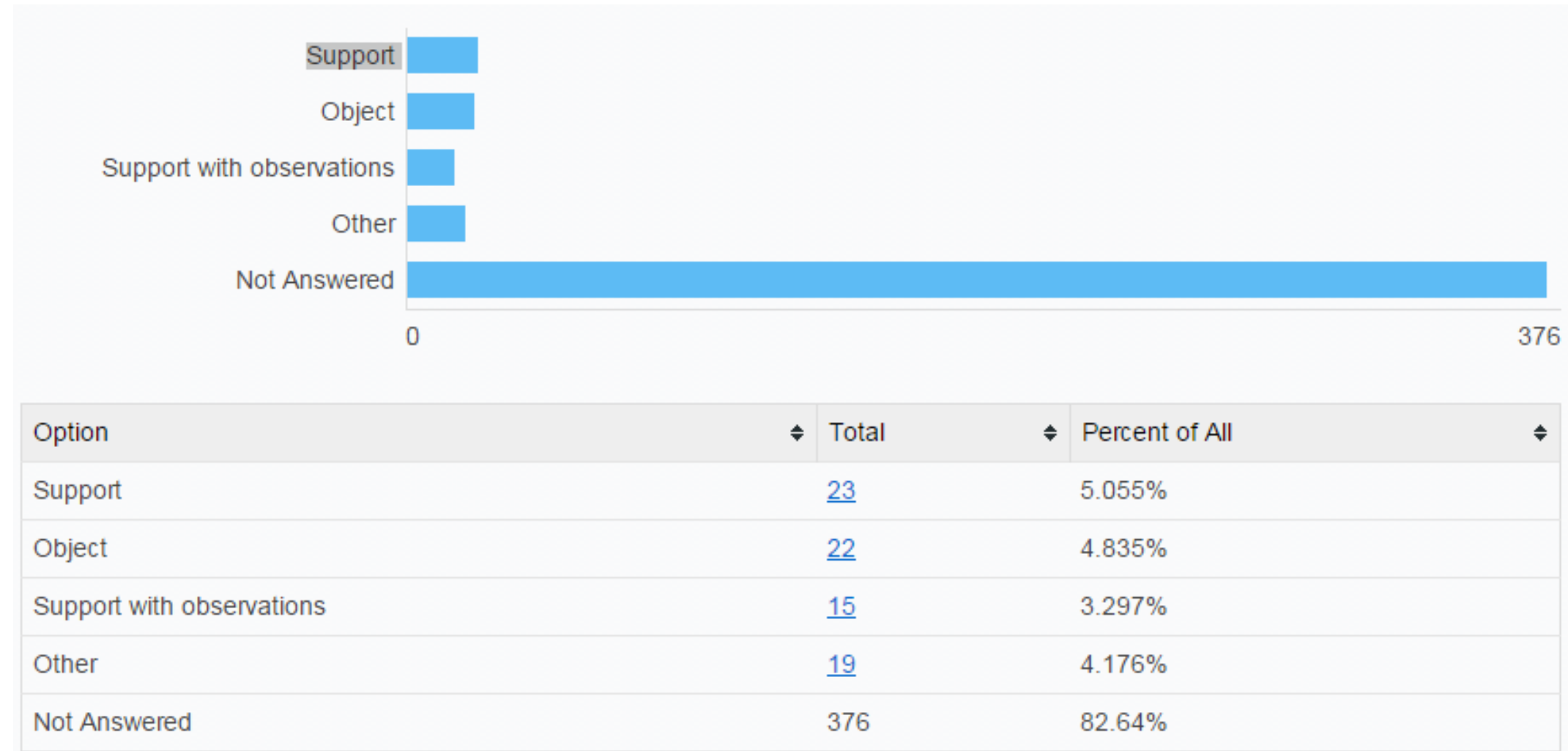


Introduction

We will meet the needs for at least 15 permanent pitches and 2 transit pitches by 2036.



