

**Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options)**  
**Sustainability Appraisal Report**  
**Incorporating Equalities Impact Assessment**

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 A Sustainability Appraisal is a systematic process that must be carried out during the preparation of a Local Plan. The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process is a way of ensuring that all the plans and programmes which relate to land use issues are compatible with the aims of sustainable development. This includes any of the documents that can form part of the new Melton Local Plan.
- 1.2 The SA process is part of the European Union's Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive, which acts to ensure that all plans /policies with land use implications take into account environmental issues and impacts. The UK's SA process widens the scope, to include the consideration of both social and economic issues, when assessing specific plans and programmes relating to land use issues.
- 1.3 The SA provides an opportunity to consider ways by which the plan can contribute to improvements in environmental, economic and social conditions, as well as a means of identifying and mitigating any potential adverse effects that the plan might otherwise have.
- 1.4 A number of other assessments of the Local Plan are also carried out in addition to SA reports. These are not part of the SA process but nevertheless cover some aspects of sustainability and can either be incorporated into an SA, or undertaken as a separate exercise.
- 1.5 The Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) is an assessment that is required under the European Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Flora and Fauna (Habitats Directive). The Habitat Regulations Assessment seeks to identify the potential of the Local Plan to impact upon Natura 2000 sites (Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Ramsar Sites).
- 1.6 This type of assessment cannot be integrated into the SA because it is specialised, uses a different type of methodology, and is subject to different legal requirements. Therefore the HRA screening assessment will be carried out separately to the SA; however, the evidence gathered for the HRA, and the results of the assessment will feed into the SA process and vice versa.
- 1.7 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) will be undertaken as part of the Melton SA. The plan must accommodate and where necessary, provide for the needs of the local community as a whole. Therefore, it is important to understand the infrastructure and development requirements of different people, and ensure that the new Melton Local Plan uses appropriate measures to promote equality, opportunity, good relations

between people, and, prevent direct or indirect discrimination against a particular group.

- 1.8 Local authorities were required to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of their key policies, services and functions to determine the likely effect on local communities. For example, whether anyone was likely to be excluded from accessing services, and whether there was potential for actual direct / indirect discrimination.
- 1.9 The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under the Equality Act 2010 requires public authorities like Melton Borough Council to have “due regard” to the need to eliminate discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and, foster good relations when making decisions and setting policies. Therefore, it is necessary for the Council to understand the potential effects of its activities, both positive and negative, on different people and to keep records and be transparent on how it reached its decisions. To do this the Council will carry out an EqIA.
- 1.10 The term EqIA will continue to be used to describe the process and the Borough Council’s equality objectives have been reflected in the SA framework. At each stage in the preparation of the new Melton Local Plan an EqIA will be integrated into the SA. We must include details of how each of the options will address the Equality Act requirements to eliminate unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment, and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people with “protected characteristics” and people who do not share them. These are defined in Section 4 of the Equality Act 2010 as follows:-
  - Age;
  - Disability;
  - Gender reassignment;
  - Marriage and civil partnership;
  - Pregnancy and maternity;
  - Race;
  - Religion or belief;
  - Sex; and,
  - Sexual orientation.
- 1.11 Each assessment type has aspects in common with the others. In the interest of efficiency and the desire to avoid duplication, the assessment types have been integrated under the umbrella of the SA and are being undertaken simultaneously over the preparation of the plan period. The Melton Local Plan SA Scoping Report (2014) explains how the integration can be achieved and includes information about the report

procedure so that each assessment process is clearly referenced and recorded whilst being part of an integrated process.

1.12 The SA process comprises a number of stages, the first being the Melton Local Plan SA Scoping Report which the Borough consulted on during summer 2014 (Stage A in Table 1 below).

1.13 The second stage, Stage B, is to develop and refine options to assess the effects of the different options moving forward. This report covers B1-B6 in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 – The SA Process**

Stage A	Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope.	A1	Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives.
		A2	Collecting baseline information.
		A3	Identifying sustainability issues and problems.
		A4	Developing the SA framework.
		A5	Consulting on the scope of the SA.
Stage B	Developing and refining options and assessing effects.	B1	Testing the Development Plan Document (DPD) objectives against the SA framework.
		B2	Developing the DPD options.
		B3	Predicting the effects of the DPD.
		B4	Evaluating the effects of the DPD.
		B5	Considering ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects.
		B6	Proposing measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the DPDs.
Stage C	Preparing the SA report.	C1	Preparing the SA report.

Stage D	Consultation on the DPD and SA report.	D1	Public participation on the preferred options of the DPD and the SA report.
		D2	Appraising significant changes.
		D3	Appraising significant changes resulting from representations.
		D4	Making decisions and providing information.
Stage E	Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the DPD.	E1	Finalising aims and methods for monitoring.
		E2	Responding to adverse effects.

## **2.0 Stage B – Developing and Refining Options and Assessing the Effects**

### **B1 - Testing the plan or programme objectives against the SEA objectives**

2.1 The objectives of the new Melton Local Plan have been tested against the SA objectives as part of the Melton Local Plan SA Scoping Report. This assessment may help in developing alternatives during the development of the new Melton Local Plan.

### **B2 - Developing strategic alternatives**

2.2 In conducting the SA, it is important to appraise the likely significant social, environmental, and, economic effects of implementing the Local Plan and any reasonable alternatives. Each alternative within the Issues and Options document needs to be tested against the SA objectives, with positive as well as negative effects being considered, and uncertainties about the nature and significance noted. This will be an iterative process through the preparation of the Local Plan, with the alternatives being revised as part of the SA to enhance positive effects and reduce negative ones.

2.3 Reasonable alternatives are the different realistic options considered by the plan-maker in developing policies in its draft plan. They must be sufficiently distinct to highlight the different sustainability implications of each so that meaningful comparisons can be made. The alternatives must be realistic and deliverable.

2.4 As part of the SA process it may be possible to drop some alternatives contained in the Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) from further

consideration and document the reasons for eliminating them. However, it is not the purpose of the SA to decide the alternative to be chosen for the Plan. The SA simply provides the information on the performance of alternatives, and informs the decision making process, allowing it to be more transparent.

### **B3 - Predicting the effects of the plan or programme, including alternatives**

2.5 Prediction of effects involves:-

- i. Identifying the changes to the social, environmental and economic baseline data which are anticipated to arise from the Local Plan, including the alternatives. The predicted effects of alternatives can be compared with each other, with no plan being in place, and/or with business carrying on as usual.
- ii. Describing these changes in terms of their magnitude; their geographical scale; the time period over which they will occur; whether they are permanent or temporary; their positive or negative effects; the probability of occurring; their frequency; and, whether there are secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects.

2.6 Where the Local Plan includes proposals for individual projects, such as strategic sites, these need to be assessed to a sufficient level of detail to enable significant social, environmental and economic effects to be broadly predicted. This is particularly helpful in the decision making process in determining whether to proceed with a proposal or where alternatives have been excluded or significantly reduced.

### **B4 - Evaluating the effects of the draft plan including alternatives**

2.7 Evaluation involves forming judgements on whether a predicted effect will be socially, environmental and economically significant. The criteria of social, environmental and economic significance are set out in Annex II of the SEA Directive. It is also important to refer to the baseline information and the indicators set out within the Melton Local Plan Scoping Report which sets out stage A of the SA process.

2.8 Throughout this part of the assessment, it may be necessary to revisit earlier tasks as new information, such as baseline data, emerges. The Directive also requires that the short, medium and long term effects are analysed, and whether the effects will be permanent or temporary, as effects may vary over different timescales. For example, adverse short term effects may arise from disturbance of habitats but beneficial ones may occur in the longer term through the reduction in air pollution.

### **B5 - Considering ways of mitigating adverse effects**

- 2.9 The SA should ensure that any significant adverse effects are identified as early as possible and identify measures to address them. The SA must consider all reasonable strategic alternatives and assess them in the same level of detail as the option the plan maker proposes to take forward in the Local Plan.
- 2.10 Annex I of the SEA Directive requires the SA report to include measures to prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment caused by implementing the plan. Mitigation measures must be considered during the preparation of the plan and the plan should be revised where appropriate.
- 2.11 Mitigation measures can take a wide range of forms including:
- Changes to the alternative concerned, or to the plan or programme as a whole;
  - Changes to a specific proposal;
  - Inclusion of a new provision;
  - Technical matters relating to the implementation implemented e.g. design principles;
  - Other relevant plans programmes and strategies.

C  
I  
O

**B6 - Proposing measures to monitor environmental effects**

2.12 The significant effects of the implementation of the plan must be monitored to identify unforeseen adverse effects and to enable appropriate remedial action to be taken.

**Integrated Impact Assessment**

2.13 The integrated impact assessment is also being used to ensure that the new Melton Local Plan does not have any negative effects on any of the protected characteristics. Table 2 below sets out how the equalities impact assessment will be integrated as part of the Issues and Options SA and Preferred Option SA.

**Table 2 – Integrated Impact Assessment Process**

SA Tasks	Joint SEA and EqIA Tasks
B1: Testing the new Melton Local Plan objectives against the SA Framework.	The assessment framework will include all objectives (SA, SEA and EqIA) to be tested against the new Melton Local Plan objectives. This is identified as Stage A4 in Table 1.

B2: Developing the strategy options (Issues and Options).	Using evidence from Stage A (Table 1) to assess the options as they arise. Ensure this happens explicitly for environmental and equality issues. Publish the Issues and Options SA report alongside the Issues and Options Consultation and ensure integration between the two.	
B3: Predicting the effects of the Plan.	Identify and describe the changes to the social, environmental and economic baseline data which are anticipated to arise from the Local Plan.	
B4: Evaluating the effects of the Plan.	Evaluation of effects requires careful consideration of what significant effects of the proposals might be.	
	<i>Separate SEA Tasks</i>	<i>Separate Eq/A Tasks</i>
B5: Considering ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects of Preferred Options.	Consider the Issues and Options Consultation findings. Assess all new alternatives.	If relevant, develop specific recommendations for decision makers to improve the proposals, including recommendations for addressing inequalities.
B6: Proposing measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Preferred Option in the new Melton Local Plan.	Propose environmental monitoring measures.	Propose equality monitoring measures.

### **3.0 Objectives and Indicators**

- 3.1 The Melton Local Plan SA Scoping Report (2014) includes the Sustainability Appraisal Framework which consists of a series of objectives and indicators. These have been developed with regard to national, regional, county-wide and local sustainability objectives and indicators. The Sustainability Appraisal Framework will be used throughout this report to assess the different options within the Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) consultation document.
- 3.2 A series of sustainability objectives (Table 3 below) have been developed. These use information derived from the review and collection



of baseline data to assess the sustainability issues facing the Borough. It is important that these issues are compatible with the objectives.

- 3.3 A series of indicators (Table 3 below) have been prepared in order to assess if the objectives are being achieved. These indicators will be used to monitor the effect of the new Melton Local Plan once it is adopted and will be included within the Local Plans monitoring framework and monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report once the Local Plan is in place.
- 3.4 The Melton Local Plan SA Scoping Report was consulted upon for five weeks between the 17th July and 22nd August 2014. The Borough Council received 6 responses and has made a number of alterations in response to the recommendations received from the statutory consultees which are reflected in Table 3.

**Table 3 – SA**

SA Objectives	Key Questions/ Guidance	Indicators
<p>1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough</p>	<p>Supplement the current range of residential accommodation that will contribute to the overall needs of the community?</p> <p>Contribute to the stock of affordable housing in places where a need has been established?</p> <p>Facilitate accommodation for members of the community with particular housing needs?</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Completions</p> <p>Average House prices, housing affordability</p> <p>Number of people in housing need (SHMA)</p> <p>Annual Housing Completions –Total houses built, types, sizes and tenures.</p> <p>Total vacant dwellings</p> <p>Total number of Gypsy and Traveller Pitches</p> <p>Number of statutory homeless people</p> <p>Number / % of local authority homes falling below Decent Homes Standards.</p> <p>No. of dwellings built on PDL</p>

SA Objectives	Key Questions/ Guidance	Indicators
<p>2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>Will it utilise and enhance existing transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Will it help to develop a transport network that minimises the impact on the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce journeys undertaken by car encouraging alternative modes of transport?</p>	<p>Accessibility of new residential development within 30 minutes of : GP/ Health centre Primary / Secondary School Employment and Leisure facility</p> <p>Proportion of people who travel to work by public transport</p> <p>Railway Station footfall</p> <p>No. of Travel Plans implemented with new development</p>
<p>3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation</p>	<p>Will it increase levels of qualification?</p> <p>Will it create high knowledge jobs?</p>	<p>Qualifications of the working age population</p> <p>Jobs by industry</p> <p>Average wage per week</p> <p>Unemployment level</p>
<p>4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.</p>	<p>Will it encourage visitors to the Borough?</p> <p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p>	<p>No. of people employed in different sectors</p> <p>Footfall of the Railway Station</p> <p>Car parking Provision</p>

SA Objectives	Key Questions/ Guidance	Indicators
<p>5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation</p>	<p>Help to reduce commuting out of the Borough for employment?</p> <p>Add to the range of businesses in the Borough?</p> <p>Supplement the rural economy?</p> <p>Add to the range of businesses in the Borough?</p>	<p>The number of people employed in different sectors.</p> <p>Number of planning applications.</p>
<p>6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community</p>	<p>Contribute to the number of jobs within the Borough?</p> <p>Increase jobs in the sectors that are currently underrepresented in the Borough?</p>	<p>Average weekly earnings</p> <p>Indices of deprivation</p> <p>Benefit Claimants</p> <p>Number of people of working age in employment</p> <p>Number of people of working age in not in employment</p> <p>New Employment floor space</p> <p>Annual Growth GVA per head</p> <p>Enterprise Births</p> <p>Jobs by industry</p>

SA Objectives	Key Questions/ Guidance	Indicators
<p>7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	<p>Protect or foster the character of the local landscape?</p> <p>Protect existing or facilitate new wildlife habitat?</p> <p>Protect or increase the amount of woodland?</p> <p>Protect or improve the condition of SSSIs and other sites of ecological interest?</p>	<p>Amount of greenfield lost to development</p> <p>Density of dwellings</p> <p>Development on previously developed land</p> <p>Condition of SSSIs</p> <p>Number of local wildlife sites</p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	<p>Foster local distinctiveness of built form?</p> <p>Protect important architectural and archaeological assets?</p> <p>Protect or contribute to the appearance of the built form?</p>	<p>No. of listed buildings on Buildings at Risk register</p> <p>Number of Scheduled Ancient Monuments</p> <p>Number of Conservation Areas</p> <p>No. of Historic Parks and Gardens</p>
<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	<p>Make use of previously developed land?</p> <p>Minimise the loss of good agricultural land?</p> <p>Reduce levels of air and water pollution?</p> <p>Safeguard mineral deposits?</p>	<p>% of rivers reaching good /fair / quality in terms of chemical and biological factors</p> <p>Total Water abstractions</p> <p>Number of new developments incorporating SUDS</p>

SA Objectives	Key Questions/ Guidance	Indicators
		<p>Amount of contaminated land</p> <p>Total are of grade 1 to 31 agricultural land</p>
<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>Improve access to cultural and recreational facilities?</p> <p>Enhance the provision of recreational and cultural facilities?</p> <p>Promote the participation in recreational and cultural activities?</p>	<p>No. of museums</p> <p>No. of leisure facilities</p> <p>Access to leisure facilities within 30 minutes by public transport</p> <p>No. of recreational facilities delivered or enhanced through new development</p>
<p>11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>Improve access to educational facilities?</p> <p>Enhance the provision of educational facilities?</p> <p>Promote participation in educational facilities?</p>	<p>Indices of Deprivation</p> <p>Employment Deprivation</p> <p>Skills Deprivation</p> <p>Health Deprivation</p> <p>Fuel Poverty</p> <p>Gains losses of community facilities</p> <p>Housing mix</p> <p>Population Structure (Meets Equalities Impact Assessment)</p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>Contribute to the reduction in crime levels?</p> <p>Reduce people's fear of crime?</p> <p>Reduce road traffic accidents?</p> <p>Improve the safety of pedestrians or cyclists?</p>	<p>No. of reports crimes per 1,000 people</p> <p>No. of injuries or deaths by accidents on the roads</p>

SA Objectives	Key Questions/ Guidance	Indicators
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it assist in maximising the use of recycled and secondary materials?</p>	<p>Amount of household waste recycled</p> <p>Amount of business waste recycled</p> <p>Amount of waste landfilled</p>
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	<p>Will it provide the type of land and buildings of a type required by businesses?</p> <p>Will it improve the diversity of jobs available?</p>	<p>Access to Broadband</p> <p>Land developed for employment use</p> <p>Amount of employment land lost</p> <p>Employment by sector</p> <p>Vacant retail units</p> <p>Allocated Employment Sites</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	<p>Will it improve access to health facilities?</p> <p>Will it encourage a healthy life style e.g. a healthy diet and encourage physical activity</p> <p>Will it improve human health</p> <p>Will it increase, or enhance the opportunities for sporting recreational physical activity?</p>	<p>Life expectancy at Birth</p> <p>Mortality Rates</p> <p>New or enhanced health facilities</p> <p>Access to health facilities</p> <p>Infant Mortality</p> <p>Obesity</p> <p>No. of people living with a disability</p> <p>Percentage of people participating in sport</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	<p>Improve energy efficiency?</p> <p>Promote renewable forms of energy?</p> <p>Will development be in an area at risk of flooding?</p>	<p>Number of new developments incorporating low carbon technologies</p> <p>Number of new renewable energy developments</p> <p>The number of sustainable</p>

SA Objectives	Key Questions/ Guidance	Indicators
	<p>Will it require mitigation to facilitate development?</p> <p>Will it increase the risk of flooding?</p> <p>Will the development tackle existing flooding issues?</p>	<p> dwellings developed.</p> <p>Number of planning permissions contrary to EA advice</p> <p>Number of properties at risk of flooding</p>

#### **4.0 The Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) Sustainability Appraisal**

4.1 The Local Plan (Issues and Options) is a stage of consultation which will be followed by a further consultation on the Preferred Option before publication of the new Melton Local Plan. Unlike the Melton Local Plan SA Scoping Report, there is no requirement to publish a formal Issues and Options SA. However, it is recommended that public and stakeholder involvement is undertaken on the SA concurrently with consultation on the Local Plan to ensure transparency in decision making.

4.2 The Issues and Options SA Report forms part of stage B1 – B5 of the SA process (Table 1) for assessing the sustainability implications of the Issues and Options Local Plan. It does not yet propose the means for monitoring the impact and effects of the Local Plan.

4.3 The Sustainability Appraisal work is a continuous process and will be developed and revised in preparation for the final SA report which will accompany the publication versions of the Melton Local Plan.

#### **Assessment of Options**

4.4 The assessment does not examine all of the questions within the Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) as only some of these will have an effect on the overall social, economic and environmental conditions of the Borough. For example, the location of development will have a number of impacts upon these conditions and all options should be assessed.

4.5 However, other options within the document will not have an effect on the conditions of the Borough and are present in the Issues and Options document to determine how policies should be designed within the new Melton Local Plan. It is assumed that for each of these alternatives the effect will be similar. For example, the option for defined village envelopes would have a similar impact to a more detailed policy which considers how new development would impact on the character of the village.

## **5.0 Completing and Recording**

5.1 In line with the Government guidance contained in the ODPM's Practical Guide to the SEA Directive, the assessment process will seek to predict the significant environmental effects of the draft Melton Local Plan. This is done by identifying the likely changes to the baseline conditions as a result of implementing the proposed plan (or reasonable alternative). These changes will be described (where possible) in terms of their geographic scale, the timescale over which they could occur, whether the effects would be temporary or permanent, positive or negative, likely or unlikely, frequent or rare.

5.2 Where numerical information is not available, the assessment will be based on professional judgement and with reference to relevant legislation, regulations and policy. More specifically, in undertaking the assessment, consideration will be given to:

- baseline information including existing environmental problems and their evolution;
- the likely activities and potential effects arising from the interventions outlined in the Melton Local Plan;
- the regulatory framework; and,
- the SEA objectives and guide questions.

### **Assessing the Environmental Effects of the Melton Local Plan**

5.3 Table 4 (below) illustrates a draft of the SEA matrix developed to comprehensively meet the requirements of the SEA Directive and record the assessment of the effects of the Melton Local Plan. The matrix also includes the timescale of the effect and a commentary. These are briefly explained below:

5.4 Timing of Effect - Will the effect manifest itself in the short, medium or the long term? The short term is within the first ten years of the Melton Local Plan, the medium term within the lifetime of the Melton Local Plan (i.e. to 25 years), and the longer term beyond this.

5.5 Commentary - The commentary text within the matrix and summary text within the report will identify possible mitigation measures associated with the proposals. Where a score is indicated as 'uncertain' the commentary should identify ways in which this uncertainty could be reduced, for example, through additional data collection or further consultation with experts.

5.6 Secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects, as well as the temporary/permanence and the distribution of the effects are identified within the commentary as follows:-



- Secondary or indirect effects are effects that are not a direct result of the Melton Local Plan, but occur at distance from the direct impacts or as a result of a complex pathway.
- Cumulative effects arise, for instance, where several developments each have insignificant effects but together have a significant effect; or where several individual effects of the Melton Local Plan.
- Synergistic effects interact to produce a total effect greater than the sum of individual effects. Significant synergistic effects often occur as habitats, resources or human communities get close to capacity.
- Temporary effects can occur for example during construction of a development. Whilst these are generally short lived, they may occur over several years with larger development schemes.
- Permanent effects are long-lasting over a significant time period.
- Geographical effects will be noted where the effect is likely to occur differentially within, for example the Borough.

**Table 4**

SA Objectives	Assessment Questions These questions are only used for a guide	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		Short	Medium	Long	
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	<p>Supplement the current range of residential accommodation that will contribute to the overall needs of the community?</p> <p>Contribute to the stock of affordable housing in places where a need has been established?</p> <p>Facilitate accommodation for members of the community with particular housing needs?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	<p>Will it utilise and enhance existing transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Will it help to develop a transport network that minimises the impact on the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce journeys undertaken by car encouraging alternative modes of transport?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation.	<p>Will it increase levels of qualification?</p> <p>Will it create high knowledge jobs?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

SA Objectives	Assessment Questions These questions are only used for a guide	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		Short	Medium	Long	
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	<p>Will it make services accessible in villages?</p> <p>Will it encourage people to walk or cycle?</p> <p>Will it maximise use of public transport?</p> <p>Will it reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation.	<p>Help to reduce commuting out of the Borough for employment?</p> <p>Add to the range of businesses in the Borough?</p> <p>Supplement the rural economy?</p> <p>Add to the range of businesses in the Borough?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meets the need of the community.	<p>Contribute to the number of jobs within the Borough?</p> <p>Increase jobs in the sectors that are currently underrepresented in the Borough?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

SA Objectives	Assessment Questions These questions are only used for a guide	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		Short	Medium	Long	
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough.	<p>Protect or foster the character of the local landscape?</p> <p>Protect existing or facilitate new wildlife habitat?</p> <p>Protect or increase the amount of woodland?</p> <p>Protect or improve the condition of SSSIs and other sites of ecological interest?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	<p>Foster local distinctiveness of built form?</p> <p>Protect important architectural and archaeological assets?</p> <p>Protect or contribute to the appearance of the built form?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	<p>Make use of previously developed land?</p> <p>Minimise the loss of good agricultural land?</p> <p>Reduce levels of air and water pollution?</p> <p>Safeguard mineral deposits?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

SA Objectives	Assessment Questions These questions are only used for a guide	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		Short	Medium	Long	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	<p>Improve access to cultural and recreational facilities?</p> <p>Enhance the provision of recreational and cultural facilities?</p> <p>Promote the participation in recreational and cultural activities?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	<p>Improve access to educational facilities?</p> <p>Enhance the provision of educational facilities?</p> <p>Promote participation in educational facilities?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	<p>Contribute to the reduction in crime levels?</p> <p>Reduce people's fear of crime?</p> <p>Reduce road traffic accidents?</p> <p>Improve the safety of pedestrians or cyclists?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

SA Objectives	Assessment Questions These questions are only used for a guide	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		Short	Medium	Long	
13.To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it assist in maximising the use of recycled and secondary materials?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	<p>Will it provide the type of land and buildings of a type required by businesses?</p> <p>Will it improve the diversity of jobs available?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	<p>Will it improve access to health facilities?</p> <p>Will it encourage a healthy life style e.g. a healthy diet and encourage physical activity</p> <p>Will it improve human health</p> <p>Will it increase, or enhance the opportunities for sporting recreational physical activity?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

SA Objectives	Assessment Questions These questions are only used for a guide	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		Short	Medium	Long	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	<p>Improve energy efficiency?</p> <p>Promote renewable forms of energy?</p> <p>Will development be in an area at risk of flooding?</p> <p>Will it require mitigation to facilitate development?</p> <p>Will it increase the risk of flooding?</p> <p>Will the development tackle existing flooding issues?</p>				<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Score Key					
++ Significant positive effect	+ Minor positive effect	0 No overall effect	- Minor negative effect	-- Significant negative effect	? Score uncertain
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is</i></p>					

*expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.*

*S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (>25 years)*



## **6.0 Stage B1**

6.1 The Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) also contains a set of objectives and a series of issues facing the Borough with some initial options for addressing these issues. These differ from the SA Objectives. The objectives in the Local Plan will identify the key policy directions and provide a framework for targets and performance indicators for the future monitoring.

