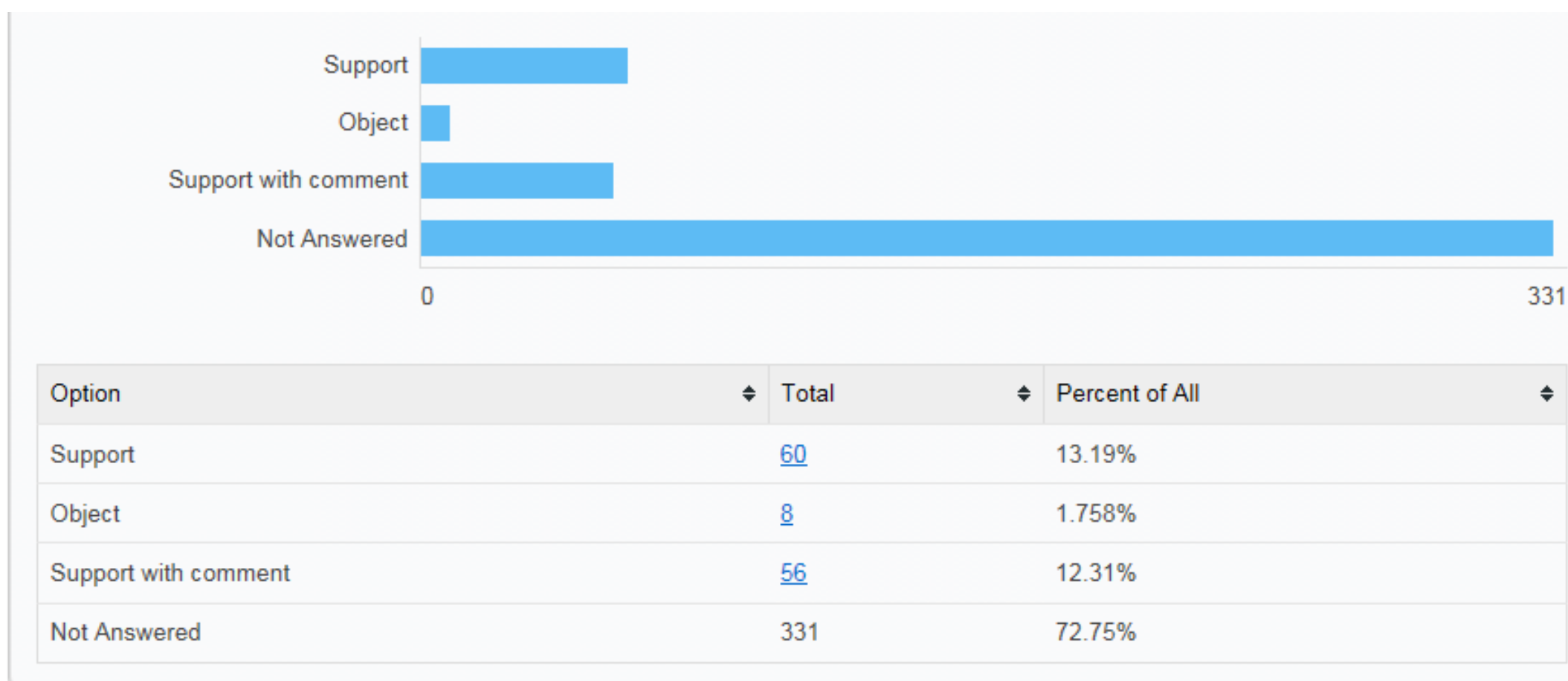


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Answer	Response ID	Please add you comments about the Vision for the Borough - space for comments about the vision	Officer Response	Officer's Recommendations
Aidan Thatcher (on behalf of Mr Herbert Daybell)	ANON-BHRP-4HEA-E	Ensuring that the growth of the Villages is supported through utilising sequentially preferable sites.	This is exactly what we are doing to select sites for allocations. Not a part of the Vision though – the Vision reflects as the golden thread through the document.	
Alan Haynes	ANON-BHRP-4H4V-J	I think the smaller villages need consideration	Please see Settlement Role review when complete.	
Alan Luntley	ANON-BHRP-4HEQ-X	Renewable energy provision should be implicit in house design - both to reduce household running costs and contribute to the national grid. With an ageing population provision should be made for those wishing to downsize - despite the developer's resistance - this should include single storey dwellings. Affordable social housing should be primarily situated where a local need	Environment chapter covers this. Been addressed in the housing chapter already through Policy C2. Policy C4 addresses potential of affordable	

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		has been identified - villages without employment capabilities should have a minimum of affordable housing - not the current 40%.	housing.	
Alison Hepworth	ANON-BHRP-4H14-D	The vision is correct. However, pushing forward sites for development such as the Rectory Farm in Bottesford contradicts these fine aspirations and ignores them. I would like someone to explain to me how the proposal for 250 new homes that will inevitably alter the character of the village, on agricultural land in the vicinity of the River Devon does not directly contradict This vision?	The Vision also includes provision of housing for the whole community.	Change the wording in the Vision for housing – instead of “whole” community, it should say “... meet the current and the future housing needs of the community”.
Alison Thurley	ANON-BHRP-4HGG-P	Full bypass is needed immediately before any large scale residential development takes place in Melton Mowbray. The traffic situation is critical. The town is unsafe due to heavy traffic/lorries.	MBC and LCC are working together to deliver ORR however it will be largely dependent upon delivery of homes to fund this.	
Angus Smith	ANON-BHRP-4HZK-D	It is vital that the development of Melton town is seen and happens as a structured Jigsaw puzzle of organic development both within the town centre and rural village environments. The transport infrastructure to the town will only happen with support from investment both from domestic and commercial development. However that investment will not happen unless the plan is shown to be strong and has more than promises. We all know that traffic congestion through the town limits commercial investment - as who would develop in an area that means their products or customers are throttled in transferring through the town. In addition to encouraging extra traffic from domestic and commercial development within the town - it is vital that the nearby villages who have main trunk roads through them are not forgotten in traffic management plans, such areas being - Ab Kettleby, Asfordby on the Hill, Kirby Bellars and Waltham	Noted.	?
Angus Walker	ANON-BHRP-4HB4-X	Not much to disagree with	Noted.	
Anthea Brown	ANON-BHRP-4HE4-1	Very important that development meets the needs of the whole community. Especially in the villages, groups of middle aged, middle class NIMBYs get together to attempt to overwhelm the system in order to protect their own environment and prevent any building except for their own tribe. This usually excludes young people, poorer people and all those who would love a home in the country (especially a village) if only they could afford it.	Noted.	
Anthony Barber	ANON-BHRP-4H6R-G	There should be more distinction made between the vision for the borough centre (Melton) and that for the surrounding villages. It's almost as if two plans are needed - one for the urban centre and one for the rural borough.	The Local Plan document is for the whole Borough and at this point there has to be a common vision for the whole area – part of the Vision relates specifically to Melton Mowbray and part to the rural parts.	
Anthony Edward Maher	ANON-BHRP-4HUS-G	For the vision to become a reality infrastructure needs to be in the plan from the start.	There will be a separate Infrastructure Delivery Plan.	
Anthony Paphiti	ANON-BHRP-4HBV-Z	These are very broad and, a cynic might say, almost glib aspirations which are capable of many interpretations. Everyone one in their right mind will wish to enhance the town, villages and environs, but we do not all, necessarily, agree as to how it should be done. The concept produces two diametrically opposite propositions:	Vision came directly from the Reference Groups. Transport Strategy is being prepared by LCC	