| Answer | Response ID | Do you support this policy? - Opinion on C6 | Do you support this policy? - Comments | What changes would you like to see made to this policy? - Comments | Officer Response | Officer Recommendations |
|-----------------|------------------|---|---|--|--|-------------------------|
| Russell Collins | ANON-BHRP-4HZW-S | Support with observations | Sites are needed but some way of making site users pay for their own waste collection is needed. Also how do site users pay for other services that they use? | Site use regulations to be carefully formulated. | All Gypsies and Travellers living on local authority or privately owned sites pay council tax, rent, gas, electricity, and all other charges measured in the same way as for | |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | properties. | |
| Robert Ian Lockey | ANON-BHRP-4H3G-2 | Other | I don't understand what is meant by a 'functional relationship with a nearby town or village'. Where did the number of pitches requirement come from? | Transit pitches should be allowed, but permanent ones are more questionable. Will the caravans have to meet National Space Standards? | A functional relationship means that any site would be situated so that occupiers could access the amenities of Melton or a village. | |
| Angus Smith | ANON-BHRP-4HZK-D | Support with observations | I understand the need to provide appropriate sites that are well managed, however it is important recognising the reputations of some of the individual users of the sites locating them on good transport links is not conducive for controlling the criminal element that follows them and threatens the local communities. | The policy in general is admirable - location is key for good integration with their local community rather than total isolation. | Location is always given serious consideration for any sites. | |
| Gordon Raper | ANON-BHRP-4H3N-9 | Object | The wording of bullet point 5 should omit the word 'significant'. And read "do not cause detrimental impact to the exiting community". Can you clarify where the 3 permanent pitches at the two allocated sustainable neighbourhoods are likely to be. Otherwise 14 pitches across the area is reasonable. What evidence is there for this amount? | See above | A new Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options. It is not known at this stage where the location of the permanent pitches will be. | The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft. |
| ALISON HEINE | ANON-BHRP-4H3B-W | Other | Support inclusion of this policy and fact you include indication of scale of need and possible allocations but no idea how up to date this need figures is and its source. Can not find a GTAA on your evidence base. Welcome transit provision but think it should be for more than 2 pitches as most Travellers travel in groups of more than 2 families for safety. I think a minimum of 4/5 pitches would be more realistic unless attached to existing authorised sites. | Clearer guidance as to how need will be met especially if sites are to be relied on in the open countryside. More positive tone PPTS compliant | The evidence for the number of pitches needed and stated in the Emerging Options is from the Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013. A new GTAA is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is | Review the wording in this policy, bullet point 5 "do not cause significant detrimental impact to the existing community". Re-look at wording regarding policies G4 and G5. Review the rural exception site policy (C5) to consider if specific mention of gypsy and traveller sites should be |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|--------|---|--|--|--|
| | | | <p>There is no requirement in PPTS for sites to have functional relationship with any settlement and it is not even clear what this means.</p> <p>Given the small need for sites I fail to see why you would want to suggest that a caravans site occupied on a residential basis would cause significant detrimental impact on an existing community. A few unchosen words can cause huge harm. Objectors will use this to object every application for no good reason. Please do not encourage objectors- the media has done enough harm with out councils perpetuating this. Just use wording in PPTS.</p> <p>Can not find policies G4 and G5 so not idea what is being proposed</p> <p>I struggle to see how this policy fits with other policies designed to protected rural areas. Worry they will be relied on to refuse applications for any new development outside settlements.</p> | | <p>currently stated in the Emerging Options.</p> <p>A functional relationship means that any site would be situated so that occupiers could access the amenities of Melton or a village.</p> <p>Comments noted.</p> <p>In relation to the question on how this policy fits in with other policies designed to protect rural areas and concern that they will be relied upon to refuse applications for sites – the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites states – “if there is a lack of affordable land to meet local traveller needs, local planning authorities in rural areas, where viable and practical, should consider allocating and releasing sites solely for affordable traveller sites.</p> <p>This may include using a rural exception site policy for traveller sites that should also be used to manage applications. A rural exception site policy enables small sites to be used, specifically for affordable traveller sites, in small rural communities, that would not normally be used for traveller sites”.</p> | <p>mentioned.</p> <p>The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft.</p> |