6.2 The Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) objectives are set out below:-

1. Develop a housing stock to provide for the future aspirations for the local economy
2. Reduce the need to travel by car and improve access to public transport
3. Reduce traffic congestion in Melton Mowbray
4. To improve community safety and reduce crime and the fear of crime
5. Enhance the vitality and viability of Melton Mowbray town centre
6. Provide sufficient land to meet current and future employment needs
7. Help regenerate the rural economy
8. Promote the tourism potential of the Borough through its food, equestrianism and heritage assets creating a Melton “brand”
9. Create a mixed economy with increased knowledge-based jobs and wages
10. Provide better training opportunities and increase educational attainment
11. Improve facilities for all the community
12. Improve access to services and facilities, including health, social care, jobs, recreation, sport and education, broadband
13. Promote sustainable communities
14. Improve the health of the Borough and reduce health inequalities within the community

15. Promote high quality and innovative design which is visually attractive, reflects local context and distinctiveness, and, contributes to a safe and accessible environment to make places better for people
16. Reduce pollution
17. Protect and enhance the natural environment and biodiversity
18. Conserve the historic environment and Melton's heritage assets
19. Protect the rural character of the Borough
20. Protect and manage the use of natural resources and mitigate activities that cause their loss or degradation
21. Prepare for, limit, and adapt to climate change and promote low carbon development
22. Reduce the risk of flooding and avoid development in areas adverse to flooding
23. Minimise the use of energy and promote forms of renewable energy in the correct locations
24. Ensure that the reuse and recycling of waste is maximised
25. Help provide a stock of housing accommodation that meets the needs of the community, including the need for affordable housing

6.3 The compatibility of the SA Objectives with the Local Plan objectives has been tested to identify any particular tensions or inconsistencies; these can viewed within table 5. The main inconsistencies between the SA objectives and the new Melton Local Plan objectives are the need to promote economic and residential development, whilst protecting the natural environment, resources and the heritage of the Borough. It will therefore be important that the new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations direct development toward the most sustainable locations.

**Table 5 - Compatibility of Objectives**

Key				
✓✓ Highly Compatible	✓ Potentially Compatible	Neutral	X Potentially Incompatible	XX Highly Incompatible

SA Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the new Melton Local Plan objectives and the SA objectives	
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	✓✓	Several Local Plan objectives, will ensure that housing meets the needs of the current and future population.	
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that all journeys are the most sustainable	-	✓✓	✓✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓✓	✓	-	-	✓✓	x	x	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	Several Local Plan objectives encourage the efficient use of transport infrastructure in order to improve access to services and facilities.
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several Local Plan objectives are particularly compatible with this objective

SA Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the new Melton Local Plan objectives and the SA objectives	
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.	-	✓✓	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several Local Plan objectives are particularly compatible with SA objective 5 especially number 8- help to regenerate the rural economy.
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	✓✓	-	-	-	✓	✓✓	-	-	✓✓	✓✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A number of Local Plan objectives are compatible with SA objective 6, as they promote economic development, provide housing to support economic growth and improve local skills.

SA Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the new Melton Local Plan objectives and the SA objectives	
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	✓	✓✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	x	Housing and commercial development could have an adverse effect upon the natural environment., therefore objectives encouraging development are potentially incompatible with protection of the natural environment. However Local Plan objective 18 which promotes the protection of the natural environment is particularly compatible.	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	Housing and commercial development could have an adverse effect upon the built heritage, therefore objective encouraging development are potentially incompatible. Local Plan objective 19 is particularly compatible as it encourages the conservation of the historic environment and heritage assets.
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	✓✓	-	✓✓	✓✓	x	Housing and commercial development could have an adverse effect upon the use of land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources, and are therefore potentially incompatible. However Local Plan objective 21 is particularly compatible as it seeks to manage the use of natural resources.	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	A number of the Local Plan and SA objectives are compatible particularly Local Plan objective 12 – to improve facilities for all the community.

SA Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the new Melton Local Plan objectives and the SA objectives	
11. To reduce poverty, crime and social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	-	✓	-	✓✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	Several of the Local Plan policies are compatible with the SA objectives particularly objective 5 which sets out to improve community safety and reduce crime and the fear of crime.
12.To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Melton Local Plan objectives 5 and 16 are particularly compatible with SA objective 12 as they encourage a reduction in crime and improved community safety. As well as well-designed new development.
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	Local Plan objective 25 is very compatible with SA objective 13, as they both encourage the development to minimise waste and increase the use of recycling.	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	✓	✓✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓✓	-	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several local plan objectives are compatible with the SA objectives, however there are potential incompatibility issues surrounding the protection of natural resources, heritage and the rural character of the area.

SA Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the new Melton Local Plan objectives and the SA objectives	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	✓✓	-	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	There are a number of Local Plan objectives that are compatible with SA objectives particularly objective 12 which is to improve the access to services for all members of the community and objective 15 which is to reduce health inequalities.
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewable.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	-	Local Plan objectives 23 and 24 are particularly compatible with SA objective 16 as they reduce the risk of flooding and minimise the use of energy and promote forms of renewable energy in the correct locations.	

## **7.0 Stage B2**

- 7.1 The Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) document poses a number of questions for consultation. Consideration has been given to the sustainability issues, both positive and negative, which may arise from these questions. The full Sustainability Appraisal Report issued with the publication version of the Local Plan, will include a sustainability analysis of all the options considered.
- 7.2 All of the relevant options within the Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options) have been appraised against all of the SA Objectives and the responses to those options are attached below.
- 7.3 It should be noted that where there is no overall effect indicated, these have been excluded from the appraisal framework attached below to ensure this SA Report is as compact as possible. A summary of the impact of all of the issues is set out at the end of this report.



Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 1: Demographic based (195 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Lower levels of housing growth will deliver the housing to meet the household projections of the borough, through natural growth.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Affordable and the correct housing mix will be required with all new development to contribute to the housing stock where need is established.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum levels of growth will provide some infrastructure to support the level of growth, this will require utilising existing infrastructure and enhancing where necessary.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

<p>4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum levels of growth will maintain the population as it currently is and the level of growth within the Borough will be based on natural population growth.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum growth to allow for natural population growth will mean that by the end of the plan period, the Borough will have a percentage of the population over the age of 65 who are no longer working and can therefore no longer support local businesses.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum growth to allow for natural population growth will mean that by the end of the plan period, the Borough will have a percentage of the population over the age of 65 who are no longer working and can therefore no longer support local businesses.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

<p>7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> All new development will have an impact on the landscape of the borough, however development can help to enhance the landscape and can provide new wildlife sites and work towards protecting the condition of SSSIs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum development may impact on the historic environment, however smaller amounts of development provides less developer contributions which can be used to enhance and protect the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum development may potentially minimise the loss of good agricultural land and make the use of previously developed land. It may also result in reducing levels of air pollution due to a reduction in carbon emissions from having a smaller population.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum development will provide for the needs of the population and we will continue to grow in the same way as we previously have. This may mean that it is not possible to improve access to cultural and recreational activities without some investment to the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum development will provide for the needs of the population and we will continue to grow in the same way as we previously have. This may mean that it is not possible to improve access to educational facilities without some investment to the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

<p>14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.</p>	<p>--</p>	<p>--</p>	<p>--</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option of delivering minimum growth to provide housing for the natural growth of the population will not create the demand for economic growth and therefore employment land to support this growth.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p>Minimum development will provide for the needs of the population and we will continue to grow in the same way as we previously have. This may mean that it is not possible to improve access to health facilities without some investment to the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum growth is less likely to have the same benefits of larger levels of growth in delivering energy efficient homes and promoting renewable energy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 2: Mid-range (220 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Mid levels of housing growth will deliver the housing to meet the household projections and an inward migration through economic growth.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Affordable and the correct housing mix will be required with all new development to contribute to the housing stock where need is established.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Mid levels of growth will provide some infrastructure to support the level of growth; this will require utilising existing infrastructure and enhancement where necessary.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 2: Mid-range (220 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Mid levels of growth will increase the population, due to increased economic growth this will therefore increase the number of visitors to the borough and will encourage some inward investment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Mid levels of growth will increase the working age population within the borough, which will allow existing businesses within the Borough to continue to expand.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Mid levels of growth will increase the working age population within the borough, which will allow existing businesses within the borough to continue to expand.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 2: Mid-range (220 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	0	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> All new development will have an impact on the landscape of the Borough; however development can help to enhance the landscape and can provide new wildlife sites and work towards protecting the condition of SSSIs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum development may impact on the historic environment, however smaller amounts of development provides less developer contributions which can be used to enhance and protect the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will need to be well designed to be sympathetic to the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>



Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 2: Mid-range (220 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Mid level development may potentially minimise the loss of good agricultural land and make the use of previously developed land. It may also result in reducing levels of air pollution due to a reduction in carbon emissions from having a smaller population.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will be required to use measures to reduce the levels of carbon emissions and reduce any potential water pollution.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	-	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Mid level development has the potential to have a negative effect on the level cultural and recreational facilities by putting increased pressure on these facilities, by increasing the population.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development where possible will have to provide new recreational facilities and enhance existing facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 2: Mid-range (220 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	-	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Mid level development has the potential to have a negative effect on the level cultural and recreational facilities by putting increased pressure on these facilities, by increasing the population.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development where possible will need to contribute towards the enhancement of existing facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	--	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option of delivering mid growth will create some demand for economic growth within the borough, therefore there is a demand for increased level of employment land and may attract new businesses to the borough which will diversify the jobs available.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> It is important to work with market to ensure that employment land is provided in right locations with supporting infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 2: Mid-range (220 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A mid level of development may be able to enhance existing health facilities and sporting and recreational facilities as part of new development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A mid level of growth is less likely to have the same benefits of larger levels of growth in delivering energy efficient homes and promoting renewable energy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> All new development will be expected to reduce carbon emissions.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> High levels of housing growth will provide housing for the current population and increase the level of housing to support an increase in population from in migration due to economic growth.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Affordable and the correct housing mix will be required with all new development to contribute to the housing stock where need is established.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> High levels of growth will help to develop and enhance the existing transport network. An increase in population will increase the number of journeys that will need to be made by car, however new development should plan to provide sustainable transport schemes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> High level housing provision to encourage economic growth will increase the number of jobs within the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> It will be important to work with the local industry to provide the correct sites to encourage high knowledge businesses to the Borough.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p>High level growth will encourage inward investment to the Borough, through economic development. This will encourage visitors to the Borough and potentially improve the existing infrastructure to make services more accessible for all residents of the borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development should be expected to provide cycle ways into the town and employment sites to reduce the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> High levels of growth will encourage economic growth within the borough, leading to business formation. This will add to the range of businesses within the borough and will work towards supplementing the rural economy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> the greater level of economic growth within the borough will form a greater number of jobs. By attracting new businesses to the borough this will increase the number of jobs that are currently underrepresented in the borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	0	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> All new development will have an impact on the landscape of the borough, however development can help to enhance the landscape and can provide new wildlife sites and work towards protecting the condition of SSSIs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> The greater level of development will create greater developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Minimum development may impact on the historic environment, however smaller amounts of development provides less developer contributions which can be used to enhance and protect the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will need to be well designed to be sympathetic to the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Higher levels of development could potentially develop good quality agricultural land. Greater amount of development could potentially increase air pollution.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will be required to use measures to reduce the levels of carbon emissions and reduce any potential water pollution.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Higher levels of development will bring benefits through developer contributions, access to recreational facilities will improve due to provision either being provided on site or existing facilities enhanced. There may also be the opportunity to enhance existing cultural facilities within the Borough. The more easily accessible facilities are the more likely local residents are to participate in these activities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development where possible will have to provide new recreational facilities and enhance existing facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>



Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> High level growth has the potential to deliver new educational facilities to support the new development or to potentially enhance existing educational facilities. The more accessible the educational facilities are to local residents the more likely they are to participate.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development where possible will need to contribute towards the enhancement of existing facilities. To work with local businesses to ensure that residents can gain the right skills that are required by local businesses.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option of high growth will attract inward investment and therefore this will support the delivery of infrastructure. By encouraging businesses to locate or start up within the borough, this will diversify the local jobs available.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> To work with the market to ensure that the land and type of buildings are provided in the right locations within the borough, and that these sites can then be supported with the relevant infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Higher levels of growth will mean that health facilities can be potentially provided or existing facilities can be enhanced therefore increasing access to health facilities.</p> <p>By having access to housing and increased levels of employment through high levels of growth is good for mental health and general overall well-being.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development should provide open space to ensure that there is good access to recreational facilities encouraging a healthier lifestyle.</p> <p>There may also be the opportunity to deliver allotments as part of new development, therefore encouraging a healthier diet.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain how higher levels of growth will improve public health.</p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Q6: Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dpa)	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Higher levels of growth will bring the opportunity to promote renewable forms of renewable energy through developer contributions. It is more likely that energy efficiency of buildings can also be improved through the design of new buildings.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New developments will be expected to try and reduce carbon emissions.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage if increased levels of growth will increase the risk of flooding or tackle existing flooding issues, this information will be available at the Preferred Options stage.</p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<p>1. Demographic based growth based (195 dwellings per annum) Solely meets the household projections without taking into account other factors identified in NPPG.</p>	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b>                      Minimum growth may have a more positive impact on the environment and reducing carbon emissions. However minimum development will not provide for economic growth as the population is ageing and will not be able to support local businesses.</p> <p>Minimum development will deliver or enhance existing infrastructure, facilities and services.</p>
<p>2. Mid range (220 dwellings per annum) Goes some way towards considering other factors but would not fully address all factors.</p>	+	<p>Mid range growth will provide some economic growth to encourage inward investment to the borough, therefore providing some diversification in the job market for the local population and reducing some out commuting for employment.</p> <p>Mid range growth may provide supporting infrastructure and the enhancement of existing services and facilities.</p> <p>Increased levels of growth may have an impact on the historic environment , the landscape and natural environment. These will need to be mitigated against through good design, developer contributions to facilitate new wildlife sites and to improve and repair the historic environment.</p>

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<p>3. Supporting economic growth (245 dwellings per annum) Makes the full upward adjustment identified in the SHMA addressing the necessary factors to meet the full housing need of the borough.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>By delivering higher levels of housing growth this will enable higher levels of economic and inward investment to the Borough. This will enable the delivery of or enhancement of existing infrastructure , services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Any significant negative effects of higher levels of growth will need to be mitigated against for example sustainable transport methods will need to be incorporated into new development proposals in order to reduced carbon emissions from increased travelling within the Borough. Any detrimental impact to the local landscape or environment will need to be enhanced and improved, through developer contributions.</p>

**Summary**

The option with the most significant effect is option 3, as by delivering higher levels of growth this will enable economic development.

**Score Key:**

<p>++ <b>Significant positive effect</b></p>	<p>+ <b>Minor positive effect</b></p>	<p>0 No overall effect</p>	<p>- <b>Minor negative effect</b></p>	<p>-- <b>Significant negative effect</b></p>	<p>? <b>Score uncertain</b></p>
--	---	--------------------------------	---	--	-------------------------------------

*NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.*

Question 6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i>		

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 1: Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would support the delivery of Affordable Housing; the need for affordable housing is the highest in Melton Mowbray.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> That development will provide a mix of house types and tenures.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The level of growth within Melton Mowbray.</p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Growth around Melton Mowbray and utilise existing transport infrastructure and reduce journeys made by the car by good access to public transport and access to pedestrian and cycle routes to the town centre.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Additional transport infrastructure maybe required.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> That footpaths and cycleway will be developed as part of any new development to give access to the town centre.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The infrastructure that is required.</p>



Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 1: Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Further development within Melton Mowbray may encourage the growth of other sectors therefore attracting visitors to the town.</p> <p>Increased growth around Melton Mowbray may attract further investment to the town.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will need to provide good cycling and walking facilities to reduce the need to travel by car and reduce congestion. Public transport will need to service new developments.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The viability of providing the relevant infrastructure is unknown at this stage.</p>
<p>5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation</p>	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrated employment growth at Melton Mowbray will help to reduce commuting out of the Borough for employment. This option however will not contribute to the rural economy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> This option will add to a range of businesses, by attracting inward investment to appeal to a wide range of businesses.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 1: Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrated economic growth will potentially contribute to the number of jobs within the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> There is uncertainty what employment sectors will locate within the Borough.</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	0	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development concentrated around Melton Mowbray may initially have a minor negative impact on the landscape character; however with mitigation measures this can potentially be improved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Improvements to the landscape and wildlife habitats can be created as part of new development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> There is currently uncertainties how development will impact upon SSSI's and wildlife until specific sites are allocated.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 1: Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New concentrated development will increase access to and enjoyment of the historic environment within Melton Mowbray. It will be necessary to protect important architectural and archaeological assets that will be impacted upon by new development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will need to be well designed to be sympathetic to the existing historic environment.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> That funding will contribute to the lead and repair and adaptive reuse of the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> At present it is uncertain how</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Throughout the plan period the concentration of development around Melton Mowbray has the potential to develop previously developed land, minimise the loss of good agricultural land and reduce levels of air and water pollution, by minimising the need to travel by having services and facilities in accessible locations.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 1: Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development around Melton Mowbray this will increase access to services and facilities for both residents and local businesses. Normally increased facilities are provided as part of larger developments rather than dispersed development. By development being close to existing and either providing or enhancing existing open space this will encourage residents to participate in recreational and cultural activities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that new development will either provide cultural or recreational facilities or enhance existing facilities within the local vicinity; however this will be subject to the viability of delivering the site.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 1: Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New economic development around Melton Mowbray may contribute towards educational facilities. Residential development round the town will provide good access to educational facilities within the town such as Brooksby Melton College.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Generally the more concentrated the development the more facilities are provided or existing facilities enhanced by contributions from the development.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage how this option will deliver SA objective 12.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 1: Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will encourage economic growth around Melton Mowbray, therefore providing land and buildings that are required by businesses. It is hoped that by attracting new businesses into the town that this will diversify the range of jobs available.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain of the types of businesses that will move into the town.</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrated development will improve access to health facilities within the town. It may encourage a healthier lifestyle as services and facilities are within walking distance therefore reducing the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> That new development will enhance existing or provide sports or recreational facilities.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain how this option will encourage peoples to eat a healthy diet.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 1: Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development around Melton Mowbray this may allow more opportunity to promote renewable energy on site and improve energy efficiency of new buildings.</p> <p>There may be the potential that new development can tackle existing flood risk issues through additional infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Mitigation will be required where there is the potential for increased flood risk of the site.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 2: Reduced Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will increase the delivery of affordable housing in rural areas. There is the opportunity to deliver a range of residential accommodation in both the town and the rural areas.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2.To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development within Melton Mowbray will be able to utilise the existing transport infrastructure, however development in the rural areas would have less access to alternative modes of transport and will therefore not reduce the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Good access to public transport will be required to support development within the rural areas.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The infrastructure that is required to support the development in both the town and the rural areas.</p>



Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 2: Reduced Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Further development within Melton Mowbray may encourage the growth of other sectors therefore attracting visitors to the town. Development within the rural areas may encourage people to visit the rural villages within the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will need to provide good cycling and walking facilities to reduce the need to travel by car and reduce congestion. Public transport will need to service new developments.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The viability of providing the relevant infrastructure is unknown at this stage.</p>
<p>5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation</p>	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased development within the rural areas will help to supplement the rural economy. By having increased development within the rural areas may help to reduce out commuting for employment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> This option will add to a range of businesses, by attracting inward investment to appeal to a wide range of businesses.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 2: Reduced Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> More dispersed growth may help to increase employment in the rural areas and will contribute to the number of jobs within the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> There is uncertainty what employment sectors will locate and where within the borough.</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	0	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> More development within the rural areas may have greater impact on the landscape and the character of the villages.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p>It will be expected that any harm to the landscape will be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> There are currently uncertainties how development will impact upon SSSI's and wildlife until specific sites are allocated.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 2: Reduced Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Further development within the rural areas may have an detrimental impact on the character of rural villages. New development will be required to protect and to contribute to the existing built form.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will need to be well designed to be sympathetic to the existing historic environment.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> That funding will contribute to the lead and repair and adaptive reuse of the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By dispersing the development into the rural areas there's a greater possibility that there will be greater loss of agricultural land and there are fewer available brownfield sites.</p> <p>It is envisaged that there will be greater air pollution by dispersing development as people will need to use a car to reach many services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 2: Reduced Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Dispersing development around the Borough to the more rural villages within the Borough, residents will have reasonable access to services and facilities; however dispersed development is less likely to deliver new services and facilities through developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> All new development will be required to contribute to recreational facilities, in order to provide for new facilities or enhance existing facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain that how this policy option can encourage people to eat a healthy diet.</p>
11.To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased development in the rural areas will still provide access to educational facilities; however access will be more limited than concentrating development around Melton Mowbray.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 2: Reduced Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage how this option will deliver SA objective 12.</p>
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will provide increased employment land in the rural areas, and will allow for the diversification of the rural economy. Economic growth within the rural areas may provide jobs for local people.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain of the types of businesses that will move into the town and where they wish to locate.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 2: Reduced Melton Mowbray Focus	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased development in the rural areas will not improve access to health facilities; however the more sustainable villages have access to a GP surgery. Residents in the rural areas may have access to sports facilities and will have greater access to open space to participate in physical activity.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> That new development will enhance existing or provide sports or recreational facilities through developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain how this option will encourage peoples to eat a healthy diet.</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By dispersing development around the borough, with development in the rural areas it is likely that this will improve the energy efficiency of developments or renewable energy will be promoted.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Mitigation will be required where there is the potential for increased flood risk of the site.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 3: Dispersed Development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will increase the delivery of affordable housing in the rural areas and supplement the range of accommodation to the overall needs of the community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2.To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There is the opportunity to increase demand for public transport within the rural areas to deliver services. However it will increase the need to travel by car to access services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Good access to public transport will be required to support development within the rural areas.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The infrastructure that is required to support the development in both the town and the rural areas.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 3: Dispersed Development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray..	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development within the rural areas may encourage people to visit the rural villages within the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By increasing development in the rural areas this will encourage economic growth and access to jobs.</p> <p>By dispersing development around the Borough, this may not help to reduce out commuting.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Dispersed development of employment land, will increase jobs in the rural areas for potentially local people.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain where new businesses wish to locate within the Borough.</p>



Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 3: Dispersed Development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	0	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased development within the rural areas may have an impact on the rural landscape of the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> where development will have an adverse impact on wildlife habitats this should be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> At this stage it is uncertain where development will take place to protect or improve the condition of SSSIs or sites of ecological interest.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased development within the rural villages may harm the local character of the villages.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development should be designed to contribute to the appearance of the built form, and improve the quality of the built form.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 3: Dispersed Development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased development in the rural areas of the Borough may result in the loss of rural greenfield land.</p> <p>Dispersed development will not contribute towards the reduction in air and water pollution.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> To develop on brownfield sites where appropriate.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> That all previously developed land will be developed before developing greenfield sites.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Dispersing development around the Borough to the more rural villages within the Borough, residents will have reasonable access to services and facilities; however dispersed development is less likely to deliver new services and facilities through developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> All new development will be required to contribute to recreational facilities, in order to provide for new facilities or enhance existing facilities, therefore improving the vitality of villages.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain that how this policy option can encourage people to eat a healthy diet.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 3: Dispersed Development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11.To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased development in the rural areas will still provide access to educational facilities; however access will be more limited than concentrating development around Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>Increased development in the rural areas will ensure that village schools with low capacity will be able to remain open.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain which villages will benefit from development at this stage.</p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage how this option will deliver SA objective 12.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 3: Dispersed Development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will provide increased employment land in the rural areas, and will allow for the diversification of the rural economy. Economic growth within the rural areas may provide jobs for local people, improving the vitality of the villages.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Uncertainties: it is uncertain of the types of businesses that will move into the town and where they wish to locate.</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased development in the rural areas will not improve access to health facilities; however the more sustainable villages have access to a GP surgery. Residents in the rural areas may have access to sports facilities and will have greater access to open space to participate in physical activity.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Increased development within the rural areas may increase the provision of health care facilities and recreational facilities improving the vitality of the villages.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> That new development will enhance existing or provide sports or recreational facilities through developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain how this option will encourage peoples to eat a healthy diet.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Q7: Option 3: Dispersed Development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By dispersing development around the borough, this will reduce the overall energy efficiency of the development as this will encourage travel by car to services and facilities. More dispersed development means that developer contributions are less concentrated therefore renewable energy is likely to be provided on site.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Mitigation will be required where there is the potential for increased flood risk of the site.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that sites in the lowest flood risk areas will be developed first.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage how development in the rural areas will tackle existing flood risk issues.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Option 4: One location	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrating all new development as part of a new settlement will provide a range of residential accommodation ,however this may not meet the needs of the local communities for example affordable housing need in rural areas.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> it will be important to deliver affordable housing in the locations that it is required through developer contributions</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that development will provide for a mix and type of housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The amount and housing type is uncertain at this. The location for a new settlement is also unknown at this stage.</p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement would require the delivery of new infrastructure and potentially the upgrade of existing infrastructure. This option may not reduce the need to travel by car with alternative methods of transport as the majority of services and facilities are located within the town centre. A new settlement also has the potential to include employment opportunities on site, therefore reducing the need to travel for employment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> A new settlement would need to provide good public transport links to minimise the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain the level of infrastructure that will be required to support a new settlement and the viability of delivering this.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

<p>4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrated development will encourage inward investment but potentially only in one location, therefore existing residents and businesses may not benefit from this. A new settlement may not potentially encourage new visitors to the Borough. New development will not decrease social exclusion within the rural areas.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will need to provide the relevant infrastructure to encourage people to walk and cycle and reduce the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain the infrastructure that will be required at this stage.</p>
<p>5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement would allow people to live and work within a walk able vicinity therefore maybe reducing the need to commute out of the Borough for employment. New employment land in the correct location would allow for the new businesses to move into the borough therefore adding to the range of businesses within the Borough. However these businesses will be potentially less accessible than being dispersed around the borough or in a more central location.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how concentrated development will contribute to diversifying the rural economy.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

<p>6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> To employment land will potentially provide local jobs for local people.  <b>Mitigation:</b> A possible form of mitigation is that a percentage of jobs created need to be for local people.  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage what new businesses will locate in the Borough in order to provide jobs that are currently under represented.</p>
<p>7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New development will have an effect on the local landscape.  <b>Mitigation:</b> Contributions will need to be made from the development to help increase any loss of woodland, and to improve SSSI's or other sites of ecological interest. <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain at present what effect new development will have on the natural landscape.</p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement would potentially have a negative effect on the local distinctiveness of the borough, by developing a large site with potentially up to 5,000 dwellings plus employment land.  <b>Mitigation:</b> Developer contributions could potentially contribute to the repair of historic assets.  <b>Assumptions: Uncertainties:</b></p>



Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will potentially make the use of previously developed land and therefore reduce the need to develop greenfield sites. A new settlement could potentially reduce the air pollution by reducing the need to travel by car to employment and to services and facilities that could potentially be provided on site</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> The lowest grade agricultural land will need to be developed first.</p> <p>Sustainable water technologies will need to be incorporated into the development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions: Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how the option for a new settlement will reduce water pollution.</p>
<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement would provide access to local community facilities on site and for existing residents in close proximity to the new settlement. However this option would not improve access or participation in cultural or recreational activities across the Borough as a whole.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Developer contributions could be potentially used to enhance cultural facilities within the Borough, as it is unlikely that these will be provided on site.</p> <p>Recreational facilities should be delivered as part of the development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that recreational facilities will be provided on site.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

<p>11.To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement would not improve access or participation to existing educational facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> A new settlement would be required to provide for a level of educational facilities more than likely a primary school.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain how a new settlement will promote participation in educational facilities.</p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> new development will be required to design out crime using secure by design principles.</p> <p>All new development should be designed to incorporate cycle and walkways.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement would provide employment land for economic growth.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New businesses could be potentially required to provide jobs for local people.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain if the concentrated employment land would provide the type of land and buildings required by businesses.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

<p>15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement would have to potentially deliver health facilities and access to recreational facilities. New facilities will only benefit existing residents in the local vicinity of the new settlement and existing facilities will not be enhanced or developed across the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> A new settlement would need to provide good access to open space and recreational facilities. This will therefore increase the opportunity for people to get involved in sporting and recreational activity.</p> <p><b>Assumptions: Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage how the option for a new settlement will improve human health.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There is the potential to have more sustainable development as residents will have access to employment and services and facilities as part of the new settlement. There is the potential that large scale development can deliver on site renewable energy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Mitigation will be required for any potential flood risk.</p> <p><b>Assumptions: Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain how this option will tackle existing flooding issues.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
1. Concentration of development around Melton Mowbray	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development around Melton Mowbray this provide residents and business with good access to services and facilities and the ability to utilise the existing infrastructure. By concentrating development it is likely that this will attract inward investment for the town. This option is most likely to deliver renewable energy due to development being concentrated rather than dispersed throughout the borough, by concentrating developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Additional infrastructure will be required to support additional development around Melton Mowbray. It will be important that any detrimental impact on the landscape will need to be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that new development will deliver a mix of housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<p>2. The majority of development around Melton Mowbray, with some development within the villages</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development spread between Melton Mowbray and the rural areas will provide for the housing need across the borough. New development in the rural areas may not deliver the services and facilities required to support development, however new facilities and employment may also help to revitalise rural communities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Infrastructure will need to be provided especially public transport to encourage a reduction in people travelling by car. Any detrimental impact on the landscape or natural environment will need to be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that development will provide a range of housing types and developer contributions will be received to deliver the infrastructure that is required to support the new development and existing communities.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<p>3. Development dispersed around the Borough.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There is the potential that a greater amount of greenfield sites will need to be developed if development is dispersed around the Borough. Less facilities and supporting infrastructure can be provided through developer contributions if development is concentrated around the Borough therefore putting increased pressure on existing resources. Some development in the rural areas however may revitalise the rural community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Infrastructure will need to be provided especially public transport to encourage a reduction in people travelling by car. Any detrimental impact on the landscape or natural environment will need to be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that development will provide a range of housing types and developer contributions will be received to deliver the infrastructure that is required to support the new development and existing communities.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
4. Concentration of all growth in a new settlement	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrating development in one location within a new settlement will provide new services and facilities subject to viability therefore not putting pressure on existing services and facilities. Development of this scale will require a large amount of new infrastructure to support the new development in this location. All new housing will be focussed in one area of the Borough, and this will not meet the housing needs of local communities. There is a greater opportunity to provide more sustainable homes and on site renewable energy as part of delivering a new settlement. By concentrating all new development within one location within the Borough, this would not help to improve existing infrastructure, services and facilities and revitalise the rural communities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> it will be important to mitigate any adverse impacts on the landscape or the natural environment. Supporting infrastructure will need to be provided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that a range of house types and affordable housing is delivered to meet the needs of the Borough's population.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain the level of housing that is required for a new settlement at this stage, the location of the new settlements and the level of infrastructure that would be required to support a new settlement. It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>

**Summary**

As you can see from the tables above all of the options apart from dispersing development around the borough, either have a significant positive effect or minor positive effect. This is mainly due to the concentration of development allowing residents and business to have good access to services and facilities, therefore reducing out commuting. It is uncertain at this stage the impact that many of the options will have on SSSIs, landscape and the historic environment at this stage.

Question 7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Alternative		Score	Commentary		
<b>Score Key:</b>					
<b>++</b> <b>Significant</b> positive effect	<b>+</b> <b>Minor</b> positive effect	<b>0</b> No overall effect	<b>-</b> <b>Minor</b> negative effect	<b>--</b> <b>Significant</b> negative effect	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>					
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>					



Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 1: Single large development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development concentrated in one location will contribute to the stock of affordable housing, however housing then may not be provided in the areas of most need.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> All development will be required to provide for a range of housing mix.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development in one location this will put increased pressure on existing infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> As development is concentrated there maybe the opportunity to pool developer contributions to enhance or to develop the existing infrastructure.</p> <p>By concentrating development in one location this will again provide an opportunity to pool financial contributions in order to provide more sustainable forms of transport and reduce the need to travel by car into the town.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

<p>7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	-	0	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would have the greatest impact on one area of the landscape, however this would also mean that only one landscape character could potentially be impacted upon rather than a number of landscapes character areas by dispersing development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Development can sometimes enhance the landscape, by the pooling of financial contributions this can potentially help to mitigate against any negative impacts.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There is the potential that a large amount of development in one location could have a detrimental impact on the historic environment. However by condensing development this could also cause minimum impact to the historic environment depending on the location of the site.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> By concentrating development in one location there is the potential to pool resources to help improve and enhance the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development in one location this will potentially reduce the need to travel and therefore reduce air pollution.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Development should be located wherever possible to avoid building on the best agricultural land and to safeguard mineral deposits.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development in one area of the town this may put pressure on existing facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> By concentrating development there will be the opportunity to pool funding which may allow for the development of recreational facilities and the enhancement of existing cultural facilities. This will therefore increase access and promote participation both for new residents and existing residents with close proximity to the site.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrated development has the potential to have a negative impact on existing resources, however the pooling of financial contributions may contribute to new or enhanced facilities, therefore improving access and encouraging participation in educational activities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b> By concentrating development into one location this can lead to a well designed site.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

<p>15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrating development in one location has the potential to have a negative impact on existing services.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> By concentrating development and being able to plan for a fully comprehensive site, this could ensure that there are good recreational facilities, pedestrian and cycleway to reduce the need to travel by car and other forms of green infrastructure such as allotments to encourage a healthy diet.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The pooling of resources will mean that development can potentially provide on-site renewable and overall improved energy of the development through sustainable development e.g. Code for Sustainable homes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Wherever there will be a possible increased risk of flooding the development should be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage how concentrating development on one site will be in an area of flood risk or will increase the risk of flooding; this information will be made available at the preferred options.</p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 2: A few large developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development concentrated in a few locations will contribute to the stock of affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> All development will be required to provide for a range of housing mix.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 2: A few large developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development in a number of locations this will put increased pressure on existing infrastructure and will impact on more of the existing communities rather than just effecting one community with one large settlement.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> As development is concentrated in a few locations there maybe the opportunity to pool developer contributions to enhance or to develop the existing infrastructure.</p> <p>By concentrating development in a few location this will again provide an opportunity to pool financial contributions in order to provide more sustainable forms of transport and reduce the need to travel by car into the town.</p> <p>It should be noted the pooling of developer contributions will not be as great as concentrating development in one site where the settlement can be comprehensively designed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 2: A few large developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	0	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By having a few large settlements on the edge of the town this could have a greater impact on a number of landscape character areas.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Development can sometimes enhance the landscape, by the pooling of financial contributions this can potentially help to mitigate against any negative impacts.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There is the potential that a number of large settlements around the town could have a detrimental impact on the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> By concentrating development in a few locations there is the potential to pool resources to help improve and enhance the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 2: A few large developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By developing a number of larger sites around the Borough, this may increase air pollution due to the need to travel by car and residents not having as easy access to services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Development should be located wherever possible to avoid building on the best agricultural land and to safeguard mineral deposits.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that brownfield sites are developed before Greenfield sites.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By developing a number of large sites around the town, this could add additional pressure on a number of existing facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There may be the opportunity to pool funding which may allow for the development of recreational facilities and the enhancement of existing cultural facilities. This will therefore increase access and promote participation both for new residents and existing residents with close proximity to the site. New facilities may also be provided in a more central location.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>



Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 2: A few large developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By developing on a number of large sites this may have an impact on a number of educational facilities around the town. However the pooling of financial contributions may contribute to new of enhanced facilities, therefore improving access and encouraging participation in educational activities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	+	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By developing a number of large sites around Melton Mowbray this has the potential to have a negative impact on a number of existing services.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> By developing a number of large sites this may mean developer contributions could be pooled to provide better recreational facilities within the town, therefore benefiting existing residents and not just the new residents. The different sites however may not be as well designed and there will be fewer developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 2: A few large developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewable .	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The pooling of resources will mean that development can potentially provide on site renewable and overall improved energy of the development through sustainable development e.g. Code for Sustainable homes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Wherever there will be a possible increased risk of flooding the development should be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage how concentrating development on one site will be in an area of flood risk or will increase the risk of flooding, this information will be made available at the preferred options.</p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 3: Dispersed Around Town	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development dispersed more around the town could potentially mean that less affordable housing and different house types for example life time homes can be provided, as there will be less pooling of resources.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> All development will be required to provide for a range of housing mix.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	-	-	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By dispersing development around Melton Mowbray this will mean that development will have a greater negative impact on the existing infrastructure. As development is more dispersed there is less opportunity to generate well designed places in order to reduce the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> As development is dispersed throughout the town there will be less opportunity to pool developer contributions to improve current transport infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 3: Dispersed Around Town	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	0	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By having a number of new development sites around Melton Mowbray this could have a greater impact on a number of landscape character areas. However due to developments being smaller they could also have less of an impact on the landscape than larger developments.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Development can sometimes enhance the landscape, however by dispersing development it is less likely that developer contributions will be able to be pooled to improve and enhance the landscape.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There is the potential that a number of settlements around the town could have a detrimental impact on the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> By dispersing development around the town it is less likely that developer contributions can be pooled to mitigate any significant effects.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 3: Dispersed Around Town	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By dispersing development around the town this may increase the need to travel by car therefore increasing air pollution.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Development should be located wherever possible to avoid building on the best agricultural land and to safeguard mineral deposits.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that brownfield sites are developed before Greenfield sites.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	-	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By dispersing sites around the town , this could add additional pressure on a number of existing facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> By dispersing development around the town, there will be less opportunity to design comprehensive settlements and there will be less of an opportunity to pool resources to provide additional facilities or enhance existing ones.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 3: Dispersed Around Town	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	-	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Buy dispersing development this may have an impact on a number of educational facilities around the town. However the pooling of financial contributions may contribute to new of enhanced facilities, therefore improving access and encouraging participation in educational activities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	-	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By dispersing development sites around Melton Mowbray this has the potential to have a negative impact on a number of existing services.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> By dispersing development this may mean that sites are not as well planned to incorporate recreational facilities to encourage the participation in physical activity. There will also be less opportunity for developer contributions to be pooled to deliver new facilities or enhance existing ones.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 3: Dispersed Around Town	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewable .	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The pooling of resources will mean that development can potentially provide on site renewable and overall improved energy of the development through sustainable development e.g. Code for Sustainable homes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Wherever there will be a possible increased risk of flooding the development should be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage how dispersing development around the town will tackle existing flood risk or will increase the risk of flooding, this information will be made available at the preferred options.</p>

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<p>Option 1: Concentrated in a single large development on the edge of town</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development one site around Melton Mowbray this provide residents and business with good access to services and facilities and the ability to utilise the existing infrastructure. By concentrating development it is likely that this will attract inward investment for the town. This option is most likely to deliver renewable energy due to development being concentrated rather than dispersed throughout the town, by concentrating developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Additional infrastructure will be required to support additional development around Melton Mowbray. It will be important that any detrimental impact on the landscape will need to be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that new development will deliver a mix of housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>



Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
Option 2: Provided through a few larger developments	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development developing a number of large sites around Melton Mowbray, this may still have a significant impact on the landscape and natural environment. A number of large sites would have a greater impact on a greater number of existing services and facilities and infrastructure. A greater number of developments will mean that there may not be the opportunity for these sites to be as comprehensively planned and designed.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There still maybe the opportunity to pool resources to provide new or enhance existing services, facilities and infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that development will provide a range of housing types and developer contributions will be received to deliver the infrastructure that is required to support the new development and existing communities.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>
Option 3. Development dispersed around the town	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Dispersed development around Melton Mowbray will have a lesser impact on existing infrastructure and existing communities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Due to development being dispersed there is less opportunity to pool funds for large infrastructure items and there will be fewer benefits received from each of the developments.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that development will provide a range of housing types.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>
<b>Summary</b>		

Question 8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Alternative	Score	Commentary			
<p>As you can see from the tables above the more concentrated the development the more opportunities there are to mitigate any negative impacts of development through the pooling of developer contributions. By concentrating development in one location around the town will be there will be the greatest negative impacts from the development felt in one location, however there is a greater opportunity to plan for a well designed development. By developing large sites around the town, this will have an impact on a number of different communities and services, this option would still provide the opportunity to pool resources to mitigate against some of the negative effects of development. By dispersing development this would impact a number of communities, however developer contributions will not be able to be pooled to provide large infrastructure items.</p>					
<b>Score Key:</b>					
<b>++</b> <b>Significant</b> positive effect	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive</b> effect	<b>0</b> No overall effect	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative</b> effect	<b>--</b> <b>Significant</b> negative effect	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>					
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>					

Question 9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

Option 1: Single Large Development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development in a new settlement, this will deliver housing to meet the borough's housing needs. However as development will be concentrated in one location and therefore will not contribute to the whole boroughs housing needs, for example affordable housing in the rural areas.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> It may be possible to use developer contributions to build affordable housing and other specialist housing elsewhere within the borough.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain of the level of growth required for a new settlement.</p>

Question 9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

<p>2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement will not be able to utilise existing transport infrastructure, however existing infrastructure will need to be enhanced. Due to the option for a new settlement containing both residential and employment land this will reduce the need to travel by car as people can both live and work within the same settlement. The option for a new settlement will not help to develop a transport network that minimises car impact on the environment for the whole Borough, or reduce the number of car journeys made by encouraging alternative modes of transport.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> A new settlement will need to provide the infrastructure to reduce the need to travel by car, and enhance the existing road infrastructure in the vicinity of the site.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain the level of infrastructure required to support a new settlement.</p>
<p>4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement has the potential to attract inward investment.</p> <p>However all investment will be concentrated within the new settlement, therefore not creating social inclusion for the rural areas of the borough, by allowing them greater access to services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

<p>5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement would provide for both residential and economic development and therefore would provide the opportunity to live and work within the same settlement, therefore reducing out commuting. New economic development may provide jobs for residents living in the close vicinity of the new settlement, but would not benefit the whole borough as economic growth would be concentrated.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There is maybe the potential for new businesses locating with the borough to offer a percentage of jobs to residents within the borough.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage how a new settlement will supplement the rural economy.</p>
<p>6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrated employment land should lead to economic development and therefore contribute to the number of jobs within the borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage what sectors will locate within the borough, to increase the jobs in underrepresented sectors.</p>

Question 9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

<p>7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement will potentially have a short term negative impact on the landscape, however as the new settlement is developed any adverse impacts will need to be mitigated. There will be the opportunity through developer contributions to facilitate new wildlife sites and improve the conditions of SSSI's</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Any adverse effects of a new settlement on the landscape or natural environment will need to be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage what impact a new settlement would have on the landscape, wildlife sites or SSSIs. This information will become available at the Preferred Options Stage.</p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Depending on the location of the new settlement a new settlement will provide for increased access to the enjoyment of the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will need to be sympathetic to the historic environment.</p> <p>There is maybe the potential for developer contribution to lead to the repair of some heritage assets.</p> <p>Architectural and archaeological assets will need to be protected from new development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain what impact a new settlement will have on the historic environment at this stage more information will be made available as part of the Preferred Options SA.</p>

Question 9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The two options for a new settlement are on previously developed land and therefore reducing the need to develop on good quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Developing a new settlement with access to employment and local services and facilities will reduce the need to travel and therefore air pollution.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New development will have to provide for cultural and recreational facilities, however these will only be easily accessible to the residents of the new settlement and residents within a close proximity to the new settlement. Due to development being concentrated in one location it is unlikely that existing recreational and cultural facilities will be enhanced, therefore the whole borough will not benefit from the development of a new settlement and promote the participation in recreational and cultural facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There is the potential for existing cultural facilities to be enhanced through developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

<p>11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> As part of a new settlement educational facilities in the form of a primary school will need to be provided on site. Depending on the location of the new settlement to existing educational facilities a new settlement will not promote the participation in education.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Developer contributions could be sought to enhance existing educational facilities for example Brooksby Melton College and other further education facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There is the potential for the new development to be built to secure by design principles, in order to help design out crime.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement will provide a significant amount of employment land with the relevant infrastructure to encourage economic growth.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> To work with market to provide the right type of buildings that are in demand, in order for businesses to remain and expand within the borough, or to relocate to the borough.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain what types of businesses will locate within the borough in order to improve the diversity of jobs available.</p>



Question 9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

<p>15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A new settlement will need to provide new health facilities; these will be easily accessible to residents of the new settlement and villages within the local vicinity. However the new facilities provided will not be accessible to the majority of the boroughs residents.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> The new development subject to viability provide contributions to enhance existing facilities to encourage a healthy life style and encourage sporting and recreational activities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain how the delivery of a new settlement will improve human health.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option for a new settlement can promote and improve the efficiency of buildings to improve energy efficiency. Due to development being concentrated in one location there maybe the potential to promote renewable forms of energy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There maybe the opportunity to implement a district heating system.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> it is uncertain at present if the option for a new settlement would be in an area of flood risk or increase the risk of flooding.</p>

Question 9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
1. Concentration of development around Melton Mowbray	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b>            By concentrating development in one location this means that there is the potential to deliver more infrastructure, services and facilities as part of the development, therefore not putting any extra pressure on existing resources. However existing facilities may not be enhanced and therefore the development of a new settlement would not benefit the whole borough. A concentrated mixed use development may reduce the need to travel by car and would make good use of previously developed land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b>            It will be essential that any significant negative impacts of the new settlement are mitigated against, for example the landscape or the natural environment.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b>            It is assumed that new development will deliver a mix of housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b>            It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>
<b>Summary</b>		

Question 9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

A new settlement would develop previously developed land and reduce the need to develop Greenfield sites, it is proposed that a new settlement could expect buildings to be designed to a higher sustainability standard and promote the development of renewable energy. By the new settlement being for mixed use development this would allow residents to live and work within the same settlement reducing the need to travel by car. However all new facilities provided within the new settlement may potentially on benefit those residents and nearby villages, the rest of the borough would not see any new or enhanced facilities from new development.