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		<p>developing the town into a light industrial manufacturing base, or developing its heritage and tourism. Key to both, however, is transport. That will require decisions to be made by agencies and bodies outwith the control of the MMBC.</p> <p>I am particularly supportive of promoting heritage and historic tourism and, also, tourism linked to cycling. I have seen how successful this latter development has been in Germany and Eastern Europe where local business have grown and thrived on the substantial tourism from cycling. Around Melton we have superb potential to do something similar and it is a tragedy that we have ignored this for so long.</p>	<p>which looks beyond provision of ORR to support use of other forms of transport.</p>	
Anthony Thomas	ANON-BHRP-4HFX-6	<p>"Respects the individual character and distinctiveness of Melton Borough's town and villages preserving their heritage and promoting good design;"</p> <p>?How can the impact of the building of new housing estates....in villages..., i.e. more than 10 dwellings, pr</p>	Noted.	
Beth Johnson (chair) – Burton & Dalby Parish Council	ANON-BHRP-4HU6-K	<p>Respects and safeguards the borough's heritage assets (that are not necessarily in villages).</p>	Noted.	
Brian Hodder	ANON-BHRP-4HG8-7	<p>Far too little emphasis on roads and bypass/ring road</p>	<p>Transport Strategy is being prepared by LCC which looks beyond provision of ORR to support use of other forms of transport.</p>	
Brian Kirkuk	ANON-BHRP-4HE9-6	<p>Unlike neighbouring Rutland you have decided to build to your maximum guidance to highlight and promote economic growth. I think for the promotion of economic growth better infrastructure, principally a ring road is vital, and that economic growth would work best with most new housing being close to the Melton hub.</p> <p>I live in a village in which you wish to append more housing. Because of your chosen high housing total you are driving increased housing in all villages across the borough. Our village which is probably fairly typical has a poor road infrastructure for the increased road traffic that this will cause. Main street, Water Lane, and Rotherby lane all have housing without parking that leads to them being reduced to one width roads, as cars are parked outside their houses that cause problems in access in both directions particularly in early morning and evening.</p> <p>As a cyclist I am also aware that this is a significant problem in other villages in the borough.</p> <p>I think the countryside is an amenity for all to use from both country lovers and town dwellers and building over it reduces the beauty when both of these groups of people try to enjoy it.</p> <p>Housing in the villages, even in those with a purported transport link, will result in lots more rural road travel, which is a poor choice both in regard to safety and sustainability.</p>	<p>Transport Strategy is being prepared by LCC which looks beyond provision of ORR to support use of other forms of transport.</p> <p>Housing requirement is based upon evidence of need in the Borough and not randomly chosen by us.</p>	

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		<p>There are an increasing number of cyclists about on the Boroughs rural roads as cycling has taken off in the past 10 yrs, and as one of them I try to choose rural routes which are quieter and thus safer. Your policy of expanding all villages to some extent, with the resulting traffic increase will make rural roads busier and less safe.</p> <p>Your idea of improving Melton’s town centre and reducing the impact of traffic is a good one. I worked as a GP in Latham house for 37 yrs and in the latter 10 years I would dread getting a call to an emergency between the hours of 8-9.30am and 4-6pm because getting there and back through traffic was a nightmare. There needs to be less traffic in town and so if you increase the size of the towns housing a ring road is absolutely vital. Not preferable, VITAL.</p> <p>I feel a ring road and less traffic through town would also greatly increase the possibilities of a much better town centre development. I see from your plan that you are thinking of a ring road. It has to happen.</p>		
Brown & Co – Property & Business Consultants LLP (on behalf of landowners M Hill, P Hill, M Hyde & P Pickup)	BHLF-BHRP-4HA9-2	<p>We support the general vision and the key elements of that, particularly in the sense of providing a diverse, competitive and innovative economy and meeting the needs of the community. Strengthening and enhancing Melton Mowbray’s role as a main social and economic focus is correct and of particular significance is the statement that the vision ensures that people benefit from having access to key services and facilities to create strong, healthy, safer communities. It also reflects on the need to provide the necessary infrastructure to support economic and population growth.</p> <p>The reason we comment on this is that we feel this vision has not been properly reflected through the Plan in terms of the establishment of sustainable areas for development, particularly in the context of Melton North and the quantum of the development which has been proposed for the smaller villages. Whilst we support generally development within the four Primary Rural Service Centres, there are far more sustainable locations for development than those proposed for the Primary Rural Service Centres and in particular the Rural Supporter. Development proposed later in the Plan does not support the vision.</p> <p>No change required to the vision, but changes later in the Plan required to adequately embrace the vision.</p>	Support welcomed and noted.	No amendment.
CAROLINE BAKER	ANON-BHRP-4HG3-2	<p>The landscape and amenity value of the area must be protected and not subjected to imposition of structure out of keeping with that landscape and detrimental to its nature and the expectations of its many national and international visitors.</p>	Noted and reflects in the Vision.	Add wording in the vision “landscape and amenity value of area” etc.
CHRISTINE LARSON	ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J	<p>Melton Mowbray distinguishes itself as being 'The Rural Capital of Food' and yet very little in the Vision builds on this or the potential for tourism. The landscape and environment are vital going forward as is the unique unspoilt character of the Wolds and vales. This needs greater emphasis and focus - not just a sweeping support for land based industries and tourism. What about being a centre of excellence through our colleges,</p>	Tourism has been included in the Vision. Good point about capital of food – can be referenced either in the supporting text or the vision itself.	Make reference to capital of food in the supporting text or vision.