| Mr Julian Evans | ANON-BHRP-4H43-F | Object | What contribution do they give to the local Council???? | Travellers should pay their way just like everyone else. | All Gypsies and Travellers living on local authority or privately owned sites | |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|---------|---|------------|--|-------------------------|
| | | | | | pay council tax, rent, gas, electricity, and all other charges measured in the same way as for properties. | |
| John David Smith | ANON-BHRP-4H4X-M | Support | All people should be treated equally. | None. | | |
| Mr John Brown | ANON-BHRP-4H4Z-P | Object | <p>What about the environment???</p> <p>Transit pitches will only encourage travellers to the Borough. 15 permanent pitches by 2036 are far too many. The Borough will be ruined.</p> | See above. | <p>In the Planning Policy for Travellers Sites (PPTS), Policy C: Sites in rural areas and the countryside states “when assessing the suitability of sites in rural or semi-rural settings, local planning authorities should ensure that the scale of such sites does not dominate the nearest settled community”.</p> <p>In the PPTS Policy E: Traveller Sites in Green Belt states: “inappropriate development is harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved, except in very special circumstances. Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development”. Regard is given to this in the plan making and decision making of planning applications.</p> <p>The evidence for the number of pitches needed and stated in the Emerging Options is from the Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013. A new GTAA is to</p> | The results of the GTAA |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options. | 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft. |
| Siobhan Noble | ANON-BHRP-4HED-H | Object | How has this need been established? | A reduction in numbers of pitches | The evidence for the number of pitches needed and stated in the Emerging Options is from the Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013. A new GTAA is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options. | The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft. |
| Lesley Judith Twigg | ANON-BHRP-4HEH-N | Support with observations | only if are constrained by proper planning and objections allowed like any other development | see comments | Yes, any planning applications for gypsy and traveller sites, will be considered within planning legislation, as with any other application. Any objections and support for sites will be taken into consideration. | |
| Mark Colin Marlow | ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q | Support with observations | Theoretically a good idea. | I am not sure there needs to be any changes but I'm also not sure that the target groups will stick to the plans! | | |
| Brian kirkup | ANON-BHRP-4HE9-6 | Support with observations | I suppose in accord with national guidance you have to say that but I would not look forward to that and don't support the travelling life style on the whole. | | Local Planning Authorities need to have regard for the National Planning Policy Framework and the Planning Policy for | |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | | Travellers Sites in the plan making. Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers are legally recognised as ethnic groups, and protected from discrimination by the Race Relations Act (1976, amended 2000) and the Human Rights Act (1998). | |
| Anthony Thomas | ANON-BHRP-4HFX-6 | Object | | A rigorous and unsubsidised charging system for Gypsies and travellers. Why should those paying Council Tax subsidise Gypsies and Travellers? | All Gypsies and Travellers living on local authority or privately owned sites pay council tax, rent, gas, electricity, and all other charges measured in the same way as for properties. | |
| Anthea Brown | ANON-BHRP-4HE4-1 | Object | Agree with the numbers allocations. Well managed sites are crucial and they should be pleasant and with NO HAZARDS. This would enable the children to become settled, attend school and start to have the same start and choices in life as non-travellers. | Sites without hazards are crucial to any human being's well being. | Authorised Local Authority and private sites will allow for sites to be well maintained and for gypsy and traveller communities to access local amenities, including schools. | |
| Malcolm Brown | ANON-BHRP-4HEV-3 | Object | Such sites tend to cause problems for nearby residents | Travellers should not be made an exception in terms of housing either permanent or transitional. | Authorised Local Authority and private sites will allow for sites to be well maintained and for gypsy and traveller communities to access local amenities. There is no robust evidence to suggest that sites cause problems for nearby residents. | |
