

FOCUSED CHANGES RESPONSES TO REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED: Focused Change 8

APPENDIX 1 (H)

Representor Name	Focused Change / Policy Ref	Summary of Representation	MBC Response
RHB Ranns for Croxton Kerrial and Branston Parish Council	FC8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEDNA economic evidence should prevail – the TAHR adds no new economic evidence. The HEDNA also makes a 9.4% uplift for AH and economic growth. • 6.5.2 refers to 30ha and not 51ha of employment land, and queries land supply and distributor road as being sufficient to suggest there will be a step change in employment. • The enhanced economic growth only justifies 186dpa 	The Plan is informed by detailed technical evidence and MBC's engagement with local businesses, with a number of local businesses looking to expand and a lack of land available locally to facilitate this. The overall plan strategy including housing growth and transport investment will support the Borough's economic proposition and growth potential. The Melton Local Plan provides allocation for some 31ha of employment land, with a further 20ha in committed supply as explained by the employment land study.
Shout 4 Residents	FC8	Questions – not comments – which have been answered in the response.	Employment is a key driver in the development of the Local Plan, therefore Local Employment has not only been taken into account, but has had an important effect on policies contained within the plan. Whilst wages and socio-economics has been considered in the development of the Local Plan, the Local Plan is a Plannign Policy Document and cannot directly effect wages, though it can for example look to set higher levels of affordable housing if needed.
Carl Powell	FC8	Increase in population does not mean increase in jobs. Going over could lower wages and increase unemployment. Adopt the housing numbers recommended by HEDNA 2017. It contains the most objective and most recent evidence.	The Melton Local Plan does use the HEDNA figures, in line with the NPPG guidance, including suitable uplifts from the OAN. To use the base OAN would be at odds with the NPPF. There is sound reasoned justification for the 245dpa figure contained in the Borough Councils evidence.
Colin Love (Professor)	FC8	Lack of evidence for proposed growth. De-Growth not considered. Proposals for consequences of growth. Better evidence needed.	Demographic evidence shows a need to deliver growth as does national planning policy. De-Growth would cause a housing crisis in the Borough.
Martin Lusty, WOTWTA NP Group	FC8	We support this section.	Support noted
Debbie Adams	FC8	The Local Plan proposes to increase the labour supply in the town without providing the jobs locally so that the increased working population will have to travel to other areas in order to find employment. Melton Mowbray has a notoriously bad transport.	The Melton Local Plan includes provision for some 31ha of employment land to support local jobs. Furthermore, the MMDR will unlock economic potential and growth in the town.