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		farming and food industries?		
Christopher Fisher	ANON-BHRP-4HM2-7	<p>Whilst recognising the plan needs to be Melton focussed, there is also a need to ensure that the district recognised its role and position within the wider context of Leicestershire, and East Midlands and the importance of to creating strong links with neighbouring authorities. There is little the District Council can do in isolation in relation to climate change. A recognition of the importance of creating alliances and partnerships would in my view improve the plan.</p> <p>The plan recognises the need to respond to the needs of the community. Perhaps the plan should also stress the importance of engaging the skills and resources of the population.</p>	<p>Engagement with the neighbouring authorities both in Leicestershire and other neighbours is being undertaken through the Duty to Cooperate. Their views and opinions are sought on strategic priorities.</p> <p>This is being done through engagement with the community and with Reference Groups exercises.</p>	<p>Make a recurring mention of this elsewhere in the Plan – perhaps Vision and other chapters at the start or in supporting text rather than only in Chapter 1.</p>
Christopher Green – Andrew Granger & Co (on behalf of a local landowner)	ANON-BHRP-4HHJ-T	<p>As well as retaining the character of the Borough's countryside, it is essential to ensure the long term viability of the town and, importantly, villages through suitable and sustainable development.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Make reference to this in the Vision – re long-term sustainability or our settlements and viability of the town.</p>
Christopher John Noakes	ANON-BHRP-4HBK-N	<p>The key to fulfilling this vision will be the provision of new development and infrastructure in locations that provide optimum access to services and facilities.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>	
Clair Ingham	ANON-BHRP-4HMZ-F	<p>I agree with the vision</p>	<p>Support welcomed and noted.</p>	
Cllr Martin Lusty - Waltham on the Wolds & Thorpe Arnold Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planning Group	ANON-BHRP-4HBZ-4	<p>This is not a vision statement, rather statement of intent (mission statement). We would prefer to see a real picture of the borough into the future.</p>	<p>Most authorities outline their vision in similar fashion. Vision came from Reference Group and is worded to create a Vision of the Borough in future.</p>	<p>Re-word it in the manner that these 'intents' sound more like vision (picture of the Borough).</p>
Colin Love	ANON-BHRP-4HBR-V	<p>Bullet point 3 - re enhancing character of villages - can only be achieved by refusing housing development whose design is clearly contrary to this objective.</p> <p>Bullet point 10 - needs rewording. As now, it implies also enhancing harm to the natural environment!</p>	<p>Policy D1 on design seeks to achieve best possible design of development, however the Council has limited control over development schemes proposed when we are market driven.</p> <p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Change wording – bring 'minimises harms' before 'enhances'.</p>
Colin Wilkinson - Planit-X Town & Country Planning Services Ltd (on behalf of Belvoir Estate)	ANON-BHRP-4HHZ-A	<p>It is important for the Borough's vision to be locally distinctive. Country estates play a vital role in the Borough - as providers of employment and housing and as protectors of built and natural environments. Their longevity, commitment to land and people and their long-term view should be recognised in the Vision for Melton Borough.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Make amendments in the wording taking these elements from this comment into account.</p>
Colin Wilkinson - Planit-X Town	ANON-BHRP-	<p>The vision only appears to be interested in heritage within Melton Mowbray and the Borough's villages. Some of the area's most important</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Change wording to reflect this.</p>

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& Country Planning Services Ltd (on behalf of Mr G Bryan)	4H19-J	heritage assets lie outside settlements and in the countryside.		
Colin Wilkinson - Planit-X Town & Country Planning Services Ltd (on behalf of Mrs G Moore)	ANON-BHRP-4H15-E	The vision only appears to be interested in heritage within Melton Mowbray and the Borough's villages. Some of the area's most important heritage assets lie outside settlements and in the countryside.	Noted.	Change wording to reflect this.
Colin Wilkinson - Planit-X Town & Country Planning Services Ltd (on behalf of Asfordby Parish Council)	ANON-BHRP-4HGY-8	The vision only appears to be interested in heritage within Melton Mowbray and the Borough's villages. Some of the area's most important heritage assets lie outside settlements and in the countryside.	Noted.	Change wording to reflect this.
Craig Heaney	ANON-BHRP-4HUY-P	Much of the vision can only be achieved by providing an effective transport infrastructure	Noted.	
David Cook (son of current landowner, John Cook)	ANON-BHRP-4HZQ-K	It appears to be a well informed, balanced and sensible vision.	Support welcomed and noted.	No amendment proposed for this.
David Johnston	ANON-BHRP-4HGM-V	Emphasis on the borough plan for tourism and rural transport is insufficient. Also, how can the borough be a beacon for rural enterprise and beauty with great big turbines infesting the landscape. The carbon footprint that each concrete base for a turbine requires takes years of consistent wind generation delivery to balance, taking into account production, transport and maintenance. So it is a complete fallacy and poor science to suggest that wind turbines reduce carbon footprint and pollution, suggest that more research is undertaken by someone with a balanced view.	Noted. The Planning applications are determined in light of national and local policies.	Make reference to transport in the Vision.
David Mell	ANON-BHRP-4HF8-6	"Meets the housing needs of the whole community" - seems ambiguous. The NPPF refers to "local housing needs". My concern is that new housing within the villages (particularly further away from Melton) should be for the needs of those villages (and those nearby). It should not be for "Melton Overspill".	Noted.	Reflect 'local housing needs' in the Vision.
Deborah Caroline Adams	ANON-BHRP-4H38-K	It is a pipe dream, very commendable but still a pipe dream and whilst 82% of residents agreed with the pipedream, they were not asked if they thought it would actually come to fruition. There is nothing in the Draft Local Plan which suggests that the area will meet "the housing needs of the whole community"; that it will raise "the quality, interest and diversity of Melton Mowbray's town centre"; reduce "the impact of traffic"; and "provides the necessary infrastructure to support economic and population growth". I return to the question	Local Plan must have a Vision to guide change and development. Vision needs to be aspirational and challenging – the Plan provides policies and allocations to meet housing needs, improve town centre and reduce impact on traffic – this is achieved by development proposals.	

