

**MELTON LOCAL PLAN – TIMELINE: APRIL 2014**

KEY STAGE	PURPOSE/DETAIL	TIMELINE
1. Develop Local Plan Evidence Base	Key pieces of evidence will be developed and will feed into the plan at different stages, including Infrastructure Planning, housing needs and numbers and transport modelling. The majority of the evidence will be required to feed into the Preferred Options/ Draft Plan Stage	June 2013 – April 2017
2. Preliminary Engagement Process and Work Programming	Produce communication strategy, Statement of Community Involvement and Local Development Scheme Create and engage Reference Groups and undertake initial training. Regulation 18 Consultation on principles for growth and development of the Borough.	June 2013 – April 2014
3. Prepare and Consult on Issues and Options	Develop a draft vision and objectives, and draft issues and options for the Local Plan. Including options for spatial policies and development control policies, as well as site options and seek Full Council Approval. To commence a 12 week public consultation commencing August 2014 including 2 sessions with Reference Groups.	April 2014 – November 2014
4. Scope the Sustainability Appraisal and Appraise the Options	Prepare Sustainability Appraisal framework incorporating Health and Equalities Impact Assessment. Seek Full Council Approval. Consult statutory bodies on scope and assess policy options for consideration as part of Issues and Options consultation	April 2014-July 2014
5. Prepare and Consult on Preferred Option/Draft Plan	Refine vision and objectives and prepare draft spatial and development control policies, draft site allocations, a monitoring framework and delivery strategy. Seek Full Council Approval to commence a 12 week public consultation commencing May 2015 including 2 sessions with the Reference Groups.	November 2014 – September 2015
6. Prepare and invite representations on Publication (pre submission) Local Plan and revised Sustainability Appraisal	Revise draft plan/preferred options Local Plan and Sustainability Appraisal and seek Full Council Approval to invite representations for a period of 6 weeks commencing in January 2016	October 2015 – February 2016
7. Negotiate, Submission and Examination	Analyse representations, negotiate possible changes and produce Schedule of Changes. Report Submission Local Plan to Full Council and submit to Inspectorate with evidence bases and submission documents. Prepare topic papers and respond to Inspector's questions. Hearing sessions and Inspector's report.	March 2016- April 2017
8. Adoption	Report to Full Council and Adopt	May 2017