| George Breed – Persimmon Homes | ANON-BHRP-4HF3-1 | Other | Any Gypsy / Traveller provision should be met on council owned land sensitively located a suitable distance from business / homes so not to blight sales. | | Sites could be on Local Authority land or privately owned. Location is always given serious consideration for any sites. | |
| Stephen | ANON- | Support with observations | These sites will not be welcome by | See comments above. | Authorised Local | |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Denman | BHRP-4HEU-2 | | <p>adjacent house-holders. They should be strictly managed and any slipping of standards should result in the people concerned being moved on (this will of course result in more expense for the Authority!</p> <p>No more sites or pitches should be added to the list outlined, indeed a reduction in the number outlined should be considered.</p> | | <p>Authority and private sites will allow for sites to be well maintained and for gypsy and traveller communities to access local amenities.</p> <p>Location is always given serious consideration for any sites.</p> <p>The evidence for the number of pitches needed and stated in the Emerging Options is from the Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013. A new GTAA is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options.</p> | <p>The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft.</p> |
| Dr Jerzy A Schmidt | ANON-BHRP-4H4P-C | Support with observations | <p>Why have so many permanent pitches for what are historically travellers? Should pitch type be immaterial?</p> | | <p>The evidence for the number and type of pitches needed and stated in the Emerging Options is from the Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013. A new GTAA is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options.</p> | <p>The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft.</p> |
| Susan Love | ANON- | Support with observations | <p>Use hard standing on old airfields.</p> | | | |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|--------|--|---|--|---|
| | BHRP-4HZP-J | | | | | |
| Nick Farrow | ANON-BHRP-4HUD-1 | Object | I do not believe that travellers contribute to the local plans and by giving the number of development will only encourage sites to develop and become over developed by the residents. The number should be restricted to a max of 5 within the whole area. | Restrict the number per location and if it is exceeded shut the site. | <p>The evidence for the number of pitches needed and stated in the Emerging Options is from the Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013. A new GTAA is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options.</p> <p>The location and size of any sites have not yet been determined.</p> <p>Travellers will be moved on from unlawful encampments where there is appropriate pitch provision.</p> | The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft. |
| John A Herlihy | ANON-BHRP-4HU3-G | Other | <p>If they pay taxes - fine.</p> <p>If not paying taxes - not fine</p> | See above | All Gypsies and Travellers living on local authority or privately owned sites pay council tax, rent, gas, electricity, and all other charges measured in the same way as for properties. | |
| Moira Hart | ANON-BHRP-4HU7-M | Other | I would have concerns over this and the potential relationship with the village and the village infrastructure. Also there would be concern over potential increases in rural crime and visual impact of such pitches. | | <p>Authorised Local Authority and private sites will allow for sites to be well maintained and for gypsy and traveller communities to access local amenities.</p> <p>Location, including the infrastructure of the nearest settled community is always</p> | |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | <p>given serious consideration for any sites.</p> <p>There is no robust evidence that confirms an increase in rural crime linked to gypsies and travellers living in the area.</p> | |
| CHRISTINE LARSON | ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J | Support with observations | I support but feel there could be no functional relationship with the village and there is no infrastructure to cope with travellers. | <p>Location, including the infrastructure of the nearest settled community is always given serious consideration for any sites.</p> <p>Any site would be situated so that occupiers could access the amenities of Melton or a village and therefore, have a functional relationship with the existing settled community.</p> | |
| Moira Hart – Clawson in Action | ANON-BHRP-4HBM-Q | Other | <p>We do not see that there could be a functional relationship with the village and the village infrastructure would not cope with an additional influx.</p> <p>There is also concern about the potential increase in "rural" crime.</p> | <p>Any site would be situated so that occupiers could access the amenities of Melton or a village and therefore, have a functional relationship with the existing settled community.</p> <p>Location, including the infrastructure of the nearest settled community is always given serious consideration for any sites.</p> <p>There is no evidence to show that crime is more prevalent within the gypsy and traveller</p> | |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--|--|--|---|