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		<p>which crops up time and again - where is the money coming from for all this, certainly not the developers.</p> <p>Finally apparently residents said "'Meeting housing need' is more important than 'reflecting housing need'." I don't understand what the sentence means. I have asked others if they understand it and I have yet to meet someone who does, so I question whether we residents actually said that. I would still like to have clarification though.</p>	<p>Need to check 'reflecting housing need' in the Vision</p>	<p>Check about 'reflecting housing need' in the Vision and make amendments.</p>
Dr Leonard Richard Newton	ANON-BHRP-4HET-1	<p>"Provides the necessary infrastructure to support economic and population growth" must mean doing more to develop transport links. Although the railway service East-West is adequate, there is no direct North-South service to major service centres e.g. Nottingham, Derby, Market Harborough. Bus services are adequate in the town but services to villages are being cut. None of this adequately supports development of the Borough as a service/satellite town.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Mention in the Vision chapter somewhere (or in the end) how the statements in the Vision and the Strategic Priorities reflect in the policies in the rest of the document. Or a section in chapter for each policy saying which objectives it meets.</p>
Edward Kitson	ANON-BHRP-4HHS-3	<p>I would like to see more to promote energy efficiency both at home and within business.</p>	<p>Environment chapter addresses this through Policy EN9.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
Elizabeth Ann Johnson	ANON-BHRP-4HGR-1	<p>Safeguard Heritage Assets - designated and undesignated</p>	<p>Heritage issues are addressed through policy EN13 in the environment chapter.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
Elizabeth Anne Taylor	ANON-BHRP-4HMD-S	<p>An all inclusive vision for the Borough which should sustain and improve our community in to the future.</p>	<p>Support welcomed and noted.</p>	
Emilie Carr – Historic England	BHLF-BHRP-4H8Q-H	<p>Reference to the heritage is welcomed within the sixth bullet point. However, heritage is not just located within towns and villages. Therefore, the vision should be updated to reflect this together with the importance of non-designated heritage assets. It is disappointing that heritage (objective 7 within the Sustainability Appraisal) is not reflected within the strategic priorities (3.2). However, the decision making criteria for objective 7 within the Sustainability Appraisal are strongly welcomed.</p> <p>EP19 is welcomed. It is considered that the addition of the words:-</p> <p>"and their settings"</p> <p>To the end of the sentence two would further strengthen this objective.</p>	<p>Noted and agreed.</p>	<p>Check objective 7 in SA and make reference to it in the Strategic Priority 3.2.</p> <p>Change the wording to reflect this.</p>
Geoff Platts – Environment Agency	ANON-BHRP-4HFU-3	<p>Support this vision but would advise the last bullet point is reworded to state Protects and enhances the natural environment rather than minimise harm as this implies some level of harm is acceptable in the first instance. Environmental harm should be avoided in the first instance and where this is not possible should be mitigated and as a last resort compensated for. Also the Vision will then support EP18 in the</p>	<p>Noted and agreed. See response above relates to heritage.</p>	<p>Make changes to the wording in the Vision.</p>

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		Environmental Objectives.		
Gerald Hourd – Stathern Parish Council	BHLF- BHRP- 4H2E-Y	We asked for a view of the Vision Statement and approval was over 80%.	Support welcomed and noted.	
Gordon Raper	ANON- BHRP- 4H3N-9	Would like to see more emphasis on better integrated transport for the villages.	Noted. Policy IN1 seeks to promote access to transport choices for new developments.	
Jane Wilson – Thorpe Park Residents Association	ANON- BHRP- 4H67-N	For the vision to be realised, it is essential to implement measures to reduce the impact of traffic in parallel with any further residential and business / industrial development.	Noted.	
Jeanne Petit	ANON- BHRP- 4HF6-4	Do not agree with plans for extra housing in Somerby!	This is being planned for wider Borough.	
Jim Malkin – BHB Architects (on behalf of Barwood Home)	BHLF- BHRP- 4H82-J	We support the overarching principles of providing jobs, housing and access to facilities. As part of this vision it is important to understand the role that housing plays in supporting economic development and in protecting and enhancing existing services and facilities on borough wide and local scales. This approach is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and in particular paragraph 50 which highlights the need to provide a wide choice of high quality homes and to provide wider opportunities for home ownership.	Support welcomed and noted.	
Joanne Belcher	ANON- BHRP- 4HHM-W	Greater emphasis on the protection of green belt land and development of brownfield land. The current infra structure is unable to cope with further development and must be a priority.	There is no green belt in Melton. And brownfield options are limited however development of brownfield sites in sustainable locations is being prioritised. Noted about infrastructure.	
John A Herlihy	ANON- BHRP- 4HU3-G	MMBC use a lot of words - but do not act /react to the needs of the residents of the boro'. EG - you say --- Meets the needs of businesses to provide a diverse, competitive and innovative economy with high levels of local employment and good opportunities for training; How will MMBC 'meet the needs' etc. of industry if they cannot deliver their goods because the trucks are caught up in our ever increasing traffic jams ?? Any company considering relocation to MM would be required to undertake a 'Due Diligence' study. County Council are to reduce Boro' Fire & Rescue provision!! We do not have an Ambulance station. Emergency services are at full stretch now. How will this improve with the expressed desire to 'grow' the area ?? You will only get high levels of employment IF MMBC can attract high paying companies. It is not for MMBC to provide 'training'. That's the job of the companies already in town and those who may wish to relocate. The Colleges and Academies within the Boro' should teach quality course. You say -- Raises the quality, interest and diversity of Melton Mowbray's	Traffic issue is being worked through the policies in the Local Plan with policies and proposals which seek to address traffic congestion and promote a modal shift.	No amendment proposed for this issue.

