3 CH2Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy Chapter 2 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 2 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.**

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**4 CH2Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 2 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 2 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.**

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### **Chapter 3: Vision and Strategic Priorities**

**1 CH3Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 3 is?**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::**

No

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:**

**2 CH3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?**

2) Justified, 3) Effective

**3 CH3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 3 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.**

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The objectives in this section are, in many cases outside the remit if the Council and beyond its competence. For example the Council cannot by itself "create a mixed economy with increased knowledge-based jobs and wages".

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The plan should be restricted to those things which only the Council, such as alleviate road congestion, provide education facilities, ensure an appropriate mix of housing types etc. Effort and expense devoted to peripheral issues such as climate change can only cause the Council to lose focus on its key responsibilities and objectives

### **Chapter 4: Growing Melton Borough – The Spatial Strategy**

**1 CH4Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 4 is?**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::**

No

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:**

No

**2 CH4Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?**

2) Justified, 3) Effective

**3 CH4Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 4 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 4 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.**

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The 65:35% split appears to be arbitrary, there being no justification of why this satisfies the housing needs of the town and the rural areas.

The method of allocation of housing to villages is flawed in many ways.:

- floodable land in Environment Agency categories 3a and 3b should have been eliminated before allocation of housing to communities. Failure to do this is inconsistent with 7.22.3 of the Plan.
- Definition of villages as service centres is based only on the existence of services, not on their adequacy to meet the needs of the existing or increased population.
- Allocating simply on the mathematical basis of existing population shows a failure to consider the needs and aspirations of individual communities.
- In the case of Bottesford, the quoted population figure in the Plan is about 500 greater than in the Emerging Options document (January 2016). No other community has changed figures.
- There is a deficit in available SHLAA sites in Bottesford to meet its allocation. For other communities, such deficits have been reallocated to villages with spare capacity. It is inconsistent not to do the same for Bottesford.

Failure to consult: Bottesford's allocation was increased by 50% without any consultation.

**4 CH4Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 4 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 4 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.**

**Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:**

Eliminate all floodable land before allocation housing to villages.

Assess the needs of each village by consultation with Parish Councils and/or Neighbourhood Plan steering groups.

Eliminate errors in the allocation process

## **Policy C2 – Housing Mix**

**1 CH5PC2Q1: Do you consider that Policy C2 is?**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::**

No

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:**

**2 CH5PC2Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?**

3) Effective

**3 CH5PC2Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C2 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C2 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.**

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Whereas it is reasonable to apply a housing mix requirement for large sites, it is ridiculous to do so for small sites. Many small sites could be given over entirely to low-cost (market or affordable) housing.

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Planning should determine housing mix on a site by site basis, and facilitate permission for sites aligned to housing needs.

### **Policy C3 – National Space Standard and Smaller Dwellings**

**1 CH5PC3Q1: Do you consider that Policy C3 is?**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::**

No

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:**

**2 CH5PC3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?**

3) Effective

**3 CH5PC3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C3 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.**

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There is a considerable need for low cost housing; this should not be prejudiced by excessive housing design requirements which can only increase construction costs.

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Give priority to low cost over high specification designs.

### **Policy C4 – Affordable Housing Provision**

**1 CH5PC4Q1: Do you consider that Policy C4 is?**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::**

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::**

No

**Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:**

**2 CH5PC4Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?**

3) Effective

**3 CH5PC4Q3: Please give details of why you consider Policy C4 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Policy C4 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.**

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A blanket 37% fails to reflect the individual needs of communities. For Bottesford, where the average house price is 50% higher than the borough average, there is a greater need than elsewhere for low cost housing (market and affordable) than elsewhere.

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Determine low cost housing needs for each community individually.

## **Examination**

**1 EXQ1: Can your representation seeking a change be considered by written representations or do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?**

Written Representations

If you wish to speak at examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary::

**2 EXQ2: Moreover please indicate if you wish to continue to be involved in the Local Plan (Please tick appropriate boxes).**

## **Acknowledgement**

**1 I understand the above statement and agree I have complied with its requirements**

I agree