| | | | | | communities than it is within any other community. | |
| Deborah Caroline Adams | ANON- BHRP- 4H38-K | Object | I am not convinced we need that many pitches particularly as I was under the impression that the existing pitches are not fully occupied. | Any sites should not take up valuable residential development land but should be located on the outer fringes of towns and villages. | The evidence for the number of pitches needed and stated in the Emerging Options is from the Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013. A new GTAA is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options. | The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft. |
| Anthony Paphiti | ANON- BHRP- 4HBV-Z | Object | We have Gypsy sites already. | We have Gypsy sites already. | The Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013 shows that there is a need for additional sites for gypsies and travellers than those we already have. | |
| Shelagh Woollard | ANON- BHRP- 4HB5-Y | Other | "Do not cause significant detrimental impact to the existing community" - how can you define this? What is a "functional relationship with a nearby town or village"? | | "Significant detrimental impact to the existing community" could be in many different ways. This would be looked at on a site by site basis. A functional relationship means that any site would be situated so that occupiers could access the amenities of Melton or a village. | Clarity will be added to the policy text on this. |
| Mr Peter Rogers | ANON- BHRP- 4H62-G | Object | Do not want Gypsy sites anywhere near Frisby on the Wreake. Sorry. | See above. | The location of sites for gypsies and travellers over the Local Plan period have not yet been decided. | |
| Melanie | ANON- | Other | There is a site up at Waltham that has | See above. | Well managed, | |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------|---|---|
| Steadman | BHRP-4HFE-K | | now been vacated. It is an absolute eye-sore with rubbish and detritus, mud on the highway and dumped rubbish. Rural locations are not equipped to deal with these problems. | | authorised Local Authority and private sites with planning permission, are encouraged to avoid illegal encampments. The majority of sites whether in rural locations or not, are clean and free from rubbish. | |
| Richard Simon – Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group | ANON-BHRP-4HUB-Y | Support | Supported but not directly relevant to Bottesford | None | A new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options. The allocation of pitches has not yet been decided. | The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft. |
| Richard Simon | ANON-BHRP-4HZC-5 | Support | I presume a pitch is space for one family / caravan | None | Yes –space for one family, which is typically 1 -2 caravans but can be up to 3 caravans. | |
| JOHN RUST | ANON-BHRP-4HUV-K | Support with observations | I support this policy. However, we do not see that there could be a functional relationship with the village and the village infrastructure would not cope with an additional influx. Should be spread equally around the Borough where access to services is easy. There are no support facilities in villages. | | Any site would be situated so that occupiers could access the amenities of Melton or a village and therefore, have a functional relationship with the existing settled community. Location, including the infrastructure of the nearest settled community is always given serious consideration for any sites. | |
| Alan and | ANON- | Other | We would only support provision on | No further comment | All Gypsies and Travellers | |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Heather Woodhouse | BHRP-4HMQ-6 | | the grounds that those using the facilities contribute towards their use and upkeep? | | living on local authority or privately owned sites pay council tax, rent, gas, electricity, and all other charges measured in the same way as for properties. | |
| Mick Jones | ANON-BHRP-4H6N-C | Support with observations | As long as they are supported in the positions identified by local residents. | None | Sites need to be identified and appropriately planned for. | |
| David Johnston | ANON-BHRP-4HGM-V | Object | I am of the opinion that there are sufficient pitches provided currently | Maintain the existing pitches, but focus resources on other elements of the plan such as rural transport. | The evidence for the number of pitches needed and stated in the Emerging Options is from the Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013. A new GTAA is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options. | The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft. |