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		<p>town centre and reduces the impact of traffic;</p> <p>Just HOW will Boro' REDUCE the impact of traffic when all roads are grid locked ????</p> <p>You say --- Ensures that people benefit from having better access to key services and facilities to create strong, healthy, safer communities; How - when county reduce Blue Light cover ????</p> <p>You say -- Provides the necessary infrastructure to support economic and population growth.</p> <p>How will Boro' achieve this without providing infrastructure to provide easy movement of goods and services, easy travel in and around the Boro' . Then there is the problem of shifting students around the Boro' on already over capacity roads.</p> <p>You say - Addresses the causes and effects of climate change and reuses and recycles resources;. Do we interpret this to be 'carte blanc ' development of Solar / Wind farms on prime agricultural land?? EXPLAIN IN GREATER DETAIL.</p>			
John David Smith	ANON-BHRP-4H4X-M	I agree with the vision as presented here.	Support welcomed and noted.		
John Mace	ANON-BHRP-4HEM-T	<p>A bypass to remove the majority of through traffic, i.e. Leicester to Grantham and Nottingham to Oakham (both ways) is imperative BEFORE major house building is completed. Otherwise the town will become totally gridlocked, deter shopping and people working in the town or having to cross it. This would lead to the demise of Melton as a visitor attraction and for business whilst making life intolerable for many local residents who have to use the town centre.</p> <p>MBC and Leics CC must have a funded plan to have the infrastructure in place BEFORE significant house development occurs.</p>	<p>Traffic issue is not through traffic but largely local traffic crossing the town to access schools and shops etc.</p> <p>Delivery of road will depend upon private funding from development.</p>		
John Moore	ANON-BHRP-4HZS-N	<p>Add:</p> <p>1) Safeguards the Borough's heritage assets;</p> <p>2) Promotes good public health.</p>	<p>Noted. There is already a point about safeguarding the heritage assets. If not exactly the same, it may be useful to reword.</p> <p>Noted about public health.</p>	Add or reword.	
JOHN RUST	ANON-BHRP-4HUV-K	<p>a) Comments on the Vision</p> <p>Melton Mowbray distinguishes itself as being 'The Rural Capital of Food' and yet very little in the Vision builds on this or the potential for tourism. The landscape and environment are vital going forward as is the unique unspoilt character of the Wolds and vales. This needs greater emphasis and focus - not just a sweeping support for land based industries and tourism. What about being a centre of excellence through our colleges, farming and food industries?</p> <p>b). Comments about Strategic Priorities HP1&2: Housing supply figures</p>	<p>Noted – see similar response above. To be included to reflect a unique Vision specific to Melton.</p> <p>Noted. A need identified in the Borough.</p>	<p>Use this to reflect in the vision.</p> <p>Have a separate policy or text in the</p>	

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		<p>should be based on the average not the worst case scenario. Whilst MBC has correctly identified the aging population it has totally overlooked the need for housing for the elderly (who would vacate their homes for young families) in favour of building new family and starter home - why? We have recently moved to a bungalow for our retirement after years of looking and waiting for a more suitable property. Finding a suitable place to grow older is exceedingly difficult. New homes seem to be all double and triple storey these days.</p> <p>ATP3: I accept the need to reduce the need to travel but it is unrealistic and utopian to think that we can wind back the clock to a carless society and people walking and cycling to work. To reduce car travel MBC needs to make MM town centre a viable alternative to Nottingham and Leicester for the arts, theatre and leisure. The Regal cinema is a terrific example of what can be achieved.</p> <p>The perception of work in the report also needs to change to reflect modern work patterns. People work all over the country and world today and commuting and home-working are a means to keep a stable family life (familial, social and educational infrastructure) whilst having many job options in an uncertain job market. MM is well placed for people to commute to Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Peterborough, Grantham, and Newark, and through transport hubs people work in London, Ireland, Scotland and Europe.</p> <p>They chose MM for its tranquillity and traditional Englishness as well as schools. The age profile of the Borough reflects that young people leave but return to have and bring up their children.</p>	<p>Evidence of SHMA has been used. This includes need for homes for elderly residents to downsize too.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. Make reference to 'modern working patterns' within text.</p> <p>Noted. Age profile actually demonstrates a decrease in 25-45 age group – so people are not able to move back.</p>	<p>supporting document.</p> <p>Add reference to modern working patterns in the Vision or Strategic Priorities chapter.</p>
John William Coleman	ANON-BHRP-4H6C-1	<p>I would like to see an additional bullet point, inserted as 4th on the list, following housing needs:</p> <p>Maintains effective separation between towns, villages and other areas of development to prevent erosion or degradation of the countryside.</p>	<p>Addressed through Policy EN4 in Environment chapter, but reference could also be made here in this chapter.</p>	<p>Add this category and reflect wording of Policy EN4.</p>
John William Fairbrother - MNAG	ANON-BHRP-4H45-H	<p>Melton Mowbray infrastructure will never reach the required level needed in the future if house building takes priority.</p>	<p>Infrastructure and the housing delivery go parallel to each other.</p>	
Kenneth Bray	ANON-BHRP-4HBX-2	<p>The statement 'meets the housing needs of the whole community' should be expanded to include (say) 'in appropriate areas relevant to the need'. There seems to be an assumption that overall housing need can be simply apportioned over the whole borough and not targeted to need. See later comments.</p>	<p>Noted. However housing needs must be addressed through a sustainable pattern of development.</p>	
Kerstin Hartmann	ANON-BHRP-4HGW-6	<p>Town is town, countryside is countryside and all those visions have to be careful not to clash with the last point - enhances and minimizes harm to the natural environment - this is the key point to be able to continue attracting walkers, cyclists, horse riders to enjoy the countryside, nature and wildlife.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	
Lesley Judith Twigg	ANON-BHRP-	<p>The villages have nice characters as they are and do NOT need development or infrastructure. The beauty of Leicestershire is its rolling</p>	<p>Policies in the Local Plan to protect these. However there is a need for new homes all</p>	