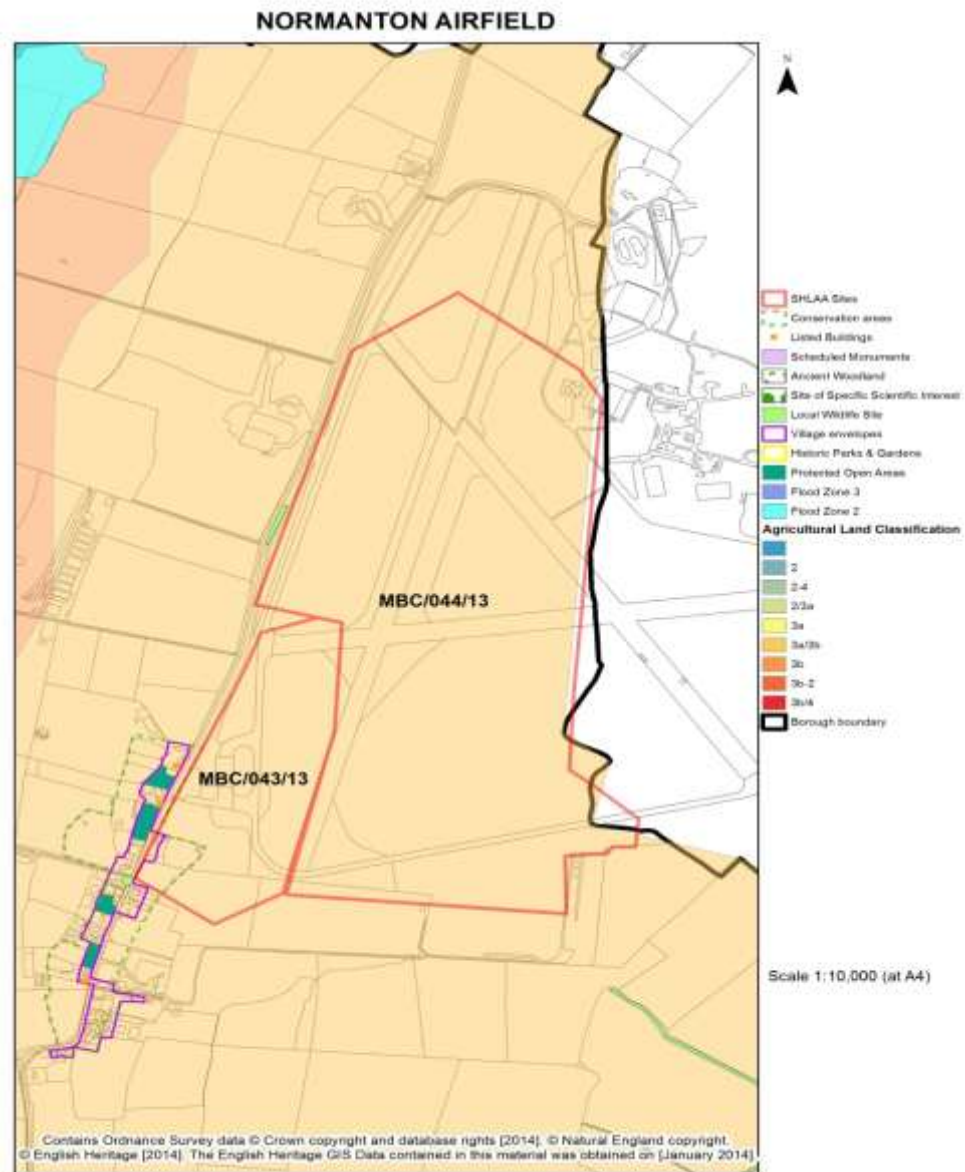
**Score Key:**

<b>++</b> <b>Significant</b> positive effect	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive</b> effect	<b>0</b> No overall effect	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative</b> effect	<b>--</b> <b>Significant</b> negative effect	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
--	---	-------------------------------	---	--	------------------------------------

*NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.*

*S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (>25 years)*

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?



Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

Location 1 Normanton Airfield	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option of a new settlement at Normanton Airfield will contribute to the overall needs of the community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will be expected to provide affordable housing and provide housing for members of the community with particular housing needs.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The development of the site can make use of the existing transport infrastructure</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There could potentially be the opportunity to develop the existing transport infrastructure and provide pedestrian and cycle routes into the town to reduce the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New development will encourage inward investment. New development could provide cycle routes however the development of Normanton Airfield would not reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

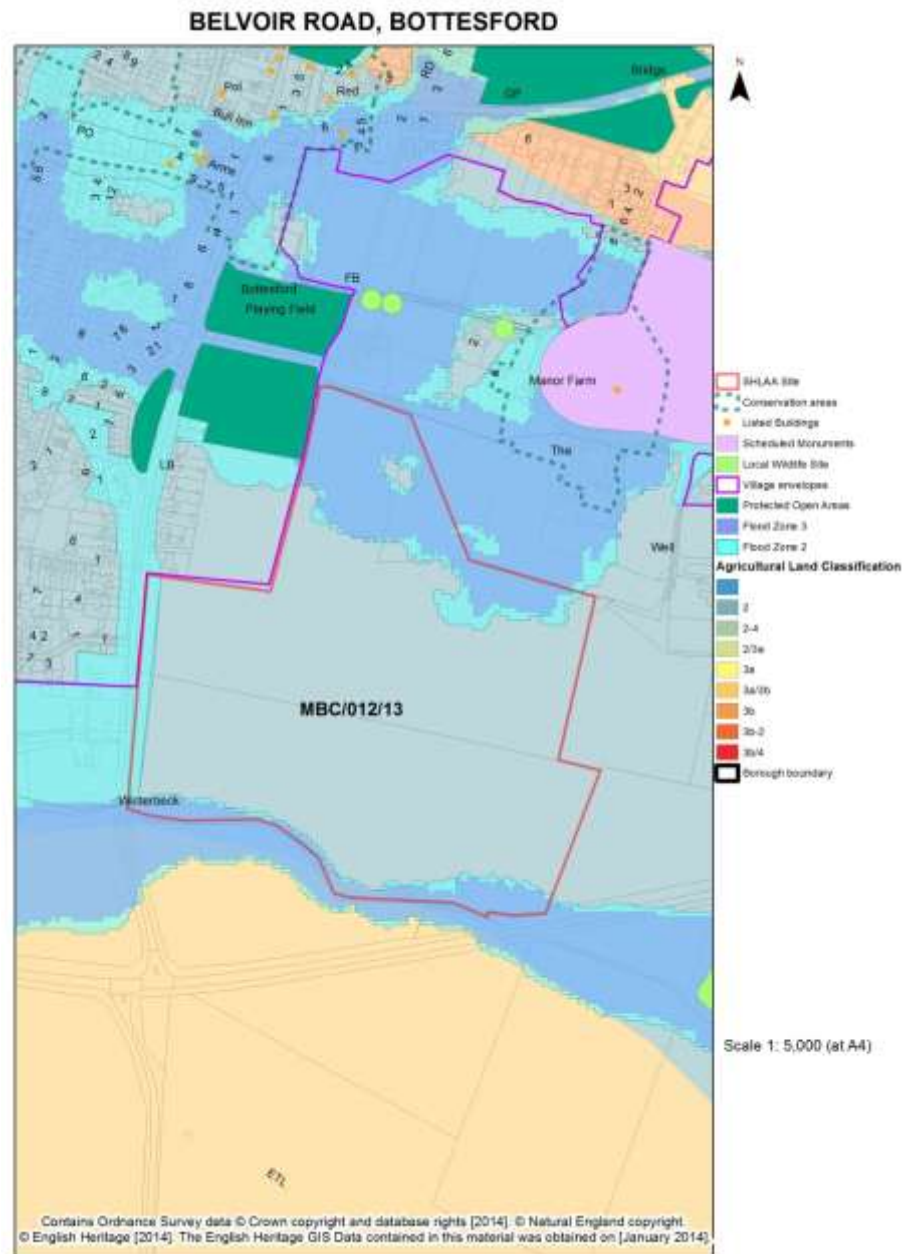
Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There is a local wildlife site adjacent to the site</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There is the potential to protect the existing wildlife site. It will also be important to enhance the existing landscape as a result of new development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The site is adjacent to a conservation area and a number of listed buildings.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Development on Normanton Airfield should mitigate against any negative impacts. There may also be the potential for developer contributions to be utilised to enhance the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By developing a new settlement on Normanton Airfield there is the potential to reduce the level of air pollution as this will reduce the need to travel by car to access services and facilities within the settlement.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There are areas of protected open space in close proximity to the site.  <b>Mitigation:</b> Contributions from development could be pooled to either provide new or enhance existing recreational facilities.  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development of a new settlement on Normanton airfield would need to provide educational facilities on site. The site is to the north of the Borough facilities can be easily accessed within Grantham.  <b>Mitigation:</b> Developer contributions have the potential to be pooled to enhance existing educational facilities.  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b>  <b>Mitigation:</b>  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There are no areas of flood risk.  <b>Mitigation:</b>  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?





Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

Location 2 Belvoir Road Bottesford	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The development of this site would provide for affordable housing in the rural area and supplement the current range of residential accommodation to meet the needs of the community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> it will be important that new development provides for a mix of house types.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development within Bottesford could utilise the existing transport infrastructure. This option will potentially not reduce the need to travel by car as the site only has access to limited services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> As part of new development existing infrastructure may need to be enhanced to support the development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

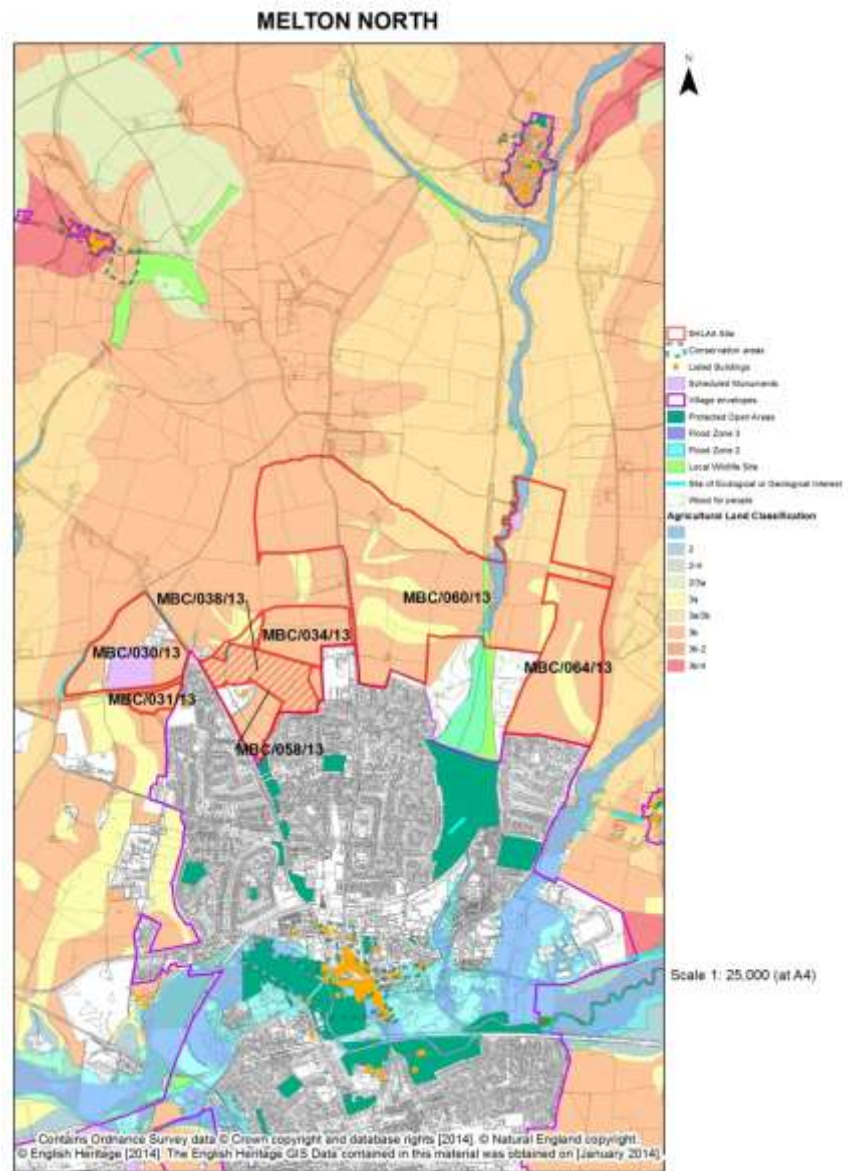
Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>7. To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development of this site will potentially have an impact on the landscape.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> it will be important to mitigate against any adverse impacts on the landscape.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The majority of the site is on grade 3a/3b agricultural land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The site has good access to recreational facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Contributions from development could be pooled to either provide new or enhance existing recreational facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The development in Bottesford has good access to a primary and secondary school.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Developer contributions have the potential to be pooled to enhance existing educational facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The site has access to existing health facilities within the village and there is good access to recreational facilities to encourage physical activity.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There are areas of flood zone 3 with pockets of flood zone. There is no evidence at this stage to how the site will improve energy efficiency or promote renewable energy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> it will be important for any new development to mitigate any potential flood risk and contribute to tackling existing flooding issues.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?



Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

Question 10 Location 3 Melton North	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option of development to the north will contribute to the current stock of residential accommodation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will be expected to provide affordable housing and provide housing for members of the community with particular housing needs.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development to the north of Melton Mowbray will be able to utilise existing infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There could potentially be the opportunity to develop the existing transport infrastructure and provide pedestrian and cycle routes into the town to reduce the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New development in the edge of Melton Mowbray will encourage inward investment to the town.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

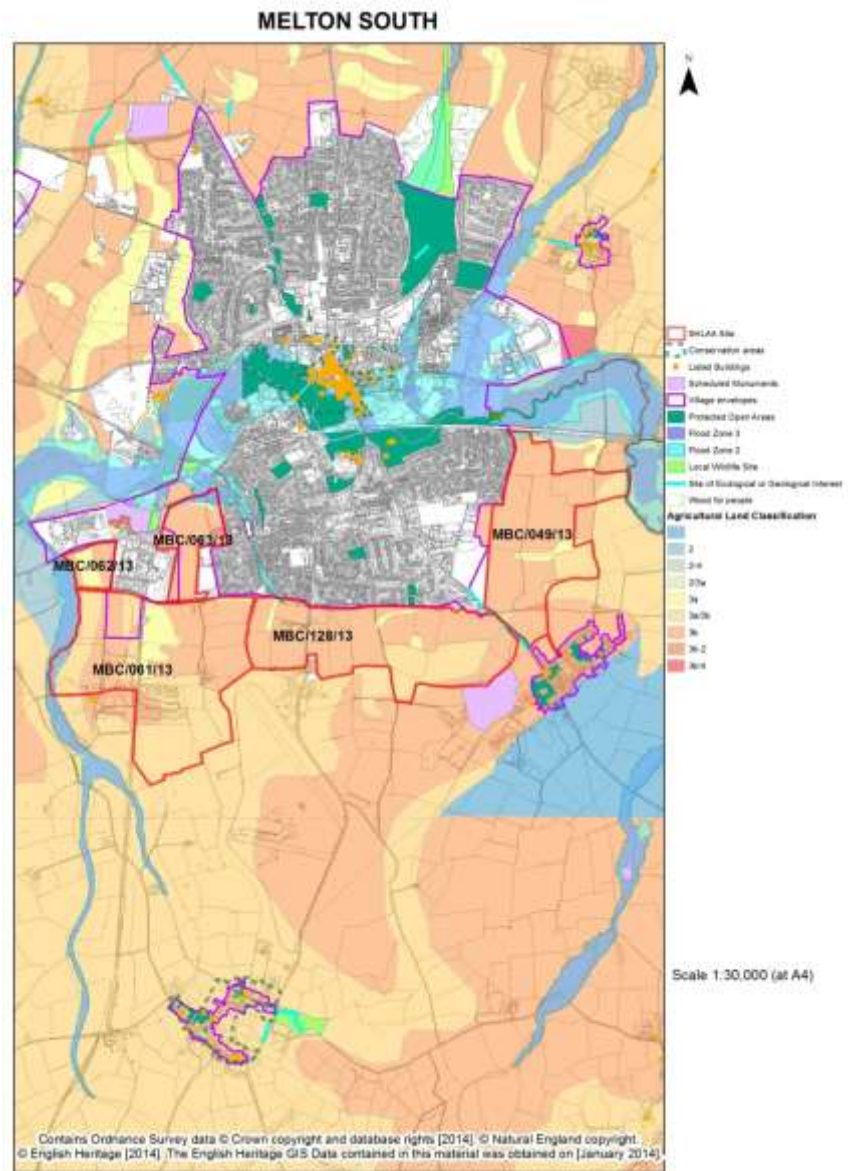
Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The sites to the north contain a local wildlife site.  <b>Mitigation:</b> There is the potential to protect the existing wildlife site. It will also be important to enhance the existing landscape as a result of new development.  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> To the north of Melton Mowbray there are two Scheduled Ancient Monuments. By developing land to the north of the town this may provide increased access to and enjoyment of the historic environment.  <b>Mitigation:</b> Development to the north should mitigate against any negative impacts. There may also be the potential for developer contributions to be utilised to enhance the historic environment.  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The majority of the land to the north is agricultural grade 3b land with pockets of grade 3a.  By locating development to the north of Melton Mowbray there is the potential to reduce the level of air pollution as this will reduce the need to travel by car to access services and facilities within the town.  <b>Mitigation:</b>  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development to the north of Melton Mowbray has good access to Melton Country Park.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Contributions from development could be pooled to either provide new or enhance existing recreational facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development to the north of the town would have good access to existing educational facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Developer contributions have the potential to be pooled to enhance existing educational facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The development to the north contains an area of food zone 3.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> it will be important for any new development to mitigate any potential flood risk and contribute to tackling existing flooding issues.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?





Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

Location 4 Melton South	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option of development to the south will contribute to the current stock of residential accommodation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will be expected to provide affordable housing and provide housing for members of the community with particular housing needs.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development to the south of Melton Mowbray will be able to utilise existing infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There could potentially be the opportunity to develop the existing transport infrastructure and provide pedestrian and cycle routes into the town to reduce the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
4.To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New development in the edge of Melton Mowbray will encourage inward investment to the town.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

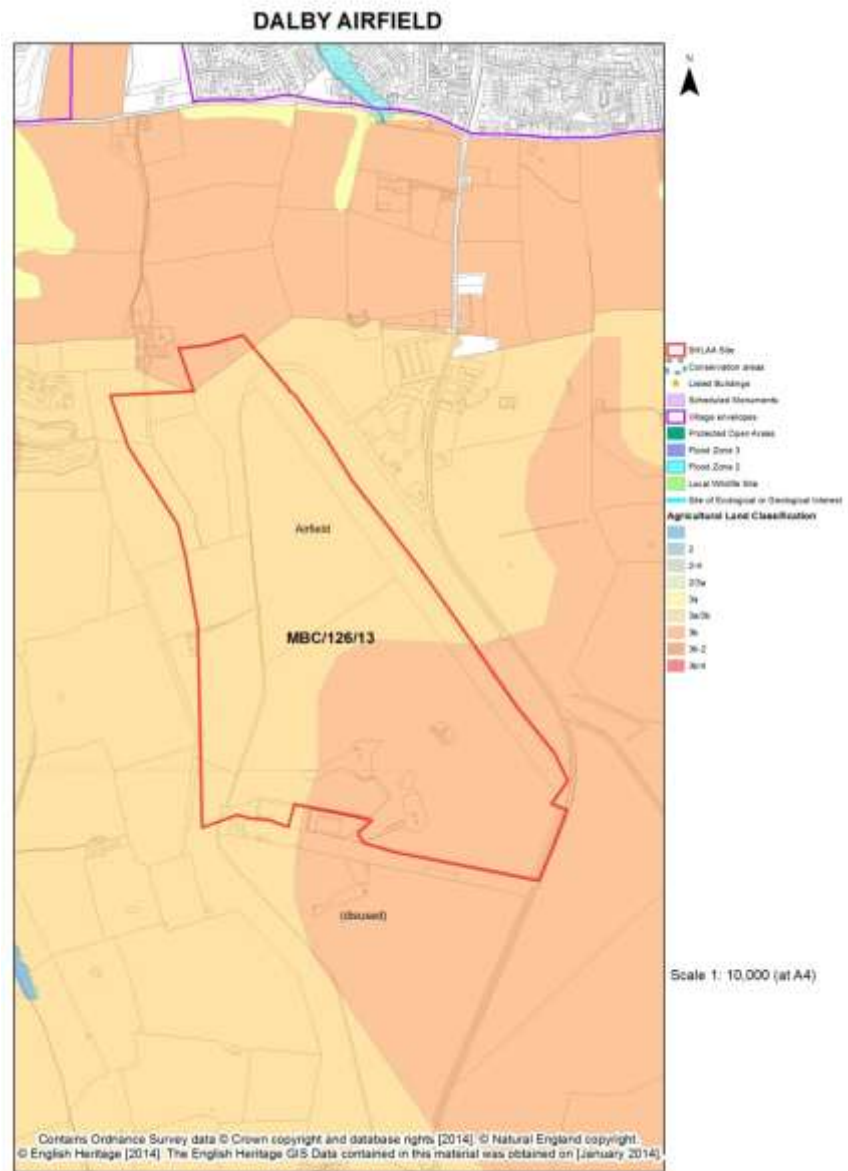
Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b>  <b>Mitigation:</b> Any potential significant effects on the landscape will need to be mitigated against. Development can sometimes be used to enhance the existing landscape.  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development to the south may provide greater access to the historic environment.  <b>Mitigation:</b> Development to the south should mitigate against any negative impacts. There may also be the potential for developer contributions to be utilised to enhance the historic environment.  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The majority of the land to the south is agricultural grade 3a/b land with pockets of purely grade 3a.  By locating development to the south of Melton Mowbray there is the potential to reduce the level of air pollution as this will reduce the need to travel by car to access services and facilities within the town.  <b>Mitigation:</b>  <b>Assumptions:</b>  <b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrated development to the south of Melton Mowbray would allow residents good access to existing cultural and recreational facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Contributions from development could be pooled to either provide new or enhance existing recreational facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development to the south of the town would have good access to existing educational facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Developer contributions have the potential to be pooled to enhance existing educational facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> There is no areas of flood risk to the south of Melton Mowbray</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> it will be important for any new development to mitigate any potential flood risk and contribute to tackling existing flooding issues.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?



Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

Location 5 Dalby Airfield	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option of a new settlement at Dalby Airfield will provide up to 3,450 dwellings to contribute to the overall needs of the community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will be expected to provide affordable housing and provide housing for members of the community with particular housing needs.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The development of the site can make use of the existing transport infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There could potentially be the opportunity to develop the existing transport infrastructure and provide pedestrian and cycle routes into the town to reduce the need to travel by car.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New development in the edge of Melton Mowbray will encourage inward investment to the town.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The sites to the north contain a local wildlife site.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> There is the potential to protect the existing wildlife site. It will also be important to enhance the existing landscape as a result of new development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> To the north of Melton Mowbray there are two Scheduled Ancient Monuments. By developing land to the north of the town this may provide increased access to and enjoyment of the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Development to the north should mitigate against any negative impacts. There may also be the potential for developer contributions to be utilised to enhance the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

<p>9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The majority of the land to the north is agricultural grade 3b land with pockets of grade 3a.</p> <p>By locating development to the north of Melton Mowbray there is the potential to reduce the level of air pollution as this will reduce the need to travel by car to access services and facilities within the town.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development to the north of Melton Mowbray has good access to Melton Country Park.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Contributions from development could be pooled to either provide new or enhance existing recreational facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development to the north of the town would have good access to existing educational facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Developer contributions have the potential to be pooled to enhance existing educational facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
<p>12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The development to the north contains an area of food zone 3. <b>Mitigation:</b> it will be important for any new development to mitigate any potential flood risk and contribute to tackling existing flooding issues. <b>Assumptions:</b> <b>Uncertainties:</b>
--	---	---	---	--



Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
1. Normanton Airfield	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By developing a new settlement this will mean that mixed use development can be provided on one site therefore reducing the need to travel to employment, services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Additional infrastructure will be required to support a new settlement, it will be important that any detrimental impact on the landscape is mitigated.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that new development will deliver a mix of housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>
2. Belvoir Road Bottesford	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development of Belvoir Road Bottesford, will deliver housing need within the rural area. The site has relatively good access to existing services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> The north of the site is within flood zones 2 and 3. The site is adjacent to protected open space; it may be possible for developer contributions to enhance these facilities.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that new development will deliver a mix of housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
3. Melton North	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development around Melton Mowbray this provide residents and business with good access to services and facilities and the ability to utilise the existing infrastructure. By concentrating development it is likely that this will attract inward investment for the town. This option is most likely to deliver renewable energy due to development being concentrated rather than dispersed throughout the borough, by concentrating developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Additional infrastructure will be required to support additional development around Melton Mowbray. It will be important that any detrimental impact on the landscape will need to be mitigated.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that new development will deliver a mix of housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>
4. Melton South	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By concentrating development around Melton Mowbray this provide residents and business with good access to services and facilities and the ability to utilise the existing infrastructure. By concentrating development it is likely that this will attract inward investment for the town. This option is most likely to deliver renewable energy due to development being concentrated rather than dispersed throughout the borough, by concentrating developer contributions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Additional infrastructure will be required to support additional development around Melton Mowbray. It will be important that any detrimental impact on the landscape will need to be mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that new development will deliver a mix of housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
5. Dalby Airfield	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By developing a new settlement this will mean that mixed use development can be provided on one site therefore reducing the need to travel to employment, services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Additional infrastructure will be required to support a new settlement, it will be important that any detrimental impact on the landscape is mitigated against.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that new development will deliver a mix of housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain how development will impact on flood risk and biodiversity at this stage. It is also difficult to assess how new development will help to design out crime.</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
<p>As you can see from the tables above all of the options make a contribution to the Borough's housing need. Development within Bottesford will have limited access to services and employment opportunities therefore increasing the need to travel. All of the sites will potentially have an impact on the landscape and the historic environment; any significant negative impacts will need to be mitigated.</p>		
<b>Score Key:</b>		
++ <b>Significant positive effect</b>	+ <b>Minor positive effect</b>	0 No overall effect
		- <b>Minor negative effect</b>
		-- <b>Significant negative effect</b>
		? <b>Score uncertain</b>
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		