| Ros Freeman | ANON-BHRP-4HF2-Z | Object | Significant detrimental impact is always caused to the existing community | Proof of payment of income tax Proper payment of site rents and council tax Before any pitches allowed | All Gypsies and Travellers living on local authority or privately owned sites pay council tax, rent, gas, electricity, and all other charges measured in the same way as for properties. There is no robust evidence of detrimental impact on existing communities. | |
| Laurence Holmes – Melton North Landowner Consortium | ANON-BHRP-4HGQ-Z | Support with observations | Please refer to paragraph 3.73 of the 'Representation on the Melton Emerging Options Draft Plan' (Melton North Landowner Consortium). | n/a | | |
| Gavin Simpson | ANON-BHRP- | Support with observations | On Dalby Rd in the South, there are already 10 Pitches (5 transit 5 | Bullet point 3 delete :and, unless no more suitable | Comments noted. | Reconsider wording of policy criteria. |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|--------|--|--|---|---|
| | 4HHQ-1 | | <p>permanent).</p> <p>There are no other sites in the whole Borough therefore there would be a disproportionate amount of encampments in the south.</p> <p>The best solution is to find the balance from the sustainable neighbourhood in the north, not each of our two allocated sustainable neighbourhoods. This poses a very unfair portioning of the needs of the travellers.</p> | <p>sites are available, are free from flooding and other hazards;</p> <p>If sites are not suitable, they are not suitable!</p> <p>Bullet point 7 says "additional permanent pitches at locations that meet the criteria above." see bullet point 3 'unless no more suitable sites are available' There really is no definitive criteria.</p> | <p>The location of sites are yet to be determined. In considering the suitability of any sites, many factors need to be taken into account; which means that an equal number of sites between different areas of Melton or the Borough may not be possible.</p> | |
| Anthony Barber | ANON-BHRP-4H6R-G | Other | <p>As a policy, this could only properly be supported or objected to when proposed sites are identified.</p> | | | |
| A. R. Yarwood – National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups | BHLF-BHRP-4HQ6-F | Object | <p>We object to policy C6. It is not compliant with national guidance in Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS).</p> <p>Paragraph 22 (e) of PPTS states that LPAs must determine applications for sites "from any travellers and not just those with local connections. Thus the first criterion is unacceptable.</p> <p>Paragraph 10 of PPTS requires that Local Plans must set out criteria to be used in determining applications that come forward irrespective of need. Thus the element of the policy which merely seeks to meet the identified need is non-compliant and unacceptable. We raised this concern in our response to your Preferred Options consultation. It is disappointing to find that this fundamental failure has nevertheless been repeated.</p> | <p>The policy should also acknowledge that regular reviews of the need will be undertaken and that steps will be taken to deliver sites in accordance with changing circumstances.</p> <p>The policy should also acknowledge that the need identified in the GTAA represents a minimum level of provision.</p> | <p>The first point made in policy C6 relates to the site having a functional relationship to a nearby village or town. This does not mean the person has to have an existing functional relationship with the nearby town or village.</p> | <p>Review the wording in section 5.10 and policy C6 to reflect the wording in the PPTS.</p> |

Chapter 5: Melton's Communities – Strong, Healthy and Vibrant – Policy C6-Gypsies and Travellers

| | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | | |
| Rachael A. Bust – The Coal Authority | BHLF-BHRP-4H8R-J | Support with observations | The Coal Authority supports Policy C6 which requires sites to be free from hazards. | | |
| Emilie Carr – Historic England | BHLF-BHRP-4H8Q-H | Support with observations | Ann additional criteria such as:- "are not detrimental to heritage assets and their settings" is suggested to strengthen this policy. | The wording in section 5.10 and policy C6 needs to reflect the wording in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites. | The wording in section 5.10 and policy C6 needs to reflect the wording in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites. |
| Laurence Holmes – Leicestershire County Council and Richborough Estates | BHLF-BHRP-4H8K-B | Other | The provision of 3 pitches within the NSN, to contribute towards identified need for gypsies and travellers within the Borough, can be accommodated. This will be subject to a proven need and an appropriate site within the NSN agreed through the planning process. | The evidence for the number of pitches needed and stated in the Emerging Options is from the Leicestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) of 2013. A new GTAA is to be undertaken this year and the results on the number of pitches needed in the Borough will feed into the new Local Plan. The number may change from what is currently stated in the Emerging Options. | The results of the GTAA 2016 will be reflected in the Local Plan final draft. |