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	4HEH-N	countryside and villages. We have no mountains or seaside to attract people--let's not ruin what we have.	locations which must be addressed. Development of new homes in villages will help to sustain them in the future.	
Linda Irena Adams	ANON-BHRP-4HHY-9	Any classification of different villages must be in accordance with the vision of respecting the character of those villages	This is being looked at in the revised Settlement Hierarchy study.	
Malcolm Brown	ANON-BHRP-4HEV-3	I agree that expansion of housing in the villages should be supported by infrastructure and services. There is certainly a need for lower cost housing in villages.	Agreed and noted.	
Margaret Jean Bowen	ANON-BHRP-4HHV-6	1.0 We need a more upmarket offering in Melton town centre to attract people from the villages to spend money in the town and improve its economy rather than choosing to travel to Oakham , Newark, Market Harborough etc., etc., 2.0 We need to pay far more attention to the quality of new building and the appropriateness of building materials in the villages and the town. 3.0 There should be tighter control and more regular inspection of new building by planning officials so that something akin to the standards maintained in conservation areas are applied more widely.	Noted.	
Mark & Kathryn Chapman	ANON-BHRP-4HFJ-R	Pleased to see that you have stated the vision should reduce the impact of traffic, without specifically stating that this will be achieved via a bypass. The bypass traffic models produced so far have shown much effect on town centre traffic, indeed I fear a bypass will simply attract more through traffic to the area. Also the bypass options shown so far will do little to solve the problems that occur when the A1 is closed, or to improve HGV access to the storage and haulage facilities on the Saxby Road.	MBC and LCC are working together to deliver package of measures including an ORR to relieve traffic congestion in town centre.	
Mark Brend	ANON-BHRP-4HGD-K	I think that by comparison to other more built up areas traffic is of limited problem in the Melton Mowbray town centre. The largely rural nature of the borough also makes effective public transport across the entire borough impractical and not cost effective. Public transport improvements should therefore be targeted towards routes where impact would be greatest.	Noted.	
Mark Colin Marlow	ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q	Again, the vision does not take into consideration rural communities. M B C is not taking the feelings of rural communities seriously.	The Vision addresses the needs of the whole community within the Borough which includes the rural communities.	
Martin Alderson	ANON-BHRP-4HHU-5	I don't see how you can balance all those differing objectives.	Planning is all about balancing competing issues – there must always be winners and losers, but having a local plan in place helps to clarify how the balance will be judged.	
Martin smith	ANON-BHRP-4H6A-Y	As per your vision, do not allow larger developments in our rural villages.	Development needs must be met (particularly housing needs).	
Mary Anne Donovan	ANON-BHRP-4HUR-F	This statement is primarily a list of planning terms and policy areas, not a vision. The points made are not unique to Melton, they could be made for anywhere in the country. It isn't anchored to what is distinct and valuable in Melton today, what we want to protect, and how we can develop what is best here. It goes too softly in some areas. It lacks	Agree – add and amend to make more locally specific. However was written by reference group – made up of people from the Borough.	Reword some of the points of Vision to make it distinctly for Melton.

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		<p>priorities for the future, aspirations and 'red lines'. I feel it is written by someone who doesn't know Melton Borough very well. For example 'reduces the impact of traffic' is a shadow of saying what is true, that without a bypass the plan as put forward now is unworkable. What is the unique reputation of Melton Town? What is the distinct character of villages, landscape and heritage? What benefits our economy today and how will it grow? What's good here and how do we make it better? Unless the vision is clear and placed in context of the current situation of the Borough, the Plan won't hold together. Please rethink.</p>		
Melanie Steadman	ANON-BHRP-4HFE-K	<p>In the main, I agree with most of the above comments, however, please note the following objections:-</p> <p>Efficient use of resources DOES need to be linked to climate change. We have an opportunity to improve the quality of lives for future generation and mistakes we make now could impact the lives of others forever.</p> <p>Development in villages should be supported by infrastructure - my take on infrastructure means adequate roads, parking, drainage etc., it is the sub frame that the facilities hang on. At no point (up until last night's meeting) have any of these problem areas been considered in this plan. Villages have been judged purely on their amenities and facilities with no consideration to weather the villages can cope with increased volumes of traffic and the problems they bring. SuDS systems, in particular, which will require maintenance for generations, by whom, no one can say. In certain areas, their maintenance and functionality is critical to prevent flooding elsewhere and no consideration is given to alternative sites whose SuDS systems failure would not have such a catastrophic impact on the environment and its inhabitants.</p> <p>Maintain Air Quality - we should be taking this opportunity to improve air quality throughout the Borough.</p> <p>Meet housing needs more important than reflecting housing needs? This statement needs further clarification, it is too ambiguous.</p> <p>Minimise harm to the environment - we should not be looking to "minimise"; we have the opportunity to eradicate it. Take it.</p>	<p>Capacity of existing infrastructure is a consideration in the Settlement Roles review.</p> <p>MBC commits to maintain air quality – however no Air Quality Control Zones designated in MBC.</p> <p>This is reflected in the 'you said' bits in the chapter.</p>	
Michael cavani	ANON-BHRP-4HZ5-Q	<p>A vision is all well and good, but we need details if we are to be able to consult properly.</p>	<p>That's what the rest of the Plan does.</p>	
Mick Jones	ANON-BHRP-4H6N-C	<p>Efficient use of resources needs to be linked to climate change, this must apply to all new infrastructure and buildings. Clear policies regarding efficient use of energy needs to be included.</p>	<p>Environment chapter deals with this.</p>	
Moira Hart	ANON-BHRP-4HU7-M	<p>I think the Melton Local Plan does have a lot to commend it transferring the aims and vision into practicality may be a different matter.</p> <p>Completing this consultation document is a significant task. If it was not</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	

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		<p>for the recent involvement that I have had in Long Clawson with regard to our Clawson in Action initiative and also in the initiation of our Parish Neighbourhood Plan I would have found this impossible and would have been totally turned off by its extent.</p> <p>I hope I have been able to provide some construction input but this is not a 5 minute process - speaking to other Long Clawson Residents this process will have taken us individually nearly a working day to complete.</p> <p>I therefore believe the responses will be biased to those who have some knowledge and involvement in the planning / neighbourhood plan process. It doesn't lend itself either to those who are not computer literate despite there being an online form and I suspect you will be missing significant input from certain groups of the Borough population.</p>		
Mr & Mrs J. Rogan	ANON-BHRP-4HMH-W	We are concerns that certain housing allocations could impact on the other 'visions' for the Borough.	Planning is all about achieving the balance and Vision aims to achieve that.	
Mr DAVID WILSON	ANON-BHRP-4HHF-P	The vision can only be achieved by developing a ring road alongside housing - not afterwards. Funding must be secured for transport infrastructure first.	MBC and LCC are working together to deliver package of measures including an ORR to relieve traffic congestion in town centre.	
Mr John Brown	ANON-BHRP-4H4Z-P	<p>Borough: It is very important that any new houses blend in with existing villages. For instance in style, building materials and price sector. Numbers of houses in villages should be kept low as there is simply not the infrastructure in place to support an large increase in residents. Schools places are at a premium now and so are free surgery places. There are also the public transport cutbacks to consider and these will only get worse. Any new village developments should be kept out of sight of the existing boundaries so as not to impact on the green belt, environment and look of the villages.</p> <p>Melton Mowbray: A bypass would assist with the pollution and traffic congestion that increases year on year. Another surgery at the opposite end of town would also help. Reduced car parking fees would help assisting special events in being supported. Increase the diversity of shops in the town. Encourage new shops (not existing businesses or high street brands) by giving them reduced rent for premises. A lot more events and original ideas could be devised around the Rural Capital of Food brand. Lincolnshire have linked together rural food providers and they support local restaurants/cafes and they also produce a bi-monthly magazine (free) called Taste of Lincolnshire. This branding is everywhere. They have the right idea!</p>	<p>See response above.</p> <p>See response above.</p>	
Mr Julian Evans	ANON-BHRP-4H43-F	If you continue to do much of the same you will achieve nothing new. Having lived in Melton Mowbray for 47 years I have seen minimal change to the facilities offered to the residents, the Town Centre is very much the same with difficulties in attracting quality brands / restaurants to the Town. As short commute to Loughborough, Grantham, Oakham and Stamford shows what can be achieved with a different outlook. I and many others prefer to hop on the train and shop or eat out in Oakham or Stamford which to be honest is how Melton should be. Going out in the town on an evening is quite sobering, no atmosphere or attraction to get	Noted.	