Question 10: Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i>		

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 1: threshold remains at 6 or more units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of 6 or more units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of 6 or more that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 1: threshold remains at 6 or more units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of 6 or more units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting mixed and inclusive communities promoting social cohesion</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> community facilities are accessible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of 6 or more that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing. Also uncertain is if schemes providing affordable housing can support the provision or expansion of community facilities.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 1: threshold remains at 6 or more units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of 6 or more units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of 6 or more that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to reducing social deprivation through the provision of affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 1: threshold remains at 6 or more units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of 6 or more units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation which in turn could improve community safety, reducing fear of crime because if people are suitably housed they are more likely to feel supported within their local community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of 6 or more that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to reducing social deprivation through the provision of affordable housing.</p>



Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 1: threshold remains at 6 or more units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of 6 or more units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation and in turn promoting healthy living and reduced health inequalities through unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of 6 or more that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to reducing health inequalities through the provision of affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 1: threshold remains at 6 or more units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of 6 or more units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough. Provision could incorporate renewable technologies, such as solar panels reducing household costs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of 6 or more that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to affordable housing or renewables within this provision. It could also add an additional draw on scheme viability.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 2: reduce threshold less than 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of less than 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable housing on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of less than 6 that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 2: reduce threshold less than 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of less than 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> community facilities are accessible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable housing on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of less than 6 that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 2: reduce threshold less than 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of less than 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough, promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable housing on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of less than 6 that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to reducing social deprivation through the provision of affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 2: reduce threshold less than 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of less than 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation which in turn could improve community safety, reducing fear of crime because if people are suitably housed they are more likely to feel supported within their local community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of less than 6 units that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to reducing social deprivation through the provision of affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 2: reduce threshold less than 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of less than 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation in turn promoting healthy living and reduced health inequalities through unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of less than 6 units that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to reducing health inequalities through the provision of affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 2: reduce threshold less than 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of less than 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough. Provision could incorporate renewable technologies, such as solar panels reducing household costs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of less than 6 units, that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to affordable housing or renewables within this provision. It could also add an additional draw on scheme viability.</p>



Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 3: Increase the threshold – upwards of 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of upwards 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough, but less so than the other options.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 3: Increase the threshold – upwards of 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of upwards 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough, promoting mixed and inclusive communities promoting social cohesion, but less so than the other options through reduced instances of affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> community facilities are accessible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable housing on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing but this option may prove more viable than the other options.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes of that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing. Also uncertain is if schemes providing affordable housing can support the provision or expansion of community facilities but this option could have more scope for this provision than others through reduced costs for affordable housing provision</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 3: Increase the threshold – upwards of 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of upwards 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough, promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation. but less so than the other options through reduced instances of affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable housing on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to reducing social deprivation through the provision of affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 3: Increase the threshold – upwards of 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of upwards of 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation which in turn could improve community safety, reducing fear of crime because if people are suitably housed they are more likely to feel supported within their local community, but less so than the other options through reduced instances of affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to reducing social deprivation through the provision of affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 3: Increase the threshold – upwards of 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments of upwards of 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation and in turn promoting healthy living and reduced health inequalities through unsuitable accommodation., but less so than the other options through reduced instances of affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to reducing social deprivation through the provision of affordable housing.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Question 15 Option 3: Increase the threshold – upwards of 6 units	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure the provision of affordable homes on developments upwards of 6 units, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough, but less so than other options. Provision could incorporate renewable technologies, such as solar panels reducing household costs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home on all sites is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of schemes that will be able to provide affordable housing or the contribution requirement for affordable housing, therefore not all schemes may be able to contribute to affordable housing or renewables within this provision. It could also add an additional draw on scheme viability.</p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

<b>Score Key:</b>	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
-------------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

<b>Alternative</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
1. Threshold remains at 6 or more units	<b>+</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects: Ensures the provision of affordable housing on schemes of 6 or more units</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation: support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites.</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions: viability</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties: deliverability and contribution rate</b></p>
2. Threshold reduces, less than 6 units	<b>++</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects: Ensures the provision of affordable housing on schemes of less than 6 units</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation: support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites.</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions: viability</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties: deliverability and contribution rate</b></p>

Question 15: Should the affordable housing threshold change?

Option 1; remain at 6 or more units Option 2; reduce the threshold - less than 6 units Option 3; Increase the threshold - upwards of 6 units.

Alternative	Score	Commentary
3. Threshold increase, upwards of 6 units	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects: Ensures the provision of affordable housing on schemes of upwards of 6 units but more uncertainties in relation to social improvements, due to unknown provision quantities.</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation: support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites.</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions: viability</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties: deliverability and contribution rate</b></p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>		
<p><b>Option 2 would ensure the highest level provision of affordable housing as contributions would be sought on a wider range of developments, for example schemes of less than 6 which currently do not make a contribution but make up the majority of development in some areas of the Borough. This would also ensure greatest benefit for social indicators, but viability is an unknown and this could have implications for provision.</b></p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		



Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

<b>Q16</b> <b>Option 1- Yes continue to seek 40% Affordable Housing contributions from developments</b>	<b>Timescale</b>			<b>Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)</b>
<b>SA Objectives</b>	<b>Short Term</b>	<b>Medium Term</b>	<b>Long Term</b>	
<p>1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will contribute to the provision of affordable homes on housing developments across the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that 40% requirement is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the number or percentage of developments that will be able to provide this level of affordable housing provision.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 1- Yes continue to seek 40% Affordable Housing contributions from developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will seek the provision of 40% affordable housing, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting mixed and inclusive communities promoting social cohesion</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> community facilities are accessible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home at 40% is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide 40% affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions. Also uncertain is if schemes providing affordable housing can support the provision or expansion of community facilities.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 1- Yes continue to seek 40% Affordable Housing contributions from developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will seek the provision of 40% affordable housing, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home at 40% is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide 40% affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions. Also uncertain is if schemes providing affordable housing can support the provision or expansion of community facilities.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 1- Yes continue to seek 40% Affordable Housing contributions from developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will seek the provision of 40% affordable housing, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation which in turn could improve community safety, reducing fear of crime because if people are suitably housed they are more likely to feel supported within their local community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home at 40% is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide 40% affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions and the viability implications of this.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

<b>Q16</b> <b>Option 1- Yes continue to seek 40% Affordable Housing contributions from developments</b>	<b>Timescale</b>			<b>Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)</b>
<b>SA Objectives</b>	<b>Short Term</b>	<b>Medium Term</b>	<b>Long Term</b>	
<p>15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	<p align="center">+</p>	<p align="center">+</p>	<p align="center">+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will seek the provision of 40% affordable housing, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation and in turn promoting healthy living and reduced health inequalities through unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:.</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home at 40% is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide 40% affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions and the viability implications of this.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 1- Yes continue to seek 40% Affordable Housing contributions from developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will seek the provision of 40% affordable housing, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough and could promote the inclusion of renewable technologies in affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of affordable home at 40% is viable. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide 40% affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions. Also uncertain is if schemes providing affordable housing can support the provision of renewable technologies and the viability implications of this.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 2- No to 40% Affordable Housing contributions on developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will still contribute to the provision of affordable homes on housing developments across the Borough but perhaps at a reduced rate to Option 1.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the 40% requirement is viable and that this option seeks reduce the requirement below 40%. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the number or percentage of developments that will be able to contribute to affordable housing provision.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 2- No to 40% Affordable Housing contributions on developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will still contribute to the provision of affordable homes on housing developments across the Borough contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting mixed and inclusive communities promoting social cohesion, but perhaps at a reduced rate to Option 1.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> community facilities are accessible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the 40% requirement is viable and that this option seeks reduce the requirement below 40%. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions. Also uncertain is if schemes providing affordable housing can support the provision or expansion of community facilities.</p>



Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 2- No to 40% Affordable Housing contributions on developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will still contribute to the provision of affordable homes on housing developments across the Borough, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation but perhaps at a reduced rate to Option 1.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the 40% requirement is viable and that this option seeks reduce the requirement below 40%. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions. Also uncertain is if schemes providing affordable housing can support the provision or expansion of community facilities.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 2- No to 40% Affordable Housing contributions on developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will still contribute to the provision of affordable homes but perhaps at a reduced rate to Option 1, this will contribute to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation through inappropriate accommodation which in turn could improve community safety, reducing fear of crime because if people are suitably housed they are more likely to feel supported within their local community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> support provision of suitable, affordable accommodation on all sites.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the 40% requirement is viable and that this option seeks reduce the requirement below 40%. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions and the viability implications of this.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 2- No to 40% Affordable Housing contributions on developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will still contribute to the provision of affordable homes but perhaps at a reduced rate to Option 1, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough promoting suitable accommodation and reducing instances of social deprivation and in turn promoting healthy living and reduced health inequalities through unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the 40% requirement is viable and that this option seeks reduce the requirement below 40%. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions and the viability implications of this.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Q16 Option 2- No to 40% Affordable Housing contributions on developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will seek the provision of 40% affordable housing, contributing to the stock of affordable housing across the Borough and could promote the inclusion of renewable technologies in affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the 40% requirement is viable and that this option seeks reduce the requirement below 40%. It should be noted not all infrastructure requirements may be delivered if schemes are also expected to provide affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the amount of affordable housing to be provided or the site threshold for contributions. Also uncertain is if schemes providing affordable housing can support the provision of renewable technologies and the viability implications of this.</p>

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Score Key:	++ Significant positive effect	+ Minor positive effect	0 No overall effect	- Minor negative effect	-- Significant negative effect	? Score uncertain
------------	-----------------------------------	----------------------------	------------------------	----------------------------	-----------------------------------	----------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
1. Yes 40%	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Ensures the higher level provision of affordable housing and supports social cohesion through.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> viability at 40%</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> deliverability</p>
2. No less than 40%	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Ensures the provision of affordable housing but at an unknown level, could support social cohesion but levels unknown.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> viability at 40% and assumed this option seeks to reduce requirement below 40%</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> deliverability</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
<p><b>Option 1 would ensure the higher level provision of affordable housing provided that option 2 is seeking to reduce the requirement, however option 2 could look to increase the requirement above 40% and then this would have to be reappraised.</b></p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category.</i></p>		

Question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<i>Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i>		
<i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i>		

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 1: Yes. Continue with approach to Rural Exception sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support or contribute to the provision of affordable homes in the Boroughs' Rural locations and will contribute to the preservation of rural communities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that without this option affordable housing provision in rural locations is limited or reduced compared with urban affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the number or percentage of exception sites needed and if there is sufficient support to deliver them locally. Deliverability of rural exception sites, as often the most expensive form of affordable housing provision.</p>

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 1: Yes. Continue with approach to Rural Exception sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support or contribute to the provision of affordable homes in the Borough's Rural locations and could increase the demand for rural public transport services.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that without this option affordable housing provision in rural locations is limited or reduced compared with urban affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the number or percentage of exception sites needed and if there is sufficient support to deliver them locally. Deliverability of rural exception sites, as often the most expensive form of affordable housing provision.</p>
<p>7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough</p>	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b>All new development will have an impact on the landscape of the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> To prevent negative impacts on the landscape setting of an area the development could be screened and the development positively planned.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Rural Exception Site not being isolated in landscape setting but located centrally to services and access routes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of development</p>



Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 1: Yes. Continue with approach to Rural Exception sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development has the potential to impact the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> New development will need to be well designed to be sympathetic to the historic environment</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Rural Exception Site not being isolated in landscape setting but located centrally to services and access routes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of development</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Rural Exception Site could be provided on Greenfield land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> positive planning to avoid substantial losses of greenfield land, utilising brownfield land wherever possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> utilisation of brownfield land where possible.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location of development and existing land use, size of development.</p>

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 1: Yes. Continue with approach to Rural Exception sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support or contribute to the provision of affordable homes in the Borough's Rural locations and to the preservation of rural communities. It will promote social cohesion.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that without this option affordable housing provision in rural locations is limited or reduced compared with urban affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the number or percentage of exception sites needed and if there is sufficient support to deliver them locally. Deliverability of rural exception sites, as often the most expensive form of affordable housing provision.</p>

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 1: Yes. Continue with approach to Rural Exception sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support or contribute to the provision of affordable homes in the Borough's Rural locations and reduce rural poverty by increasing opportunities for households to access affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that without this option affordable housing provision in rural locations is limited or reduced compared with urban affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the number or percentage of exception sites needed and if there is sufficient support to deliver them locally. Deliverability of rural exception sites, as often the most expensive form of affordable housing provision.</p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Rural Exception Sites can be designed to secure by design standards which reduce occurrences of crime. This in turn reduces the risk and fear of crime.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Secure by Design standards on Rural Exception Sites</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Rural Exceptions Site is centrally located and not isolated.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 1: Yes. Continue with approach to Rural Exception sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support or contribute to the provision of affordable homes in the Boroughs' Rural locations and reduce health inequalities through increased opportunities for households to access affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that without this option affordable housing provision in rural locations is limited or reduced compared with urban affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the number or percentage of exception sites needed and if there is sufficient support to deliver them locally. Deliverability of rural exception sites, as often the most expensive form of affordable housing provision.</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Rural Exception Sites could make use of renewable technologies, as this would also assist the occupants of the site with running costs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Use of renewable technologies</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Location of and size of Rural Exception Site, opportunities to use renewable technologies.</p>

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 2: No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough</p>	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option could see reduced provision of affordable homes as it seeks to discontinue with the Rural Exception site approach.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> other methods of affordable housing provision could be pursued to meet demand.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that without the rural exception sites affordable housing provision in rural locations would be reduced.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the number or percentage of affordable housing needed in the rural areas and if there is sufficient support to deliver them locally.</p>
<p>2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would not support or contribute to the provision of affordable homes through the Rural Exception site approach, but could have implications for rural transport, either through reduced demand for public transport services</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> improvements to rural transport and accessibility.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that without the rural exception sites affordable housing provision in rural locations would be reduced, but other forms of housing provision may not be.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> level of improvements necessary. Location and size of developments and impact on existing transport infrastructure.</p>

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 2: No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> No Rural Exception Site provision could potentially reduce impact on landscape and setting but alternative forms of provision for affordable housing could still have an impact, for example allocating land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> To prevent negative impacts on the landscape setting of an area the development could be screened and the development positively planned.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Alternative provision not being isolated in landscape setting but located centrally to services and access routes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of development.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> No Rural Exception Site provision could potentially reduce impact on historic setting but alternative forms of provision for affordable housing could still have an impact, for example allocating land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> To prevent negative impacts on the landscape setting of an area the development could be screened and the development positively planned.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Alternative provision not being isolated in landscape setting but located centrally to services and access routes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of development, if any.</p>

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 2: No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development of rural affordable housing could be provided on Greenfield land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> positive planning to avoid substantial losses of greenfield land, utilising brownfield land wherever possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> utilisation of brownfield land where possible. Assumed that without the rural exception site approach affordable housing provision in rural locations would be reduced, but other forms of affordable housing provision could be pursued.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location of development and existing land use, size of development.</p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Not supporting the provision of rural affordable housing through the exception site approach this could lead to isolated rural communities by reduced opportunities for households to access affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> other forms of affordable housing provision pursued.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that without the rural exception sites affordable housing provision in rural locations would be reduced, but other forms of affordable housing provision could be pursued</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> alternative forms of provision</p>

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 2: No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Not supporting the provision of rural affordable housing through the exception site approach this could lead to greater instances of rural poverty through reduced opportunities for households to access affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> other forms of affordable housing provision pursued.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that without the rural exception sites affordable housing provision in rural locations would be reduced, but other forms of affordable housing provision could be pursued</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> alternative forms of provision</p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Developments can be designed to secure by design standards which reduce occurrences of crime. This in turn reduces the risk and fear of crime.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> secure by design standards on developments</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> development is centrally located and not isolated.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> if no rural exception site approach, how affordable provision would be pursued.</p>



Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 2: No		Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)	
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term			
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Not supporting the provision of rural affordable housing through the exception site approach this could lead to greater health inequalities in the rural area through reduced opportunities for households to access suitable and affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> other forms of affordable housing provision pursued.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that without the rural exception sites affordable housing provision in rural locations would be reduced, but other forms of affordable housing provision could be pursued</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> alternative forms of provision</p>		
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> developments of affordable housing could make use of renewable technologies, as this would also assist the occupants of the site with running costs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> other forms of affordable housing provision pursued.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> use of renewable technologies</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location of and size of development, opportunities to use renewable technologies.</p>		
<b>Score Key:</b>	<b>++</b> Significant positive effect	<b>+</b> Minor positive effect	<b>0</b> No overall effect	<b>-</b> Minor negative effect	<b>--</b> Significant negative effect	<b>?</b> Score uncertain

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
1. Yes. Continue with approach to Rural Exception sites	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support or contribute to the provision of affordable homes in the Borough's Rural locations and will contribute to the preservation of rural communities, promote social cohesion and reduce rural poverty and health inequalities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that without this option affordable housing provision in rural locations is limited or reduced compared with urban affordable housing provision.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the number or percentage of exception sites needed and if there is sufficient support to deliver them locally. Deliverability of rural exception sites, as often the most expensive form of affordable housing provision.</p>
2. No. Do not continue with approach to Rural Exception sites.	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option could see reduced provision of affordable homes as it seeks to discontinue with the Rural Exception site approach and result in creased rural poverty and health inequalities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> other forms of affordable housing provision pursued.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that without the rural exception sites affordable housing provision in rural locations would be reduced</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> alternative forms of provision</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
<p>Option 1 would support the provision of affordable homes in the Borough's rural locations. Option 2 would see reduced provision of affordable homes assuming that other forms of affordable rural housing are not pursued.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional</i></p>		

Question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?

Question 17 Option 2: No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<i>judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i>				
<i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i>				

Question 18: Should Melton allow the inclusion of market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidy the provision of affordable homes?

<p>Option 1: Yes allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes</p> <p>Option 2: No do not allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes</p>	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Option 1: Yes allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes</b></p> <p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will financially support the provision of affordable homes on rural exception sites by allowing the cross-subsidy of affordable homes through the provision of market homes on exception sites, or land outside the development boundary.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that inclusion of market homes will financially benefit the delivery of rural affordable homes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The number of market homes required to fund affordable provision and if there is demand for such market properties.</p>

Question 18: Should Melton allow the inclusion of market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidy the provision of affordable homes?

Option 1: Yes allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes  Option 2: No do not allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes		Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)	
		SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term		Long Term
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough		-	-	-	<p><b>Option 2: No do not allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes</b></p> <p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will limit financial support for the provision of market homes on rural exception sites but not allowing the cross-subsidy of affordable homes through market housing provision on rural exception sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed that inclusion of market homes will financially benefit the delivery of rural affordable homes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The number of market homes required to fund affordable provision and if there is demand for such market properties.</p>	
<b>Score Key:</b>	<b>++</b> Significant positive effect	<b>+</b> Minor negative effect	<b>0</b> No overall effect	<b>-</b> Minor negative effect	<b>--</b> Significant negative effect	<b>?</b> Score uncertain

Question 18: Should Melton allow the inclusion of market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidy the provision of affordable homes?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<p>Option 1: Yes allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes</p>	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> supports the provision of market homes on rural exception sites for the financial cross-subsidy of affordable homes</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> reduced or restricted finance for the provision of rural affordable housing without this approach</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> the expected demand for exception sites and the demand for market properties on such sites. Also level of cross-subsidy required to support exception sites</p>
<p>Option 2: No do not allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes</p>	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> limits financial support for the provision of affordable homes on rural exception by not allowing the provision of market homes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> reduced or restricted finance for the provision of rural affordable housing with exception site approach</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> the expected demand for exception sites and the demand for market properties on such sites. Also level of cross-subsidy required to support exception sites</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>		
<p><b>Option 1 supports the provision of rural affordable housing by allowing the provision of market housing in order to financial assist, by way of cross-subsidy, affordable homes on rural exception sites. This approach would involve the inclusion of market homes on land otherwise unsuitable in development terms but the subsequent provision of affordable housing is deemed to outweigh any harm otherwise caused.</b></p>		

Question 18: Should Melton allow the inclusion of market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidy the provision of affordable homes?

<p><b>Option 1: Yes allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes</b></p> <p><b>Option 2: No do not allow Market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidise the provision of affordable homes</b></p>	<p><b>Timescale</b></p>			<p><b>Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)</b></p>
<p><b>SA Objectives</b></p>	<p><b>Short Term</b></p>	<p><b>Medium Term</b></p>	<p><b>Long Term</b></p>	

*NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.*

*S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (>25 years)*

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 1: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on one site	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support the provision of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> The development will provide sufficient accommodation for Gypsy and Traveller need in Melton Borough.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The size of the development and the location of the site.</p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development in a location central to services and access routes will be able to utilise the existing transport infrastructure</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> May be the need to improve links to transport infrastructure and accessibility</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> level of improvements necessary. Size of development and impact on existing transport infrastructure.</p>



Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 1: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on one site	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development concentrated may initially have a minor negative impact on the landscape character; however with mitigation measures, such as screening, this can potentially be improved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Screening and positive planning of the development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Development not being isolated but located centrally to services and access routes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of development.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development may initially have a minor negative impact on the landscape character; however with mitigation measures, such as screening, this can potentially be limited.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Screening and positive planning of the development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Developments conform to National Planning Policy for Travellers in relation to heritage assets and landscapes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of development.</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 1: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on one site	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development may be located on greenfield or brownfield land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> positive planning to avoid losses.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Development conforms to National Planning Policy for Travellers with regard to land use and land designation, for example Green Belt land.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location of development and existing land use</p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Provision of centrally located sites could open up access to community facilities for Gypsies and Travellers.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is centrally located</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size of site and impact on community facilities or uptake of community facilities by gypsies and Travellers.</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 1: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on one site	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> development would be centrally located offering access to services and facilities for site residents, such as access to education facilities and health care arrangements.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is centrally located and well used</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size of site, proximity to services, occupancy rates.</p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> development would be in location central to services and access routes but potentially not directly adjacent to existing settlement, this could leave the site vulnerable to crime or damage</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> well screened, secure site</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is not adjacent to existing settlements</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size or location of site</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> development would be centrally located offering access to services and facilities for site residents, such as access to education facilities and health care arrangements.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> centrally located site</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is centrally located and well used</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size and location of site, occupancy rates</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 1: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on one site		Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)	
		Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term		
SA Objectives						
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.		?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> development could make use of renewable technologies, as this would also assist the occupants of the site with running costs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> use of renewable technologies</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> use of renewable technologies</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location of site, size of site, opportunities to use renewable technologies.</p>	
Score Key:	++ Significant positive effect	+ Minor positive effect	0 No overall effect	- Minor negative effect	-- Significant negative effect	? Score uncertain

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 2: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on two or more small sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support the provision of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> The development will provide sufficient accommodation for Gypsy and Traveller need in Melton Borough.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The size of the developments and the location of the sites. Availability of land for two sites. Economics of scale for delivering two sites.</p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Developments in locations central to services and access routes will be able to utilise the existing transport infrastructure</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> May be the need to improve links to transport infrastructure and accessibility to and from sites.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> sites are located within existing transport links and with access to existing services.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> level of improvements necessary. Size of developments and impact on existing transport infrastructure.</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 2: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on two or more small sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Developments may initially have a minor negative impact on the landscape character; however with mitigation measures, such as screening, this can potentially be improved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Screening and positive planning of the development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Developments not being isolated but located centrally to services and access routes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of developments.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Developments may initially have a minor negative impact on the landscape character; however with mitigation measures, such as screening, this can potentially be limited.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Screening and positive planning of the development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Developments conform to National Planning Policy for Travellers in relation to heritage assets and landscapes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of developments.</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 2: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on two or more small sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development may be located on greenfield or brownfield land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> positive planning to avoid losses.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Developments conform to National Planning Policy for Travellers with regard to land use and land designation, for example Green Belt land.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location of developments and existing land uses.</p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Provision of centrally located sites could open up access to community facilities for Gypsies and Travellers.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Central to services and facilities</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> sites are centrally located</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size of site and impact on community facilities or uptake of community facilities by gypsies and Travellers. Availability of land for two site. Economics of scale for delivering two sites.</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 2: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on two or more small sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> developments would be centrally located offering access to services and facilities for residents, such as access to education facilities and health care arrangements.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Central to services and facilities</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is centrally located and well used</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size of sites, proximity to services, occupancy rates.</p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> developments would be in location central to services and access routes but potentially not directly adjacent to existing settlement, this could leave the site vulnerable to crime or damage</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> well screened, secure site</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is not adjacent to existing settlements</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size or location of site</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> development would be centrally located offering access to services and facilities for site residents, such as access to education facilities and health care arrangements.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> centrally located site</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is centrally located and well used</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size of site, proximity to services, occupancy rates.</p>



Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 2: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on two or more small sites		Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)	
		Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term		
SA Objectives						
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.		?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> development could make use of renewable technologies, as this would also assist the occupants of the site with running costs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> use of renewable technologies</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> use of renewable technologies</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location of site, size of site, opportunities to use renewable technologies.</p>	
Score Key:	++ Significant positive effect	+ Minor positive effect	0 No overall effect	- Minor negative effect	-- Significant negative effect	? Score uncertain

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 3: Set a site threshold for contributions towards pitch provision from larger housing developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support the provision of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers through financial contributions</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Ring fence financial contributions to ensure delivery</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> The contributions will prove sufficient to provide accommodation for Gypsy and Traveller need in Melton Borough.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> The size of contributions, the impact on development viability and the ability to use contributions to provide accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers.</p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would support the provision of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers through financial contributions but the location of development and impact on existing transport infrastructure is unknown at this stage.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> May need to improve links to transport infrastructure and accessibility</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is located within existing transport links and with access to existing services.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> level of improvements necessary. Location and size of developments and impact on existing transport infrastructure.</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 3: Set a site threshold for contributions towards pitch provision from larger housing developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development concentrated could have a positive or negative impact on the landscape character. Mitigation measures, such as screening, could improve the existing landscape character.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Screening and positive planning of the development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Developments not being isolated but located centrally to services and access routes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of development.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development could have a positive or negative impact on the historic character of an area. Mitigation measures, such as screening, could improve the existing landscape and setting of the historic character.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Screening and positive planning of the development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Developments conform to National Planning Policy in relation to heritage assets and landscapes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Size and location of development.</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 3: Set a site threshold for contributions towards pitch provision from larger housing developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Development may be located on greenfield or brownfield land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> positive planning to avoid losses.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location of development and existing land use</p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Provision of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation through financial contributions but location of development unknown.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Central to services and facilities</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is centrally located</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Location and size of site and impact on community facilities or uptake of community facilities by gypsies and Travellers.</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 3: Set a site threshold for contributions towards pitch provision from larger housing developments	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Provision of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation through financial contributions would open up access to services and facilities reducing social deprivation but location of development is unknown.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Central to services and facilities</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is centrally located and well used</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location and size of site, proximity to services, occupancy rates.</p>
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Provision of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation through financial contributions could improve integration with settled community but location of development unknown.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> well screened, secure site</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is not adjacent to existing settlements</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size or location of site</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Question 19 Option 3: Set a site threshold for contributions towards pitch provision from larger housing developments		Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)	
		Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term		
SA Objectives						
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Provision of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation through financial contributions would open up access to services and facilities reducing social deprivation but location of development is unknown.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> locate development central to services and facilities,</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site is centrally located and well used</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> size of site, proximity to services, occupancy rates.</p>	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.		?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> development could make use of renewable technologies, as this would also assist the occupants of the site with running costs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> use of renewable technologies</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location of site, size of site, opportunities to use renewable technologies.</p>	
Score Key:	++ Significant positive effect	+ Minor positive effect	0 No overall effect	- Minor negative effect	-- Significant negative effect	? Score uncertain

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<p>1. Allocate land to meet all identified need on one site, in a location central to services and access routes</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support the provision of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers through the allocation of land for one large site in a location central to services and access routes  <b>Mitigation:</b> centrally located site with access to services and transport infrastructure  <b>Assumptions:</b> centrally located site with access to services and transport infrastructure  <b>Uncertainties:</b> location of site and size, deliverability of one large site.</p>
<p>2. Allocate land to meet all identified need on two or more small sites, in locations central to services and access routes.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support the provision of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers through the allocation of land for the provision of two or more small sites in locations central to services and access routes  <b>Mitigation:</b> centrally located sites with access to services and transport infrastructure  <b>Assumptions:</b> centrally located sites with access to services and transport infrastructure  <b>Uncertainties:</b> location and size of site, deliverability of two sites.</p>

Question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
3. Set a site size threshold for contributions towards pitch provision, from larger housing developments.	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will support the provision of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers through financial contributions</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Ring fence of funds for provision of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> site/s are centrally located with access to services and transport infrastructure</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> location and size of site, ability to utilise financial contributions for delivery of this provision.</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
<p>Options 1 and 2 rank positively for their ability to provide sufficient accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers, there are several uncertainties regarding the deliverability and location of site/s but the allocation of land would protect possible opportunities for other forms of development. Option 3 is uncertain as there are several uncertainties, namely the ability to utilise financial contributions to ring fence land for the provision of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation, as could be possible with options 1 and 2.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		



Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 1- continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds & Asfordby	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to direct development towards the larger settlements. Whilst having larger local populations than other communities they are also the locations which benefit from the more frequent public transport services. Bottesford and Melton Mowbray also have rail connections. Concentrated development as opposed to dispersed development can also assist in making public transport viable and have the potential to generate funds for investment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Provide employment close to locations which have a choice of transport. This would help to meet the sustainable transport objective.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 1- continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds & Asfordby	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The majority of the Boroughs educational institutions are located in the larger settlements, particularly tertiary education. Concentrating jobs in close proximity to education provides the best chance of connecting learning with enterprise.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Provide employment close to locations with education facilities to allow links to be made.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to direct development towards the larger settlements. These locations have the largest populations in the Borough and are also the locations which benefit from more frequent public transport services. Bottesford and Melton Mowbray also have rail connections. Concentrated development as opposed to dispersed development can assist in making public transport viable. Other services can often be more sustainable when in close proximity to housing or economic development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Provide employment close to locations which have a choice of transport. This would help to meet the sustainable transport objective.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 1- continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds & Asfordby	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Overall this option seeks to bring forward new opportunities for employment. The impact on diversifying the local economy and encouraging new business is likely to be positive, but will depend on the nature of the proposals.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to provide a range of employment land and premises opportunities that will allow for the establishment and growth of local businesses.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Overall this option seeks to bring forward new opportunities for employment in the most populous settlements within the Borough. The impact on promoting high quality employment opportunities is likely to be positive, but will depend on the nature of the proposals.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Ensure policies contain design guidance to secure high quality schemes. Seek to secure high skilled, well paid employment is provided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 1- continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds & Asfordby	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrating employment development in the larger settlements may have the potential to create the critical mass necessary to secure investment in green infrastructure including linked spaces used for walking and cycling to work. Fewer, but larger developments in more urbanised settings could have less of a visual impact on the landscape than a large number of smaller developments spread across the Borough, this is dependent on individual design solutions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Potential to seek Green Infrastructure improvements as part of new developments. Seek to secure design solutions that minimise the impact on the landscape, protect important areas of bio-diversity and create green linkages.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 1- continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds & Asfordby	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Larger developments at the edge of these settlements may have a greater impact on the landscape as a result of their scale. However because the proposals are in more urbanised settings, they may have less of a visual impact on the landscape than those in more rural areas. Impacts will be dependent on individual design solutions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Ensure policies contain design guidance to secure high quality schemes. Seek masterplans and design policies / codes where appropriate.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrating employment development on the larger settlements may have the potential to create the critical mass necessary to support investment in new community facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider the potential to secure community improvements through employment proposals.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 1- continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds & Asfordby	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Social deprivation is more prevalent in the larger communities particularly Melton Mowbray. Providing the majority of jobs in these locations would increase the potential for an increase in economic inclusion by reducing the cost of travel and a general increase in the number of employment opportunities available.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 1- continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds & Asfordby	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to direct development towards the larger settlements which have larger local populations than other communities and are also the locations which benefit from more frequent public transport services. Bottesford and Melton Mowbray also have rail connections. Concentrated development as opposed to dispersed development can also assist in providing the critical mass necessary to make infrastructure improvements. These locations are generally more accessible in terms of the road network making them more desirable for investors.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Improvements to the physical environment would help to attract new business to the larger settlements. Policies could seek to secure environmental improvements as part employment proposals.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 1- continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds & Asfordby	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrated development as opposed to dispersed development can assist in providing the critical mass necessary to provide for combined heat and power and / or district heating schemes as well as reduce the need to travel and improved opportunities for sustainable travel for a larger proportion of residents.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Employment proposals that seek to maximise energy from renewable sources. Location and design approaches should seek to maximise journeys by sustainable transport modes and minimise reliance on private cars.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>



Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 2- direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks a more dispersed pattern of employment development. There is a risk that there may not be sufficient local people to fill the jobs and dispersed development would result in people travelling greater distances to work. Public transport services are less likely to be established and there would be less critical mass to provide new / or sustain the viability of public transport. This would be likely to result in an increase in travel through the use of a private car.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider the relationship between communities to try and distribute development in a way that the critical mass can be created to sustain public transport or generate investment in public transport. Furthermore seek to direct the type of jobs to the locations where people can fill the roles needed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 2- direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The majority of the Boroughs educational institutions are located in the larger settlements, particularly tertiary education. A more dispersed pattern of development would make it more difficult to connect learning with new enterprise</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Take more advantage of remote/online connections and encourage as part of the planning process measures such as apprenticeships and training opportunities for local people. Also create an environment where related industries can be grouped and developed in such a way that they can share knowledge and support each other's development through their individual expertise and specialisms thereby encouraging enterprise.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 2- direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.</p>	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to achieve a more dispersed pattern of employment development. There is a risk that people local to the development would not fill the jobs. Public transport services are less likely to be established and there would also be less critical mass to sustain the viability of public transport. This would be likely to result in an increase in travel through the use of a private car. Whilst there is a possibility jobs would be filled by local people, this is less likely that in the main settlements where a higher proportion of the population is concentrated.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider the relationship between communities to try and distribute development in a way that the critical mass can be created to sustain public transport or generate investment in public transport. Furthermore seek to direct the type of jobs to the locations where people can fill the roles needed and ensure that new homes are provided in the same locations as employment. Consider alternatives such as 'employer sponsored' schemes.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 2- direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Overall this option seeks to bring forward new opportunities for employment. The impact on diversifying the local economy and encouraging new business in a dispersed pattern focussed on the smaller villages and rural areas is uncertain, and will depend on the nature of the proposals. New businesses may be suited to a range of premises, including those in rural areas.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to provide a range of employment land and premises opportunities that will allow for the establishment and growth of local businesses.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Overall this option seeks to bring forward new opportunities for employment. The quality of schemes and range of 'quality employment' opportunities will be dependent on individual proposals.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Ensure policies contain robust design guidance to secure high quality schemes. Ensure that proposals can be satisfactorily accommodated within the landscape and townscape context. Seek to secure high skilled, well paid employment is provided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 2- direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Directing employment development to the smaller villages and rural areas may result in employment proposals in rural settings which (dependent on scale and design) may have a significant visual impact on the rural landscape and smaller villages. However it depends very much on the design and setting of development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to limit the scale of proposals and ensure policy controls over the design of schemes.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Developments focussed on smaller villages and the rural area may have a greater impact on the built and historic environment as a result of their scale being potentially disproportionate to the size of the existing settlement. Impacts will be dependent on individual design solutions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Ensure policies contain design guidance to secure high quality schemes. Seek masterplans and design policies / codes where appropriate.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 2- direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New employment development in rural communities may have the potential to sustain local services, but may risk the viability of services in the larger settlements through directing development elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Examine the potential to secure community improvements through employment proposals.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Social deprivation is more prevalent in the larger communities particularly Melton Mowbray. Providing the majority of jobs in these locations would increase the potential for an increase in economic inclusion, therefore a dispersed pattern of employment development is likely to have a negative effect.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to encourage apprenticeships and training opportunities for local people as part of the planning processes.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 2- direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to achieve a more dispersed pattern of employment development. There would also be less critical mass to sustain the viability of public transport or generate the level of viability needed for new investment in strategic infrastructure. However smaller employment developments may be more viable than larger ones.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider the relationship between communities to try and distribute development in a way that the critical mass can be created to sustain public transport or generate investment in public transport. Furthermore seek to direct the type of jobs to the locations where people can fill the roles needed. Where employment sites are provided, make sure that sufficient homes are provided to allow for new employees.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Option 2- direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Developments in the smaller settlements and rural areas would be more likely to be of more limited scale. These are less likely to provide the critical mass necessary to support district heating schemes / combined heat and power plants. More dispersed development has less potential to reduce the need to travel and / or opportunities for sustainable travel. However it is uncertain what local opportunities may exist in each of the rural communities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Employment proposals that seek to maximise energy from renewable sources. Location and design to maximise journeys by sustainable transport modes and minimise reliance on private cars.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>



Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
1.	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Generally focussing employment on the main settlement appears to have an overall positive effect by creating the critical mass needed to achieve improvements in infrastructure and locating the jobs where the highest proportion of the population needs them and can the wider population has best potential to access them through travel choices other than the use of the private car.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2.	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Overall a dispersed pattern of employment development may make jobs more difficult to access. However there is uncertainty surrounding the benefits this could bring to rural communities and the wider Borough, which will probably depends on desirability for investors to invest in these locations and bespoke local opportunities for individual or groups of communities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 24 – Where should employment be located?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Summary</b>		
Overall focussing employment in the most accessible locations performs better than a dispersed pattern of development in sustainability terms. This has not been shown to vary over the short medium and long term.		
<i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i>		
<i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i>		

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 1- A Single Large Business Park	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to direct new employment towards a single location. Concentrated development as opposed to dispersed development can assist in making public transport more viable and have the potential to generate funds for investment in infrastructure. The options identified for a single large site are located close to Melton Mowbray where most transport choices are available.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Policy solutions that seek public transport through direct provision or financial contribution. Seek a location that is accessible to sustainable transport modes (walking, cycling and public transport).</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> The preferred locations for a single business park will be in Melton Mowbray.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 1- A Single Large Business Park	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrating new jobs in a single location could provide the opportunity for industries to work and develop together and share knowledge / support each other’s development through their individual expertise and specialisms – developing a culture of enterprise. Close proximity to education provides the best chance of connecting learning with enterprise. The options for a single large site are located close to Melton Mowbray where most education facilities are located.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to create links between potential employers and local education establishments.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 1- A Single Large Business Park	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
<p>4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.</p>	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to direct new employment towards a single location. Concentrated development as opposed to dispersed development can assist in making public transport more viable and have the potential to generate funds for investment in transport infrastructure. The options identified for a single large site are located close to Melton Mowbray where most transport choices are available. And the largest populations are able to walk or cycle to work.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Policy solutions could be pursued that seek improved public transport through direct provision or financial contribution. Seek a location that is accessible to sustainable transport modes (walking, cycling and public transport).</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> The preferred locations for a single business park will be in Melton Mowbray.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 1- A Single Large Business Park	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The provision of a single large site would allow a range of employment opportunities to be provided, including potential for local businesses to be established and grow.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek a policy solution that allows for a range of employment in terms of mix of uses and size of sites / premises.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A single large scale business park has the ability to secure high quality design through masterplanning with appropriate design codes / design criteria. Large scale schemes can benefit from high quality structural landscaping. A large site could potentially accommodate a range of employment opportunities including high skilled / well paid employment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Encourage the use of policies that seek masterplans and design criteria to ensure high quality schemes. Seek to secure high skilled, well paid employment is provided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 1- A Single Large Business Park	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A single large employment site could have a greater visual impact on the landscape than a number of smaller developments spread across the Borough – depending on location. All reasonable options identified for a single large employment site are in Melton Mowbray and are therefore located adjacent to a more urbanised environment, this may help to ameliorate impacts. A single large scheme may have the ability to accommodate green infrastructure as part of a wider network. The impacts on bio-diversity will be dependent on the circumstances of individual schemes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to develop policies which secure high quality design including green infrastructure. Ensure that policies seek to avoid adverse impacts on bio-diversity or mitigate these where adverse impacts cannot be avoided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 1- A Single Large Business Park	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A single large employment site could have a greater visual impact on the built and historic environment than a number of smaller developments spread across the Borough – depending on location.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek locations which minimise impacts on the built and historic environment or mitigate these through design and landscaping where adverse impacts cannot be avoided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The impacts on the use of land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources will depend on the nature of the proposal. A single large site may have disadvantages in terms of land-use because of the land needed for road infrastructure and structural landscaping, but may have benefits in the ability to accommodate SUDS.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek locations which have least impact on land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources. Ensure that policies seek to mitigate these where adverse impacts cannot be avoided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 1- A Single Large Business Park	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Concentrating employment development on a single large site has the potential to create the critical mass necessary to support investment in new community facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider a policy approach that seeks to secure community benefits.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> All reasonable options identified for a single large employment site are in Melton Mowbray where social deprivation is more prevalent. Providing the majority of jobs in locations close to Melton Mowbray would increase the potential for an increase in economic inclusion by reducing the cost of travel and a general increase in the number of opportunities available.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek locations close to Melton Mowbray which are most accessible to areas of deprivation.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 1- A Single Large Business Park	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> All reasonable options identified for a single large employment site are in Melton Mowbray which benefits from the more frequent public transport services including a rail connection. Sites at the edge of Melton will be able to connect into the existing transport infrastructure (subject to infrastructure improvements). A single large employment site could also provide the critical mass necessary to make infrastructure improvements.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Following transport assessments, any proposal for a single large site should seek to provide the necessary transport improvements to allow development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 1- A Single Large Business Park	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A single large scale employment site could assist in providing the critical mass necessary to provide for a combined heat and power / district heating schemes as well as reduce the need to travel and improve opportunities for sustainable travel for a larger proportion of residents.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to maximise energy from renewable sources. Seek policies that encourage use of decentralised, renewable and low carbon energy provision and energy efficient design. Consider the potential to develop policies above the national minimum standards. The location and design of the business park should seek to maximise journeys by sustainable transport modes and minimise reliance on private cars.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Larger sites have a greater ability to accommodate combined heat and power / district heating systems.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
SA Objectives				
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to achieve a more dispersed pattern of employment development. There would be less critical mass to sustain the viability of public transport and it would be likely to result in an increase in travel through the use of a private car. Employment as part of mixed-use developments could help to limit the need to travel.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek contributions towards providing and sustaining public transport. Consider the potential to pool such resources where reasonable. Look more favourably on extending existing sites that benefit from the widest range of transport choice.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> The preferred locations for a single business park will be in Melton Mowbray.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The majority of the Boroughs educational institutions are located in the larger settlements, particularly tertiary education. A more dispersed pattern of development would make it more difficult to connect learning with new enterprise</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Take more advantage of remote / online connections and encourage as part of the planning process measures such as apprenticeships and training opportunities for local people.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to disperse employment development to extend existing sites or as part of mixed use schemes. There is a risk that there would be insufficient critical mass to sustain the viability of public transport and this would be likely to result in an increase in travel through the use of a private car. Mixed-use developments could provide opportunities for co-location of housing and employment that could reduce car reliance.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Try and distribute development in a way that the critical mass can be created to sustain public transport or generate investment in public transport. Seek to direct the type of jobs to the locations where people can fill the roles. Encourage mixed-use developments where appropriate.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> The preferred locations for a single business park will be in Melton Mowbray.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
SA Objectives				
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The ability to diversify the economy and encourage business formation will depend on the nature of the proposals. Expansion of small sites and ‘mixed-use’ developments are no less likely to meet this potential provided enough land is provided.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek a policy solution that allows for a range of employment in terms of mix of uses and size of sites / premises to allow for diversification and business growth.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Extensions to existing sites may have more limited opportunities to create well planned and comprehensive employment proposals. Masterplanning and design codes may be less effective than a single large site when ‘adding-on’ to existing employment sites.</p> <p>There may be potential to create high quality schemes through masterplanning of mixed-use proposals.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Encourage the use of masterplans and design criteria to ensure high quality schemes. Seek to secure high skilled, well paid employment is provided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> The preferred locations for a single business park will be in Melton Mowbray.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Dispersing employment development across a range of sites may result in smaller proposals that are set in the context of existing employment sites thereby reducing their visual impact on the landscape. However it depends very much on the design and setting of development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to develop policies which secure high quality green infrastructure. Ensure that policies seek to avoid adverse impacts on bio-diversity or mitigate these where adverse impacts cannot be avoided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
SA Objectives				
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Smaller employment allocations attached to existing employment sites could minimise visual impact on the historic environment than a single large site – depending on the nature of the proposal and its location.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek locations which minimise impacts on the built and historic environment or mitigate these through design and landscaping where adverse impacts cannot be avoided.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> New employment development as extensions to existing sites and / or mixed-use schemes may have the potential to provide community facilities depending on scale and location.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider a policy approach that seeks to secure community benefits as a result of employment / mixed-use proposals.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
SA Objectives				
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Social deprivation is more prevalent in the larger communities particularly Melton Mowbray. The impact on poverty, deprivation and economic inclusion will depend on which existing employment areas are chosen for expansion or where mixed-use developments is located.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek locations close to Melton Mowbray which are most accessible to areas of deprivation.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option seeks to achieve a more dispersed pattern of employment development. There would be less critical mass to sustain the viability of public transport or generate the level of viability needed for new investment in strategic infrastructure. The physical conditions will vary depending on the preferred choice of locations.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider the relationship between communities to try and distribute development in a way that the critical mass can be created to sustain public transport or generate investment in public transport. Seek design policies that seek to create high quality 'physical conditions'.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Option 2- A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Dispersed developments are less likely to be able to provide the critical mass necessary to provide combined heat and power and or district heating schemes. Depending on location, they may also increase the need to travel and have fewer opportunities for sustainable travel for residents. However this will depend on the preferred choice of sites. Mixed-use schemes may have the potential to create district heating schemes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek policies that encourage use of decentralised, renewable and low carbon energy provision and energy efficient design. Consider the potential to develop policies above the national minimum standards.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> Significant positive effect	<b>+</b> Minor negative effect	<b>0</b> No overall effect	<b>-</b> Minor negative effect	<b>--</b> Significant negative effect	<b>?</b> Score uncertain
------------	--	-----------------------------------	-------------------------------	-----------------------------------	--	-----------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
1.	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Generally focussing employment on the main settlement appears to have an overall positive effect by creating the critical mass needed to achieve improvements in infrastructure and locating the jobs where the highest proportion of the population needs them and can the wider population has best potential to access them through travel choices other than the use of the private car.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
2.	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Overall a dispersed pattern of employment development may make jobs more difficult to access. However there is uncertainty surrounding the benefits this could bring to rural communities and the wider Borough, which will probably depends on desirability for investors to invest in these locations and bespoke local opportunities for individual or groups of communities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 25 – How should additional employment and premises be provided in an around Melton Mowbray?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Summary</b>		
<p>Overall focussing employment in the most accessible locations performs better than a dispersed pattern of development in sustainability terms. This has not been shown to vary over the short medium and long term.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

Question 34 – What approach should the Local Plan take to protect the Borough’s landscape?

Option 1- Including a criteria based policy that is applicable to both rural and urban areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would protect the landscape of the Borough through a generic policy but makes no distinction between locations or more sensitive landscapes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would provide protection of historic landscapes, such as ridge and furrow fields, but wouldn’t allow for specific protections by area.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option could help ensure that land of landscape value was used carefully and only where necessary but would not provide detail of a locations importance.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



Question 34 – What approach should the Local Plan take to protect the Borough’s landscape?

Option 2 - Identifying areas of specific landscape character by setting out what makes them special, and, the policies that should apply?	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would provide good protection to the landscape of the Borough by identifying more sensitive landscapes and providing the means for protection.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would protect the Borough’s historic landscapes, such as ridge and furrow fields, and allows those considered important to be specified and features preserved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would ensure that land of landscape value was identified and used carefully and only where necessary.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 34 – What approach should the Local Plan take to protect the Borough’s landscape?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
1. Option 1 - Including a criteria based policy that is applicable to both rural and urban areas	<b>+</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A broad criteria based policy would allow protection of the Borough’s landscape; however, a broad brush approach would not allow specific areas or features to be identified and would not allow the introduction of precise policies to define them.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 34 – What approach should the Local Plan take to protect the Borough’s landscape?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
2. Option 2 - Identifying areas of specific landscape character by setting out what makes them special, and, the policies that should apply?	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The designation of specific landscapes would allow a more detailed protection of the Borough and make provision to protect those areas which are considered important by the community.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>		
<p>As you can see from the tables above the two options, either have a significant positive effect or minor positive effect. This is due to the fact that protection of landscape will help preserve the Borough’s environment. A more detailed, location specific policy would allow specific features or areas to be considered.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Option 1- All new development be expected to contribute towards the provision of additional green infrastructure	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure maximum green infrastructure provision and therefore provide maximum potential for enhancing sustainable transport options.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can provide multi-purpose facilities, one use of which may be to improve footpath and cycling networks.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A contribution from all development would provide the maximum possible potential to increase green infrastructure based sustainable transport routes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multi-purpose, one of these uses being to provide sustainable transport routes for walking and cycling.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Option 1- All new development be expected to contribute towards the provision of additional green infrastructure	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A contribution from all development would have the greatest possible potential for protection of the environment and enhancement of green infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A contribution from all development would maximise the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multi-purpose, one of these uses can be to utilise and improve elements of the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Option 1- All new development be expected to contribute towards the provision of additional green infrastructure	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Ensuring that all development contributes to green infrastructure would take full advantage of the opportunity to use resources efficiently and sensibly.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multi-purpose, and could be used to preserve resources and reduce pollution.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Requiring all development to contribute to green infrastructure would ensure that the greatest provision, access and participation in recreation was achieved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure would be used to provide facilities for informal recreation.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Option 1- All new development be expected to contribute towards the provision of additional green infrastructure	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Maximising the amount of green infrastructure provided by development would also ensure that safer pedestrian and cycle routes were also maximised.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multi-purpose and can be used to provide access routes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Green infrastructure can be used for recreation and ensuring greatest provision would create most opportunities for this.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> One of the multiple uses available for green infrastructure is recreation.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Option 1- All new development be expected to contribute towards the provision of additional green infrastructure	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Ensuring the greatest possible contribution of green infrastructure will enable the most adaptation to climate change possible.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> A use is made of green infrastructure to provide flooding mitigation (SuDS) and heat sinks.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>



Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Option 2 – Identify specific opportunities for major development proposals in the Local Plan to provide additional green infrastructure	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will assist in the provision of green infrastructure and improve sustainable transport infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Use of green infrastructure is made to provide cycleways and footpaths.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would provide the potential to increase green infrastructure based sustainable transport routes.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multi-purpose, one of these uses being to provide sustainable transport routes for walking and cycling.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>
7. To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The potential for protection of the environment and enhancement of green infrastructure would be provided by this option.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Option 2 – Identify specific opportunities for major development proposals in the Local Plan to provide additional green infrastructure	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
SA Objectives				
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would allow the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multi-purpose, one of these uses can be to utilise and improve elements of the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option would take advantage of the opportunity to use resources efficiently and sensibly.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multi-purpose, and could be used to preserve resources and reduce pollution.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option would ensure that additional provision, access and participation in recreation was achieved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure would be used to provide facilities for informal recreation.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Option 2 – Identify specific opportunities for major development proposals in the Local Plan to provide additional green infrastructure	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
SA Objectives				
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Maximising the amount of green infrastructure provided by development would also ensure that safer pedestrian and cycle routes were also maximised.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multi-purpose and can be used to provide access routes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Ability of all schemes to contribute may be affected by viability.</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Green infrastructure can be used for recreation and this option would make opportunities for this.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> One of the multiple uses available for green infrastructure is recreation.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Option 2 – Identify specific opportunities for major development proposals in the Local Plan to provide additional green infrastructure	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option would allow the potential for adaptation to climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> A use is made of green infrastructure to provide flooding mitigation (SuDS) and heat sinks.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
Option 1- All new development be expected to contribute towards the provision of additional green infrastructure	<b>++</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The requirement for all development to contribute towards green infrastructure provision would ensure that the maximum amount of green infrastructure possible from new development was delivered and give the greatest opportunity to protect and enhance green infrastructure in the Borough.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multifunctional and to achieve the maximum positive effects it would have to be ensured that the most were made of the opportunities to provide the widest possible range of functions such as access routes, flood mitigation, wildlife habitats, recreational opportunities etc.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> There are a number of competing requirements and contributions which will be required of development. To expect all new development to contribute may impact upon the viability of some schemes, especially where green infrastructure cannot be provided on site.</p>

Question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
Option 2 – Identify specific opportunities for major development proposals in the Local Plan to provide additional green infrastructure	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The requirement for major sites to contribute towards green infrastructure provision would ensure that opportunity was provided to protect and enhance green infrastructure in the Borough. However, if only major sites are identified as providing opportunities for green infrastructure other chances for green infrastructure improvements may be missed.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Green infrastructure can be multifunctional and to achieve the maximum positive effects it would have to be ensured that the most were made of the opportunities to provide the widest possible range of functions such as access routes, flood mitigation, wildlife habitats, recreational opportunities etc.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
<p>As you can see from the tables above the two options, either have a significant positive effect or minor positive effect. This is due to the fact that both options represent improvements to the existing green infrastructure in varying amounts. The requirement for all new development to provide green infrastructure would increase opportunities for provision but may impact upon viability in some situations, especially with smaller developments.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

Q37: How should the Local Plan ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected?

Option 1 – Develop a criteria-based policy approach to development that is applicable to all development sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will offer a generic protection to sites which are subject to development pressures, helping to conserve the natural environment and green infrastructure. However, they will not specifically allocate sites as Local Green Space.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will offer a generic protection to sites which are subject to development pressures helping to preserve the historic environment. However, they will not specifically allocate sites as Local Green Space.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces contribute to historic landscape and the character of buildings.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Q37: How should the Local Plan ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected?

Option 1 – Develop a criteria-based policy approach to development that is applicable to all development sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will offer a generic protection to sites which are subject to development pressures helping to reduce pollution. However, they will not specifically allocate sites as Local Green Space.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces provide opportunities to reduce water and air pollution.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will offer a generic protection to sites which are subject to development pressures helping to preserve recreational assets. However, they will not specifically allocate sites as Local Green Space.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces are utilised for recreation.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



Q37: How should the Local Plan ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected?

Option 1 – Develop a criteria-based policy approach to development that is applicable to all development sites	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will offer a generic protection to sites which are subject to development pressures helping to protect recreational assets. However, they will not specifically allocate sites as Local Green Space.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces are used for recreation.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will offer a generic protection to sites which are subject to development pressures helping to protect areas which mitigate climate change. However, they will not specifically allocate sites as Local Green Space.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces contribute to flood mitigation, reduce water and air pollution and provide reductions in temperature of the built environment.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Q37: How should the Local Plan ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected?

Option 2 - Designate specific land through the Local Plan, where it accords with the requirements of the NPPF	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will protect those Local Green Spaces which are allocated, helping to conserve the natural environment and green infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Other appropriate sites may not be identified.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will protect those Local Green Spaces which are allocated, helping to preserve the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces contribute to historic landscape and the character of buildings.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Other appropriate sites may not be identified.</p>

Q37: How should the Local Plan ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected?

Option 2 - Designate specific land through the Local Plan, where it accords with the requirements of the NPPF	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will protect those Local Green Spaces which are allocated, helping to reduce pollution.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces provides opportunities to reduce water and air pollution.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Other appropriate sites may not be identified.</p>
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will protect those Local Green Spaces which are subject to development pressures helping to preserve recreational assets.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces are utilised for recreation.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Other appropriate sites may not be identified.</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will protect those Local Green Spaces which are allocated helping to protect recreational assets.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces are used for recreation.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Other appropriate sites may not be identified.</p>

Q37: How should the Local Plan ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected?

Option 2 - Designate specific land through the Local Plan, where it accords with the requirements of the NPPF	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
SA Objectives				
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The option will protect those Local Green Spaces which are allocated helping to protect areas which mitigate climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Local Green Spaces contribute to flood mitigation, reduce water and air pollution and provide reductions in temperature of the built environment.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Other appropriate sites may not be identified.</p>

Q37: How should the Local Plan ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
Option 1 – Develop a criteria-based policy approach to development that is applicable to all development sites	<b>+</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The use of a criteria based approach would ensure that all development was assessed against criteria which could be designed to protect sites which would meet the criteria for Local Green Space and are of particular importance to local communities. This would have positive benefits for a number of the SA objectives; however, the specific protection awarded to a Local Green Space wouldn't be present.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Q37: How should the Local Plan ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
Option 2 - Designate specific land through the Local Plan, where it accords with the requirements of the NPPF	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The designation of specific sites as Local Green Spaces will ensure that these receive the maximum possible protection through the NPPF and ensure the benefits that this allocation can provide towards a number of the SA Objectives are achieved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Other appropriate sites may not be identified.</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
<p>As you can see from the tables above the two options, either have a minor positive effect or a significant positive effect. This is due to the fact that both options represent benefits in achieving a number of the SA Objectives through the protection of areas of green space which make a positive contribution to the local community and the natural environment. The specific designation as Local Green Space would provide greater protection than a more generic policy with reference to this designation in the NPPF and the requirement that managing development should be consistent with policy for Green Belts.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 1- Protect all allotment sites from development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotment gardening can have a positive influence on life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. The maximum protection for allotments would allow the greatest impact on these areas.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments provide green infrastructure in a variety of locations offering social, health and wellbeing benefits to allotment holders as well as ecological benefits as wildlife refuges. This is especially beneficial in urban areas where other forms of provision can be lacking and where they can contribute to the character and appearance of an area. The protection of all allotment sites from development would maximise this benefit.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 1- Protect all allotment sites from development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can contribute to the built form and character and appearance of settlements, often adding valuable green space to urban areas. The protection of all option sites would ensure that these benefits are preserved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The protection of existing allotments would ensure that they continue to provide a sustainable food source; the protection of all sites would provide the greatest opportunity for this.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 1- Protect all allotment sites from development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The presence of allotments can improve community involvement and provide social benefits for allotment holders such as cooperation and contact. This option would ensure maximum benefit by protecting existing sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can provide an opportunity for teaching new life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. These benefits would be greatest with protection of all allotment sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 1- Protect all allotment sites from development	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
13.To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can promote recycling and re-use of materials, notably kitchen and garden waste through composting. This function would be maximised through the protection of all allotments.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The benefits of working on allotments and eating the produce grown there would promote a healthy lifestyle; protecting all allotments would ensure the greatest impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments provide green space which absorb carbon emissions and can act as “heat sinks” in urban areas. The protection of all allotments will maximise these effects.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 2: Create a policy which would only allow for development of allotment sites in specific circumstances	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotment gardening can have a positive influence on life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. The option would allow the development of certain sites so potentially reducing the benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 2: Create a policy which would only allow for development of allotment sites in specific circumstances	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments provide green infrastructure in a variety of locations offering social, health and wellbeing benefits to allotment holders as well as ecological benefits as wildlife refuges. This is especially beneficial in urban areas where other forms of provision can be lacking and where they can contribute to the character and appearance of an area. The option would allow the development of certain sites so potentially reducing the benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 2: Create a policy which would only allow for development of allotment sites in specific circumstances	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can contribute to the built form and character and appearance of settlements, often adding valuable green space to urban areas. The option would allow the development of certain sites so potentially reducing the benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The protection of existing allotments would ensure that they continue to provide a sustainable food source. The option would allow the development of certain sites so potentially reducing the benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 2: Create a policy which would only allow for development of allotment sites in specific circumstances	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The presence of allotments can improve community involvement and provide social benefits for allotment holders such as cooperation and contact. The option would allow the development of certain sites so potentially reducing the benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can provide an opportunity for teaching new life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. The option would allow the development of certain sites so potentially reducing the benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 2: Create a policy which would only allow for development of allotment sites in specific circumstances	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
13.To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can promote recycling and re-use of materials, notably kitchen and garden waste through composting. The option would allow the development of certain sites so potentially reducing the benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The benefits of working on allotments and eating the produce grown there would promote a healthy lifestyle. The option would allow the development of certain sites so potentially reducing the benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Option 2: Create a policy which would only allow for development of allotment sites in specific circumstances	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments provide green space which absorb carbon emissions and can act as “heat sinks” in urban areas. The option would allow the development of certain sites so potentially reducing the benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>



Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option 1- Protect all allotment sites from development</b>	<b>++</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments offer a variety of benefits such as increasing physical exercise, tackling CO2 emissions, facilitating social interaction, conserving biodiversity, and encouraging healthy eating. The protection of all sites would ensure that the maximum benefits from allotment sites are achieved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option 2 - Create a policy which would only allow for development of allotment sites in specific circumstances</b>	<b>++</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments offer a variety of benefits such as increasing physical exercise, tackling CO2 emissions, facilitating social interaction, conserving biodiversity, and encouraging healthy eating. The protection of all sites would ensure that the maximum benefits from allotment sites are achieved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> An alternative site of at least equal size and quality should be provided if existing sites are developed.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Some allotment sites may no longer be used or could be replaced by more suitable sites.</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>		
<p>Option 1 would protect the benefits from all allotment sites whilst Option 2 would allow the loss of some sites through development under certain circumstances. On this basis Option 1 would provide the most sustainable option; however, if the sites which were developed were to be replaced by sites of at least similar size and quality this impact could be mitigated in Option 2.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotment gardening can have a positive influence on life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments provide green infrastructure in a variety of locations offering social, health and wellbeing benefits to allotment holders as well as ecological benefits as wildlife refuges. This is especially beneficial in urban areas where other forms of provision can be lacking and where they can contribute to the character and appearance of an area. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can contribute to the built form and character and appearance of settlements, often adding valuable green space to urban areas. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The protection of existing allotments would ensure that they continue to provide a sustainable food source. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The presence of allotments can improve community involvement and provide social benefits for allotment holders such as cooperation and contact. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can provide an opportunity for teaching new life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
13.To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can promote recycling and re-use of materials, notably kitchen and garden waste through composting. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The benefits of working on allotments and eating the produce grown there would promote a healthy lifestyle. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments provide green space which absorb carbon emissions and can act as “heat sinks” in urban areas. The protection of all allotments will maximise these effects. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotment gardening can have a positive influence on life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. The option would reduce the sustainability benefits of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments provide green infrastructure in a variety of locations offering social, health and wellbeing benefits to allotment holders as well as ecological benefits as wildlife refuges. This is especially beneficial in urban areas where other forms of provision can be lacking and where they can contribute to the character and appearance of an area. The option would reduce the sustainability benefits of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can contribute to the built form and character and appearance of settlements, often adding valuable green space to urban areas. The option would reduce the sustainability benefits of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The protection of existing allotments would ensure that they continue to provide a sustainable food source. The option would reduce the sustainability benefits of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The presence of allotments can improve community involvement and provide social benefits for allotment holders such as cooperation and contact. The option would reduce the sustainability benefits of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can provide an opportunity for teaching new life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. The option would reduce the sustainability benefits of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
13.To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can promote recycling and re-use of materials, notably kitchen and garden waste through composting. The option would reduce the sustainability benefits of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The benefits of working on allotments and eating the produce grown there would promote a healthy lifestyle. The option would reduce the sustainability benefits of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments provide green space which absorb carbon emissions and can act as “heat sinks” in urban areas. The option would reduce the sustainability benefits of strategic sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
Option 1- Yes	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments offer a variety of benefits such as increasing physical exercise, tackling CO2 emissions, facilitating social interaction, conserving biodiversity, and encouraging healthy eating. The provision at all strategic development sites would ensure that the maximum sustainability benefits from allotment sites are achieved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Viability of the development is not compromised.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
Option 2 - No	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The absence of a requirement for strategic sites to ensure that new allotment space was provided would not maximise the sustainability benefits of these developments. Strategic sites represent the best opportunities for new allotment provision as they can be provided as part of the overall development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Viability of the development is not compromised.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<b>Summary</b>		

Question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<p>Option 1 would ensure that the benefits from allotment sites are maximised through their provision at strategic development sites which offer the most realistic prospect for the development of new allotments. Provision would ensure that the sustainability benefits from allotments was maximised at strategic sites. Option 2 would not ensure that full advantage was taken of the sustainability benefits of allotments and would restrict the possible provision of new sites.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Maintaining areas of open space can influence young people through learning new life skills through play such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. Retention results in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Play and open spaces are important parts of green infrastructure across the Borough of Melton. They offer social, health and wellbeing benefits to user and, if properly managed can have positive bio-diversity benefits as wildlife refuges. This is especially beneficial in urban areas where other forms of provision can be lacking and where they can contribute to the character and appearance of an area. Retention results in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Open spaces contribute to the character and appearance of settlements by adding valuable green space within built up areas. Open spaces can allow important views to the built area. Retention results in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The protection of open spaces would ensure that they continue to protect soil resources and allow water infiltration helping to preserve water resources. Retention results in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The presence of open spaces can improve community involvement and provide social benefits for people enjoying sport and outdoor activity, through participation and contact. Retention results in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Open spaces can provide an opportunity for social inclusion, teaching new life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. Retention results in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Retention of open spaces is important in promoting a healthy lifestyle through sport and play. Open spaces allow opportunities for formal and informal recreation for all age groups. Retention results in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Open spaces provide important green areas which absorb carbon emissions and can act as “heat sinks” in urban areas. The protection of open spaces will maximise these effects. Retention results in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Retaining areas of open space can influence young people through learning new life skills through play such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. Loss of open spaces would remove this potential resulting in a negative impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to ensure compensatory provision of open space when areas are redeveloped.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Open spaces in urban locations contribute to the character and appearance of the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhanced multifunctional green infrastructure. Loss of open spaces would remove this potential, resulting in a negative impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to ensure compensatory provision when loss of bio-diversity occurs.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Open spaces contribute to the historic character, setting and appearance of settlements by adding valuable green areas amongst buildings and protecting important areas of archaeology. Loss of open spaces would remove this potential resulting in a negative impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The loss of open spaces would result in adverse impacts on soil resources and potentially reduce water infiltration resulting in increased run-off to the detriment of water resources. Loss of open spaces would result in a negative impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Provide SUDS within proposals to redevelop open spaces to maximise infiltration of surface water. Avoid loss of open spaces with 'best and most versatile' agricultural land.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The presence of open spaces can improve social cohesion by allowing ‘social contact’ and interaction whilst pursuing leisure and recreation. This will improve the sustainability of strategic sites. Loss of open spaces would result in a negative impact impacts on social cohesion.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek compensatory provision of open spaces in areas that are equally accessible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allotments can provide an opportunity for teaching new life skills such as learning from others, collective decision making, establishing rules and understanding acceptable behaviour. Loss of open spaces would result in a negative impact impacts on social deprivation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Open spaces are important in promoting a healthy lifestyle through sport and play. Open spaces allow opportunities for formal and informal recreation for all age groups. . Loss of open spaces would result in a significant negative impact impacts on healthy lifestyles.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek compensatory provision of open spaces in areas that are equally accessible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Open spaces provide important green areas which absorb carbon emissions and can act as “heat sinks” in urban areas. . Loss of open spaces would result in negative impact impacts on climate change by removing heat sinks.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

<b>Score Key:</b>	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
-------------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option 1- Yes</b>	<b>++</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The preservation of existing recreational provision offer a wide variety of benefits such as increasing physical exercise, tackling CO2 emissions, facilitating social interaction, conserving biodiversity, and encouraging healthy eating.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Viability of the development is not compromised.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<b>Option 2 - No</b>	<b>--</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The loss of opportunities for recreation would impact significantly upon the sustainability of the Borough and the benefits which it provides for residents.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Viability of the development is not compromised.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
Option 1 would ensure that the benefits of recreation are preserved for the benefit of the borough and its residents. Option 2 would not ensure that the current benefits of recreation exist in the borough in the future.		
<i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category.</i>		

Question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<i>Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i>		
<i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i>		

44. Should the local plan contain a policy which encourages District Heating systems to be developed on large sites or as part of a new settlement, in order to reduce carbon emissions?

Q44 Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The provision of District Heating Systems could provide educational benefits by demonstrating the advantages of low carbon energy provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Provision of District heating systems has global benefits to the natural environment by reducing the emission of pollutants that result in climate change thereby affecting native species.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

44. Should the local plan contain a policy which encourages District Heating systems to be developed on large sites or as part of a new settlement, in order to reduce carbon emissions?

Q44 Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The impact of District heating proposals on the historic environment will depend on the location and nature of the proposed scheme.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Use of design and materials in new District heating plants to be sympathetic to heritage assets that are affected.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> District heating schemes are an efficient way of producing energy and hot water that use less mineral resources than traditional power provision, thereby resulting in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



44. Should the local plan contain a policy which encourages District Heating systems to be developed on large sites or as part of a new settlement, in order to reduce carbon emissions?

Q44 Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The provision of District heating systems will reduce reliance on energy provision via fossil fuels having a minor positive impact on matters of health by reducing emission of pollutants.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> District heating schemes are an efficient way of producing energy and hot water that use less mineral resources than traditional power provision, thereby resulting in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p>.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

44. Should the local plan contain a policy which encourages District Heating systems to be developed on large sites or as part of a new settlement, in order to reduce carbon emissions?

Q44 Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Not providing District Heating Systems could reduce educational benefits by not demonstrating the advantages of low carbon energy provision. The impact is however, uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Not providing District heating systems could increase the 'per capita' emission of pollutants that result in climate change thereby adversely affecting native species.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

44. Should the local plan contain a policy which encourages District Heating systems to be developed on large sites or as part of a new settlement, in order to reduce carbon emissions?

Q44 Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Not having District heating proposals has an uncertain impact on the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> District heating schemes are an efficient way of producing energy and hot water that use less mineral resources than traditional power provision. Not having them, and relying on traditional power and hot water techniques results in a minor negative sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

44. Should the local plan contain a policy which encourages District Heating systems to be developed on large sites or as part of a new settlement, in order to reduce carbon emissions?

Q44 Option 2 - No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Not providing District heating systems will increase reliance on energy provision via potentially polluting fossil fuels having a minor negative impact on matters of health.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> District heating schemes are an efficient way of producing energy and hot water that use less mineral resources than traditional power provision. Not providing them would increase reliance on traditional power production techniques resulting in a minor negative sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

44. Should the local plan contain a policy which encourages District Heating systems to be developed on large sites or as part of a new settlement, in order to reduce carbon emissions?

<b>Score Key:</b>	<b>++ Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+ Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0 No overall effect</b>	<b>- Minor negative effect</b>	<b>-- Significant negative effect</b>	<b>? Score uncertain</b>
-------------------	---	--	------------------------------------	--	---	----------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option 1. Yes, the Local Plan should contain a policy which encourages District Heating Schemes</b>	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> District Heating Systems are an efficient way of producing energy and hot water, resulting in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Use of design and materials in new plants which are sympathetic to any heritage assests affected.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

44. Should the local plan contain a policy which encourages District Heating systems to be developed on large sites or as part of a new settlement, in order to reduce carbon emissions?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option 2. No, the Local Plan should not contain a policy which encourages District Heating Schemes</b>	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Not providing District Heating Systems could increase the ‘per capita’ emission of carbon and pollutants because they are more efficient than traditional power stations and hot water techniques, resulting in a negative sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
<p>Option 1 would have a positive sustainability impact through supporting the production of energy and heat more efficiently than traditional methods. Option 2 would have a negative sustainability impact by increasing the ‘per capita’ emission of carbon and pollutants.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

51. How should the Local Plan use the information from the landscape capacity and sensitivity study?

Q46 Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Providing increased water efficiency standards will have benefits to the landscape by using less water from existing resources including open reservoirs. This also has potential benefits to bio-diversity associated with these areas (aquatic flora and fauna).</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek use of water efficient products and recycling as part of new developments.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Providing increased water efficiency standards will have benefits to maintaining water resources, thereby resulting in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

46. Should the local plan seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency than those set out in the Building Regulations or the Code for Sustainable Homes?

Q46 Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
13.To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Providing increased water efficiency standards will encourage recycling of waste water that can be used, for example for flushing toilets.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Encourage grey water storage and recycling technologies as part of new developments.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Providing increased water efficiency standards will ensure that scarce water resources are more widely available during periods of drought, with associated health benefits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



46. Should the local plan seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency than those set out in the Building Regulations or the Code for Sustainable Homes?

Q46 Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Providing increased water efficiency standards will have minor positive benefits through reducing the need to treat excess water that is discharged to public sewers. Reduced usage will also reduce the need to extract water from water courses in times of drought.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Q46 Option 2- No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	

46. Should the local plan seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency than those set out in the Building Regulations or the Code for Sustainable Homes?