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		<p>you out. The comment made about the money being spent out of Town is so true, what is there to attract the up and coming youth to spend their money in Melton. They have numerous charity and Vape shops along with the odd Travel agent. The Borough of Melton needs a real shake up to become an attraction and great place to shop or go out again. I suggest the Council get on the train and look at what Stamford and Oakham have to offer.</p> <p>Last point, the Ring Road, I should Imagine there has been more money spent on consultations and surveys over the years than there would have been to build part of the ring road. This was being talked of some 15 years ago and believe the cost then would be a fraction of the cost now, get on with it, it is desperately needed, just view the traffic on Scalford Road each morning from 08:00 - 08:45, it backs right up to to Wymondham Way at times????</p>	MBC and LCC are working together to deliver package of measures including an ORR to relieve traffic congestion in town centre.	
Mr Peter Rogers	ANON-BHRP-4H62-G	We should seek protection of agricultural land, higher density development in urban areas and an increased focus on the development of brownfield land.	Noted.	
Mr Steve Beard (on behalf of Sport England)	ANON-BHRP-4HGE-M	Welcome the vision objective to provide better access to key services and facilities and to create strong, healthy safer communities.	Noted and welcomed.	
Mrs Clarissa Sally Garden	ANON-BHRP-4HUG-4	I do support the vision, but perhaps more local consultation opportunities to discuss concerns ought to have been provided.	This was a 12 weeks' consultation. And there have been earlier consultations at Issues and Options stage and Reference Group.	
Nicholas John Walker	ANON-BHRP-4HGC-J	The town of Melton should be the centre of growth within the Borough, the villages are there to support the "brand" and should be left as much as possible other than infill housing on brownfield sites.	Melton Mowbray is centre of growth with majority of development promoted in the town.	
Nick Farrow	ANON-BHRP-4HUD-1	You state you want to retain the character of the countryside, this must surely include the villages and all development within these villages. Within the plan a blanket approach has been taken with regard to development surely it should be the amount of development a village can take without losing its character and support by the residents.	There are policies in the Local Plan to enhance and protect the existing character of the settlements and future developments to adhere to these.	
Nicola Desmond	ANON-BHRP-4H6E-3	<p>I agree with the residents that are fighting for a ring road. I can't see why this is taking so long. This is effecting attitudes to the town I'm sure people avoid it due to the frequent gridlocks. Holiday times are a nightmare. School mornings could be improved too. We need investment in the town and in creating a ring road.</p> <p>I have been discussing this issue with family and agree that there appears to not be enough emphasis on rural development. I considered sending my children to Frisby Village school as this was the school I attended and so visited on various occasions. It was gridlocked from what I saw most of the pupils are coming in from other areas and there is a massive parking issue some even parking at the bottom of the village. It seems to me that because there is no more housing in the village and the population in and around Melton continues to grow that the young families that used to have homes in the village are still there but with grown up kids and that there is no space for new families and their children that would attend the school is there weren't being excluded from villages. We need more</p>	<p>MBC and LCC are working together to deliver package of measures including an ORR to relieve traffic congestion in town centre.</p> <p>Noted. Support of development in villages is welcomed.</p>	Make changes in the Local Plan to reflect this.

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		home in villages for young families to keep a good balance of ages in the community. The pub in Frisby has closed, the old post office/shop closed and now there is one shop left. Surely more housing would enable more facilities to come back into the villages too.		
Patricia Laurance	ANON-BHRP-4HG2-1	There is no reference concerning the redevelopment and an increased focus on the development of brownfield land. This must come first before the development on green space	Noted.	Make reference to priority for brownfield sites and infill development in the Plan.
Paul Tame – NFU East Midlands Region	BHLF-BHRP-4HA6-Y	We support the first bullet point of the vision about supporting land based industries.	Noted.	
Phil Bamford – Gladman Developments	BHLF-BHRP-4H8J-A	Gladman support the overall Vision for Melton, particularly in relation to the importance of meeting the housing needs of the whole community. It is important to recognise that issues such as retaining the character of the countryside and respecting the individual character of towns and villages should be considered in the context of the Government's main priority to significantly boost the supply of housing and to change the country from 'generation rent' to 'generation buy' (Brandon Lewis). Strategic Priorities HP1 and HP2 are both supported and it is encouraging to note that the Council recognise the need to provide sufficient housing not just for projected population growth but also to ensure that the economic aspirations of the area can be met. However, Strategic Priority H1 should be amended to read 'including the need for affordable housing and elderly accommodation' owing to the pressing need to address older persons housing needs. It is also encouraging that the Council are prioritising regeneration of the rural economy as part of the Local Plan and seeking to maintain and enhance services and facilities in the towns and villages that are vital to everyday community life. This can only be achieved through the provision of housing and economic growth in these communities of a sufficient scale to ensure that it makes a real contribution to their economic prosperity. It is important to note that the considerations around Strategic Priorities EP18, EP19, EP20 and EP21 are seen in the context of the Government's priorities for delivering economic and housing growth when setting the overall housing and employment requirements within the Plan and when considering planning applications through the planning balance exercise.	Noted. Noted. And agree with rewording to include the housing for older people. Noted and welcomed. Noted.	Make this change to reflect this here and later in the Plan and show cross-referencing.
Richard Bishuty	ANON-BHRP-4H4R-E	None of the statement means anything without a solution for the awful traffic congestion in the town. Every single paragraph above is affected by the traffic.	Noted.	
Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP-4HZC-5	A good and rounded vision, a little heavy on Melton but I suppose that is to be expected. I fully support it.	Welcomed and noted.	

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Robert Ian Lockey	ANON-BHRP-4H3G-2	In general, there is nothing exceptional here, though I don't see why the borough should occupy itself with climate change. In Bottesford, the majority are opposed to any form of renewable energy in the locality.	The environment policies in the Local Plan are not just for Bottesford, but for the whole of the Borough.	
Ros Freeman	ANON-BHRP-4HF2-Z	"Local" should refer to the Parish only. Villages should not have to shoulder the burden of bad council tenants being shipped out for us to deal with and live next door to. Impact of traffic should be important in villages too, not just Melton centre Respecting Character and Heritage should mean in some circumstances- not building near them. Not just design. How can you enhance Natural environment by building on it????	Policies in the Environment chapter – Policy EN13 addresses this. Policy EN1 addresses this.	
Russell Collins	ANON-BHRP-4HZW-S	I support raising the quality, interest and diversity of the town centre and would like to see the pedestrian area expanded to include Sherrard Street and Burton Street. Constructing the southern portion of the old proposed inner ring road would help to achieve this.	This may be possible when ORR is in place, however needs to be considered as part of the overall transport strategy.	
Sarah mant	ANON-BHRP-4HUE-2	Very supportive of bypass for the town, and for maintaining the character of the villages.	Noted.	
Sean Mahoney – Natural England	BHLF-BHRP-4HA7-Z	We welcome the vision for Melton Borough, especially the commitments to retain the character of the countryside, respect the character and distinctiveness of Melton's towns and villages, create strong, healthy & safe communities, address the causes and effects of climate change and to protect and enhance the natural environment.	Noted and welcomed.	
Sharon Gustard	ANON-BHRP-4H6K-9	These statements are generalised and do not give specific plans. They do not state how or where they will be achieved. The forward only states that this will shape the borough over the next 20 years. There is no link on how each statement will be achieved in unison with others e.g. HP1 and 2 cannot be achieved without taking into account the needs of ATP3, EP18, 21, 23 and CDP13. The statements written in a positive manner to encourage support yet are suitably ambiguous to ensure when objections are received they can be statistically challenged. The needs of the different areas of the borough e.g. town centre - v- small village are very different and therefore cannot be covered in single statements.	Noted. Cross referencing these with other parts of the Plan will be useful. Melton Mowbray has a specific bullet point which is separate from the rest of the Borough within the vision.	Cross-referencing the vision, strategic priorities with other parts of the Plan will be useful.
Shelagh Woollard	ANON-BHRP-4HB5-Y	Villages need much better (or at least some!!!) bus services to local towns e.g. Bottesford to Nottingham, Newark and Grantham. All new housing should have solar panels built in as a sensible method of renewable energy. Some building is necessary in "unsustainable" villages - otherwise in time they will die - residents remain in their homes and so younger people are unable to move into the area.	Noted. Agreed and noted.	
Siobhan Noble	ANON-BHRP-4HED-H	The town indeed needs expansion and investment, the ring road being a vital element to this which can possibly only be funded with a large scale town development as outlined.	Approval for part ring road now.	

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		<p>My concern however, is that there is little focus on the rural area. The withdrawn core strategy was criticised for its emphasis on 80% development of Melton. Has this gone far enough in changing the balance to 65% Melton and 35% rural and sustainable villages.</p> <p>Village life seems to have been neglected in recent years, allowing infill only and congesting the village spaces. Our villages are micro climates of ageing populations and without significant alterations to housing they will lose the mixed community element.</p> <p>It concerns me greatly that we have a primary school but very few children still old enough to go to it. Our school pupils are car tripping in from outside the village. The village roads are suffering wear and tear and we don't have the parking to deal with the cars that arrive twice daily. Cars are beginning to park as far down the village as Water Lane (a busy through road) and Church Lane (a narrow access road)</p> <p>We need homes for young families!</p>	<p>Evidence shows 65%-35% split is appropriate.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>	
Stephen Denman	ANON-BHRP-4HEU-2	<p>A bypass for the town should be a priority BEFORE any large scale housing developments are commenced.</p> <p>The comments of the Leics. C.C. Highways Department should be strictly observed as much that...."housing off Melton Spinney Road be refused on the basis that the residual impact of the proposed development on transport infrastructure for the town as a whole is severe"....</p>	<p>MBC and LCC are working together to deliver package of measures including an ORR to relieve traffic congestion in town centre.</p> <p>This is being considered. And LCC have now agreed need and best place for ORR.</p>	
Susan Love	ANON-BHRP-4HZP-J	<p>The vision should include a robust commitment to building only where no flood risk will be increased.</p> <p>Bottesford was flooded on 18 July 2001.</p> <p>On 29 April, 2012 residents received another flood warning. The Winterbeck had reached the height of the Belvoir Rd bridge arch (nearly opposite my house) and I began to move some things upstairs again in case the water came through the house as it did in 2001.</p> <p>On 9 March, 2016 after less than one day's rain the Winterbeck was running only 1 foot beneath the bridge arch on Belvoir Rd. Turbulence from the Barratt's drainage pipe is beginning to erode the opposite bank near the road, and a high volume of water was filling the Barratt's dykes out of the attenuation pond. The outlet form the Barratt's system lies below the level of the Winterbeck when the Winterbeck is coping with a few hours of rainfall. Photos of this have been sent to Mr Worley. Further copies can be provided if needed.</p>	<p>The flooding issue is being addressed through SFRA, and Environment Agency in lead flood agency role, however these cannot address development which has already taken place historically in areas at risk of flooding.</p>	
Vic Allsop – Hoby with Rotherby Parish Council	BHLF-BHRP-4HDH-M	<p>Not much to disagree with.</p> <p>Very general, uncontroversial aspirations</p>	<p>Noted and welcomed.</p>	