Q46 Option 2- No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Having reduced water efficiency standards would result in greater water usage potentially having an adverse impact on the landscape for example by reducing visible water levels in open reservoirs. This has associated negative effects on bio-diversity associated with these areas (aquatic flora and fauna).</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek use of water efficient products and recycling as part of new developments.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Having reduced water efficiency standards would result in greater depletion of water resources, thereby resulting in a negative sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

46. Should the local plan seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency than those set out in the Building Regulations or the Code for Sustainable Homes?

Q46 Option 2- No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
13.To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Having reduced water efficiency standards would not encourage recycling of waste water that can be used, for example, for flushing toilets.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Encourage grey water storage and recycling technologies as part of new developments.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Having reduced water efficiency standards would result in the availability of scarce water resources being reduced during periods of drought, with associated health disadvantages.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

46. Should the local plan seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency than those set out in the Building Regulations or the Code for Sustainable Homes?

Q46 Option 2- No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Having reduced water efficiency standards would result in the need to treat excess water that is discharged to public sewers. Increased water usage may also necessitate extraction of water from water courses in times of drought.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

46. Should the local plan seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency than those set out in the Building Regulations or the Code for Sustainable Homes?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option1: Yes, the Local Plan should seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency</b>	<b>++</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased water efficiency will help maintain water resources and reduce the need to treat excess water discharged to public sewers, resulting in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

46. Should the local plan seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency than those set out in the Building Regulations or the Code for Sustainable Homes?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option 2: No, the Local Plan should seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">–</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Reduced water efficiency would result in greater water usage and depletion of water resources and the need to treat excess water, resulting in a negative sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek use of water efficient products and recycling as part of new developments.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>		
<p>Option 1 would have a positive sustainability impact through maintaining water resources and reducing treatment of excess water discharged to public sewers. Option 2 would have a negative sustainability impact by resulting in greater water usage and the need to treat excess water.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

Question 47: Should the local plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential developments?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Provision of sustainable show homes would make a small but valuable contribution to housing provision.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The provision of sustainable homes could provide educational benefits by demonstrating the advantages of low carbon / energy efficient buildings.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Sustainable show homes could incorporate green roofs that help to encourage flora and fauna that would not be provided from standard construction buildings.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 47: Should the local plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential developments?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The impact of proposals on the historic environment will depend on the nature of the proposed scheme.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Use of design and materials to be sympathetic to heritage assets that are affected.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Sustainable show homes would help to minimise mineral resources by using sustainable / renewable materials. Water resources can be protected by encouraging grey water recycling / green roofs that limit run-off and water storage. These design solutions result in a positive sustainability impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



Question 47: Should the local plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential developments?

Option 1- Yes	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The provision of sustainable show homes will increase the amount of homes that do not rely on energy provision via fossil fuels having a minor positive impact on matters of climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek high energy efficiency standards for new buildings.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The provision of sustainable show homes could incorporate micro-generation resulting in an increase in the amount of homes that do not rely on energy provision via fossil fuels having a minor positive impact on matters of climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 47: Should the local plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential developments?

Option 2- No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> No provision of sustainable show homes may slightly reduce overall housing provision (if sustainable homes were additional).</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The impact of a lack of provision of sustainable homes on learning, enterprise and innovation is uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 47: Should the local plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential developments?

Option 2- No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Houses of standard construction and materials are unlikely to provide the same level of positive bio-diversity impacts as sustainable show homes with green roofs. The impact is however, uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The impact on the historic environment of not having ‘sustainable show homes’ will depend on the nature of any proposed scheme.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Use of design and materials to be sympathetic to heritage assets that are affected.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 47: Should the local plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential developments?

Option 2- No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Houses of standard construction and materials are unlikely to provide the same level of positive impacts on energy and water resources.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek levels of energy efficiency and water storage above the national minimum.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Non-sustainable show homes are more likely to rely on fossil fuels, thereby having a minor negative impact on matters of climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek high energy efficiency standards for new buildings.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> That standard construction buildings would replace 'sustainable' show homes.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Question 47: Should the local plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential developments?

Option 2- No	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Non-sustainable show homes are more likely to rely on fossil fuels, thereby having a minor negative impact on matters of climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek micro-generation as part of the standards for new buildings.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Score Key:	++ Significant positive effect	+ Minor positive effect	0 No overall effect	- Minor negative effect	-- Significant negative effect	? Score uncertain
Alternative	Score	Commentary				

Question 47: Should the local plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential developments?

<p><b>Option 1- Yes</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Sustainable show homes offer a variety of environmental and educational benefits. The provision at all strategic development sites would ensure that the maximum sustainability benefits are achieved.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Viability of the development is not compromised.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Option 2 - No</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The absence of a requirement for strategic sites to ensure that new allotment space was provided would not maximise the sustainability benefits of these developments. Strategic sites represent the best opportunities for new allotment provision as they can be provided as part of the overall development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Viability of the development is not compromised.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>		
<p>Option 1 would ensure that the benefits from sustainable show homes are provided through their delivery at strategic development sites which offer the most realistic prospect for their provision. Option 2 would not ensure that full advantage was taken of the sustainability benefits of sustainable show homes.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

Q50 Option 1- Use standard development management policies	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Some forms of renewable energy provision can result in small scale ongoing employment opportunities, combined heat and power and hydro-electric production. It is uncertain whether using generic ‘development management’ policies would have any impact on sustainability objectives.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None.</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Generic ‘development management’ policies could potentially have a positive impact on sustainability objectives by seeking to protect the landscape and natural environment and amenity. This impacts of reliance on generic DM policies are however, uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

Q50 Option 1- Use standard development management policies	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Generic 'development management' policies could potentially have a positive impact on sustainability objectives by seeking to protect historic assets. This is likely to be a minor positive impact if the specific issues associated with large scale renewables are not directly addressed.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Generic 'development management' policies are unlikely to directly consider impacts on land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources and the impact is therefore uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

Q50 Option 1- Use standard development management policies	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
13.To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Some forms of large scale renewable technologies (such as bio-mass) recycle material. Generic ‘development management’ policies are unlikely to directly consider impacts re-use and recycling, the impact is therefore uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None.</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Some forms of large scale renewable technologies (such as bio-mass) produce emissions which could have an adverse impact on health. Other renewables use clean energy and therefore have a positive impact on health by reducing the need to burn fossil fuels. Generic ‘development management’ policies are unlikely to directly consider impacts of such emissions on matters of health, the impact is therefore uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

Q50 Option 1- Use standard development management policies	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Generic ‘development management’ policies could allow for the provision of new large scale renewable energy provision. This is likely to be a minor positive impact if the specific issues associated with large scale renewables are not directly addressed.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Q50 Option 2- Use a specific renewables policy	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	

50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

Q50 Option 2- Use a specific renewables policy	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Some forms of renewable energy provision can result in small scale ongoing employment opportunities, combined heat and power and hydro-electric production. It is uncertain whether using bespoke renewables policy would have any impact on this sustainability objective.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None.</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A bespoke renewables policy could potentially have a positive impact on sustainability objectives by seeking to develop detailed criteria that seek to protect the landscape, natural environment, bio-diversity and natural environment and amenity.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

Q50 Option 2- Use a specific renewables policy	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A bespoke renewables policy could potentially have a positive impact on sustainability objectives by developing detailed criteria that seek to protect heritage assets and the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A bespoke renewables policy could potentially have a positive impact on sustainability objectives by developing detailed criteria that seek to make efficient use of land, energy, soil and mineral resources.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Policies seeking to avoid stagnating best and most versatile land.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

Q50 Option 2- Use a specific renewables policy	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
13.To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Some forms of large scale renewable technologies (such as bio-mass) use recycled materials. A bespoke renewable policy could consider the impacts of, and positively encourage, recycling and re-use of waste in the production of energy, the impact is therefore potentially positive.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None.</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Some forms of large scale renewable technologies (such as bio-mass) produce emissions which could have an adverse impact on health. Other renewables use clean energy and therefore have a positive impact on health by reducing the need to burn fossil fuels. A bespoke renewables policy is more likely to directly consider these impacts and the implications for health, the impact is therefore potentially positive.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

Q50 Option 2- Use a specific renewables policy	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A bespoke renewable energy provision policy could encourage the provision of new large scale renewable energy provision in appropriate locations. This is likely to be a major positive impact on climate change and increasing energy from renewable sources.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

<b>Score Key:</b>	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
-------------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option 1: Use the standard development management policies</b>	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> It is uncertain whether using generic development management policies would have any impact on sustainability impacts, including impacts on landscape and health. Standard development management policies could potentially have a minor positive impact in terms of protecting historic assets and planning for climate change in the case of large scale renewables.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<b>Option 2: Use a specific renewables policy</b>	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A bespoke renewables policy could have a positive impact on sustainability objectives by developing criteria which protect the landscape, natural environment, bio-diversity, amenity and the historic environment. It is also more likely to encourage more sustainable waste management through the use of waste as a raw material and consider the impacts on health directly. It would also consider directly the need to increase renewable energy production so as to address climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

50. How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Summary</b>		
<p>Option 1 would produce uncertain outcomes in terms of addressing the positive and negative potential impacts of renewable energy development, although it is possible that they would have a minor positive effect through protecting heritage assets and increasing renewable energy production. Option 2 would provide greater certainty in mitigating the potential negative effects of renewable energy development whilst enhancing and promoting the positive effects.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		



52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q51 Option 1- identify suitable areas for renewable energy	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Some forms of renewable energy provision can result in small scale ongoing employment opportunities, combined heat and power and hydro-electric production. It is uncertain whether identifying suitable sites would have any impact on sustainability objectives, although this could be construed as positive planning.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None.</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q51 Option 1- identify suitable areas for renewable energy	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Identifying suitable sites for renewable energy schemes could potentially have a positive impact on the sustainability objective of protecting the landscape, natural environment and bio-diversity by seeking to protect important areas of landscape, natural environment and bio-diversity and choosing less sensitive areas.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Identifying suitable sites for renewable energy schemes could potentially have a positive impact on the sustainability objective of conserving and enhancing heritage assets and the historic environment by choosing ‘less sensitive areas’ for locating facilities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Design and landscape screening and / or appropriate separation to protect the setting of heritage assets.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q51 Option 1- identify suitable areas for renewable energy	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Identifying suitable sites for renewable energy schemes could potentially have a positive impact on the sustainability objective of protecting land, soil, mineral and water resources by choosing the least sensitive sites.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek to avoid best and most versatile land, mineral rich areas and water storage areas (aquifers etc).</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Identifying suitable sites for renewable energy schemes could potentially have a positive impact on health by avoiding locating some renewable energy schemes away from populous areas where there are proven harms to health. Bio-mass combustion and wind farm locations can be given special consideration.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Need to base any location issues on sound and robust evidence and not anecdote.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q51 Option 1- identify suitable areas for renewable energy	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Identifying suitable sites for renewable energy schemes could potentially have a positive impact on increasing renewable energy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Q51 Option 2- Criteria based renewable energy policies	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q51 Option 2- Criteria based renewable energy policies	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
6.To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Some forms of renewable energy provision can result in small scale ongoing employment opportunities, combined heat and power and hydro-electric production. It is uncertain whether a criteria base renewable energy policy would have any impact on sustainability objectives.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None.</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A criteria based policy for renewable energy schemes could potentially have a positive impact on the sustainability objective of protecting the landscape, natural environment and bio-diversity. However, responding to speculative schemes is likely to be less effective than identifying sites based on evidence. The potential impacts on sustainability objectives are therefore uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q51 Option 2- Criteria based renewable energy policies	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A criteria based policy for renewable energy schemes could potentially have a positive impact on the sustainability objective of protecting the historic environment. However, responding to speculative schemes is likely to be less effective than identifying sites based on evidence. The potential impacts on sustainability objectives are therefore uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Design and landscape screening and / or appropriate separation to protect the setting of heritage assets.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q51 Option 2- Criteria based renewable energy policies	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A criteria based policy for renewable energy schemes could potentially be less effective in responding to speculative schemes when seeking to protect land, soil, mineral and water resources. The potential impacts on sustainability objectives are uncertain.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Develop policies which seek to avoid best and most versatile land, mineral rich areas and water storage areas (aquifers etc).</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q51 Option 2- Criteria based renewable energy policies	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A criteria based policy for renewable energy schemes could potentially be positive in responding to impacts on health. Such a policy would be used to respond to speculative proposals and if worded appropriately could help to avoid renewable energy schemes being located close to sensitive areas where adverse impacts would be experienced.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Strong policy wording to avoid development which would have adverse impacts on health.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> A criteria based policy to judge renewable energy schemes could potentially have a positive impact on increasing renewable energy provision, provided that it is worded positively.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek positive wording in developing a policy.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option 1: Identify suitable areas for renewable energy</b>	<b>++</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Identifying suitable sites for renewable energy schemes could have a positive impact on health, landscape character, the natural environment, bio-diversity and heritage assets by protecting important areas and choosing less sensitive areas.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Careful layout and design to mitigate potential adverse impacts.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Location based on sound and robust evidence,</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option 2: Criteria based renewable energy policies</b>	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Uncertain potential impacts on some sustainability objectives. Responding to speculative schemes is less likely to be effective than identifying sites based on evidence, However careful policy wording could avoid schemes being located close to sensitive areas and have a positive impact on increasing renewable energy production.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Careful layout and design to mitigate potential adverse impacts. Strong policy wording in policy development.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
<p>Option 1 would have a significant positive effect by protecting important areas and directing development to less sensitive areas. Option 2 would have a minor positive impact through the potential to use careful policy wording to protect sensitive areas.</p>		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 1- No development in flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Preventing all development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective by restricting housing supply options.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider development where flood alleviation is possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 1- No development in flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Preventing all development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially positive impact on this sustainability objective by avoiding transport links that become unusable as a result of flooding.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Preventing all development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective by restricting the supply of employment land.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider development where flood alleviation is possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None.</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 1- No development in flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Preventing all development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially positive impact on this sustainability objective by retaining bio-diversity rich land associated with river corridors (both flora and fauna).</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Preventing all development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially positive impact on this sustainability objective where there are historic assets within or adjacent to areas which flood.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 1- No development in flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Preventing all development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially positive impact on this sustainability objective by retaining agricultural and potential mineral deposits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Preventing all development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially positive impact on this sustainability objective by only allowing development without flood constraints (the right physical conditions for growth).</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 1- No development in flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Preventing all development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially positive impact on this sustainability objective by removing potential flood hazards and subsequent health impacts from disease and sewage deposits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased flooding is anticipated as a result of climate change. Preventing all development in areas that experience flooding could therefore have a potentially positive impact on this sustainability objective by reducing its impact.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Q52 Option 2 - Allow some development flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
--	-----------	--	--	---

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allowing some development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially positive impact on this sustainability objective by increasing housing supply options.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider housing development where flood alleviation is possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allowing some development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective by creating transport links that become unusable as a result of flooding.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider raising the levels of key transport links to allow use during floods.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 2 - Allow some development flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allowing some development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially positive impact on this sustainability objective by increasing employment land supply options.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider employment development where flood alleviation is possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None.</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective by destroying bio-diversity rich land associated with river corridors (both flora and fauna).</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Translocation of species where possible and / or compensatory provision.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 2 - Allow some development flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective where there are historic assets within or adjacent to areas which flood. However, the impacts are uncertain and could be mitigated through detailed scheme design.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek policies that encourage sensitive design to protect heritage assets and their settings.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b> Allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective by building on agricultural land and preventing extraction of potential mineral deposits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 2 - Allow some development flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective because development in flood areas do not normally provide the right physical conditions for growth.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective by exposing residents to potential flood hazards and subsequent health impacts from disease and sewage deposits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 2 - Allow some development flood risk areas	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	-	-	-	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased flooding is anticipated as a result of climate change. Allowing development in areas that experience flooding could therefore have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective by allowing development that will be increasingly affected by climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

Q52 Option 3 - Flood risk should not outweigh other considerations	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 3 - Flood risk should not outweigh other considerations	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Normally allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a major positive impact on this sustainability objective by increasing housing supply options.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider housing development where flood alleviation is possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Normally allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a major negative impact on this sustainability objective by allowing transport links that become unusable as a result of flooding.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider raising the levels of key transport links to allow use during floods.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 3 - Flood risk should not outweigh other considerations	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
5.To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Normally allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a major positive impact on this sustainability objective by increasing employment land supply options.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider employment development where flood alleviation is possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None.</p>
7.To protect the landscape, natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Normally allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a major negative impact on this sustainability objective by destroying bio-diversity rich land associated with river corridors (both flora and fauna).</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Translocation of species where possible and / or compensatory provision.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 3 - Flood risk should not outweigh other considerations	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings	?	?	?	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Normally allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a potentially negative impact on this sustainability objective where there are historic assets within or adjacent to areas which flood. However, the impacts are uncertain and could be mitigated through detailed scheme design.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Seek policies that encourage sensitive design to protect heritage assets and their settings.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects</b> Normally allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a major negative impact on this sustainability objective by building on agricultural land and preventing extraction of potential mineral deposits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 3 - Flood risk should not outweigh other considerations	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Normally allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a major negative impact on this sustainability objective because development in flood areas do not normally provide the right physical conditions for growth.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Normally allowing development in areas that experience flooding could have a major negative impact on this sustainability objective by exposing residents to potential flood hazards and subsequent health impacts from disease and sewage deposits.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>



52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Q52 Option 3 - Flood risk should not outweigh other considerations	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	--	--	--	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Increased flooding is anticipated as a result of climate change. Normally allowing development in areas that experience flooding could therefore have a major negative impact on this sustainability objective by allowing development that will be increasingly affected by climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Score Key:	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>
------------	---	--	--------------------------------------	--	---	------------------------------------

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<b>Option1: No development in flood risk areas</b>	<b>?</b>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Preventing all development in flood risk areas would have a potentially negative impact on the housing and employment land supply. It would potentially have a positive impact on protecting essential infrastructure, bio-diversity, historic assets, health and adaptation to climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider development where flood alleviation is possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Until the SFRA, SHLAA and SELAA updates are carried out, it is uncertain whether a sequential test would reveal sufficient land in areas not at risk of flooding</p>

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<p><b>Option 2: Allow some development in flood risk areas.</b></p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allowing some development in flood risk areas would have a potentially positive impact on the housing and employment land supply. It would potentially have a negative impact on protecting essential infrastructure, bio-diversity, historic assets, health and adaptation to climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider development where flood alleviation is possible. Raising levels of key transport links. Translocation of species.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Until the SFRA, SHLAA and SELAA updates are carried out, it is uncertain whether a sequential test would reveal sufficient land in areas not at risk of flooding</p>
<p><b>Option 3: Flood risk should not outweigh other considerations</b></p>	<p>?</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> Allowing some development in flood risk areas would have a potentially major positive impact on the housing and employment land supply. It would potentially have a major negative impact on protecting essential infrastructure, bio-diversity, historic assets, health and adaptation to climate change.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> Consider development where flood alleviation is possible.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> Until the SFRA, SHLAA and SELAA updates are carried out, it is uncertain whether a sequential test would reveal sufficient land in areas not at risk of flooding</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>		

52. In planning for new development, how much weight should the local plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
		<p>The effects of Options 1, 2 &amp;3 are uncertain overall due to there being conflicting impacts for all three. Prevention of development in flood risk areas would potentially restrict the housing and employment land supply. However, until the SFRA, SHLAA and SELAA updates are carried out, it is uncertain whether a sequential test would reveal sufficient land in areas not at risk of flooding. Conversely, the prevention of development in flood risk areas would have a positive impact on the protection of essential infrastructure, bio-diversity, historic assets, health and adaptation to climate change.</p>
		<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>
		<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>

Question 65: Should the Borough Council adopt the BREEAM standards for non-residential developments?

Question 65		Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)	
SA Objectives		Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term		
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.		+	+	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option has the opportunity through more sustainable development to reduce levels of air and water pollution.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>	
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.		++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will improve the energy efficiency of development and has the potential to promote renewable energy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>	
<b>Score Key:</b>	<b>++</b> <b>Significant positive effect</b>	<b>+</b> <b>Minor positive effect</b>	<b>0</b> <b>No overall effect</b>	<b>-</b> <b>Minor negative effect</b>	<b>--</b> <b>Significant negative effect</b>	<b>?</b> <b>Score uncertain</b>

Question 65: Should the Borough Council adopt the BREEAM standards for non-residential developments?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
Option 1- Yes	+	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The adoption of BREEAM would have environmental benefits such as tackling CO2 emissions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> None</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> Viability of the development is not compromised.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> None</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
Option 1 would ensure that the benefits of BREEAM are implemented.		
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a ?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		
<p><i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i></p>		

Question 67: Should the Local Plan require a proportion of new development to meet the lifetime homes standard?

Question 67	Timescale			Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
SA Objectives	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	
1.To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> This option will ensure that new development provides life time homes. Lifetime homes means that people can stay in their own homes for longer and will facilitate accommodation for members of the community with particular housing needs.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> it is assumed that the delivery of lifetime homes will be viable on all sites. It should be noted that by providing lifetime homes that not all infrastructure requirements may be able to be delivered.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain at this stage the percentage of lifetime homes that will be required to be provided as part of all new development.</p>
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> The adoption of lifetime homes would allow people to stay in their own homes and therefore improving mental health and general well-being.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b></p>

Question 67: Should the Local Plan require a proportion of new development to meet the lifetime homes standard?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
1. Should the local plan require a proportion of new development to meet lifetime homes standard?	++	<p><b>Assessment of Effects:</b> By providing a proportion of lifetime homes on residential development sites, this will allow for housing to meet the needs of all of the community. Life time homes will also allow for people to remain in their own homes for longer, therefore improving mental health and overall well-being.</p> <p><b>Assumptions:</b> It is assumed at this stage that it will be viable for all development to provide a proportion of lifetime homes on site.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties:</b> It is uncertain the proportion of lifetime homes that will be required to be delivered on site.</p>
<b>Summary</b>		
By providing lifetime homes this will be a significant positive effect as this will provide housing for the Borough's housing needs as well as improving mental health and overall well-being of residents. It should be noted that by providing lifetime homes that other infrastructure may not be able to be provided due to viability.		
<b>Score Key:</b>		
++ <b>Significant</b> positive effect	+ <b>Minor</b> positive effect	0 No overall effect
- <b>Minor</b> negative effect	-- <b>Significant</b> negative effect	? <b>Score uncertain</b>
<p><i>NB: where more than one symbol is presented in a box it indicates that the SEA has found more than one score for the category. Where the scores are both positive and negative, the boxes are deliberately not coloured. Where a box is coloured but also contains a?, this indicates uncertainty over whether the effect could be a minor or significant effect although a professional judgement is expressed in the colour used. A conclusion of uncertainty arises where there is insufficient evidence for expert judgement to conclude an effect.</i></p>		



Question 67: Should the Local Plan require a proportion of new development to meet the lifetime homes standard?

Alternative	Score	Commentary
<i>S – short term (0 - 10 years), M – medium term (between 10 and 25 years) and L – long term (&gt;25 years)</i>		

## **8.0 Next Steps**

- 8.1 This Issues and Options Report presents the findings of the initial tasks of Stage B, this assessment will need to be carried out again at the Preferred Option, in order to take into consideration the most up to date evidence and to assess the draft policies for the Borough.
- 8.2 The Melton Local Plan will include site allocations for development. The spatial strategy policies of the Local Plan (as considered in Chapter 4 of the Melton Local Plan Issues and Options will establish the level and type of development needed in all the Boroughs communities. Once preferred options/draft policies are arrived at for the spatial strategy it will be understood how much land needs to be allocated for development in each community. The Spatial Strategy Preferred Options will therefore represent the first stage in refining sites. Only those sites which are in locations where allocations will be needed will be considered for detailed sustainability appraisal.
- 8.3 Views of the Melton Local Plan Reference Groups were sought on the correct criteria for use in assessing potential development sites. Having cross checked these with SA objectives these were found to be adequately covered through the SA objective.
- 8.4 The Sustainability Appraisal will be undertaken in tandem with the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) to refine all sites down to draft allocations. The SHLAA assesses whether sites are suitable, available and achievable to ensure that any site proposed for allocation in the plan have a reasonable prospect of delivery. This assessment needs to be undertaken in conjunction with the Sustainability Appraisal as it goes beyond social, economic and environmental issues.