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Question	Number of Responses	Summary Points
<p>Question 1 <i>Should the Melton Borough Local Plan look forward to 2036?</i></p>	130	The majority agreed and said the plan should look forward to 2036.
<p>Question 1a <i>If your answer is no please explain why and suggest an alternative end date</i></p>	24	Some concerns that the timeframe was too long and running to 2025 would be better. However, the NPPF requires a 15 year minimum plan period. The HMA wide agreement runs to 2031 so Melton should act under the Duty to Cooperate to extend this.
<p>Question 2 <i>Do you support this vision for Melton Borough?</i></p>	135	The majority agreed with the vision for Melton Borough.
<p>Question 2a <i>If you answered no, please give your reasons. Notwithstanding whether you support the vision or not can you suggest any changes to improve the vision?</i></p>	79	<p>Comments range from the Vision as either too detailed or too broad. Wording not strong enough. Use of retains and reflects questioned.</p> <p>Climate change to big an issue for Melton Borough to tackle. More focus on sustainable energy provision. Greater emphasis on the environment of Melton Borough.</p> <p>Include the provision of infrastructure to ensure Melton’s accessibility in the future, but reduce reliance on private car travel. Maintain Melton’s identity, incorporate Town and heritage into vision more. Retain villages rural nature. Greater support for Neighbourhood Planning. Maintain agricultural history and farming heritage, includes protecting farm land.</p> <p>Support for providing housing that reflects entire community needs, including accommodation for an aging population.</p>
<p>Question 3 <i>Do you support the objectives for Melton Borough?</i></p>	125	The majority agreed with the objectives.

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<p>Question 3 a&amp;b <i>If you answered no, please give your reasons. Notwithstanding whether you support the objectives or not can you suggest any changes to improve them?</i></p>	<p>a) 34 b) 50</p>	<p>Objectives should include the need for a bypass/road infrastructure for Melton Borough. Maintain the character of the villages and greater emphasis on Melton as a rural Borough. Greater emphasis on provision of jobs and the type of employment. Reinforce the importance of the environment and preserving it.</p>
<p>Question 4 <i>Is this Portrait an accurate picture of Melton Borough today?</i></p>	<p>110</p>	<p>The majority agreed with the Portrait as an accurate picture of Melton Borough today.</p>
<p>Question 4 a&amp;b <i>If you answered no, please give your reasons. Notwithstanding whether you answered yes or no, can you suggest any changes to make it more accurate? Where possible support your response with reference to any evidence</i></p>	<p>a) 26 b) 39</p>	<p>Cattle market should be referenced. Co-op supermarket not mentioned. Greater reference to Burrough Hill rather than Iron age fort. Needs to reinforce the importance of transport and road infrastructure provision through highlighting the transport issues. It does highlight the role of larger villages as service centres.</p>
<p>Question 5 <i>Does Melton Borough best fit within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area?</i></p>	<p>109</p>	<p>The majority agreed that Melton Borough fits within the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Area (HMA).</p>
<p>Question 5a <i>If no please explain why and with reference to SHMA state which housing market area is more appropriate</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>North of the Borough may not fit within this HMA – consider wider analysis. Engage with these neighbouring authorities. Commuting goes beyond the HMA. Concerns the SHMA and its data will be out of date before the plan is in place. Consider a Melton, Rutland and Harborough HMA.</p>

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<p>Question 6 <i>What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?</i> <i>Option 1: Demographic based 195 dwellings per annum</i> <i>Option 2: Mid-range 220 dwellings per annum</i> <i>Option 3: Supporting economic growth 245 dwellings per annum.</i></p>	<p>133</p>	<p>A slight majority preferred Option 3, supporting economic growth – 245 dwellings per annum. Closely followed by Option 1, demographic based – 195 dwellings per annum.</p>
<p>Question 6a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	<p>99</p>	<p>Big variances in comments. Need to provide for more than 245 dwellings p/a – 245 seen as the minimum target for housing provision and not capping development at that figure. EIP’s across the Country have required LA’s to significantly boost the supply of housing, therefore the full OAN need should be met - option 3 goes some way towards this. This number needed also to support infrastructure provision. Household formation change signals higher level provision needed. However, 195 dwellings p/a also seen as excessive, beyond historical provision and the demands of Melton Boroughs population. Request for no housing provision option. Need for improved employment opportunities, to support increased housing growth – this includes better choice for employers and businesses so they locate in Melton Borough.</p>
<p>Question 7 <i>How should Melton Borough Grow? Option 1: Melton Mowbray Focus. Option 2: Reduced Melton Mowbray Focus. Option 3: Dispersed Development. Option 4: The majority of development concentrated in one location</i></p>	<p>153</p>	<p>The majority chose Option 1 – Melton Mowbray focus development.</p>
<p>Question 7a <i>Please provide comments and references to any evidence to support your response.</i></p>	<p>126</p>	<p>Concern a Melton Mowbray focus would restrict housing development and housing choice in the villages. Plus the villages would struggle to maintain themselves and the services. Villages also need to be protected from over development. Concern that Melton Mowbray cannot take further development until the transport situation/infrastructure is</p>

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		<p>resolved. New settlement suggested as fifth option (although this could have been selected under Option 4 – any other location).</p> <p>Concentrating development in Melton Mowbray would offer greater infrastructure investment. Also Melton Mowbray has greater provision of services and facilities to support future development.</p>
<p>Question 8</p> <p><i>How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?</i></p> <p><i>Option 1: Concentrated in a single large development on the edge of town. Option 2: Provided through a few larger developments. Option 3: Development completely dispersed around the town.</i></p>	129	Slight majority preferred Option 2, closely follow by Option 1.
<p>Question 8a</p> <p><i>Please provide comments and references to any evidence to support your response.</i></p>	89	<p>Concentrated development will allow for the pooling of resources for infrastructure provision, although the impact of smaller developments would be less.</p> <p>Focus development on the South of Melton Mowbray where the infrastructure is better. No housing development until the infrastructure is in place. Pursue brownfield sites first, such as the Dalby Airfield. Keep construction and development in one place to limit disruption. Dispersed development won't support the provision of necessary infrastructure. Need to promote employment alongside housing growth. Villages also need to take on growth to support themselves and the Town.</p>
<p>Question 9</p> <p><i>Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?</i></p>	138	<p>Majority said no, development should not be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement.</p> <p>28% No 19% Yes 53% Not Answered</p>
<p>Question 9a</p> <p><i>Please provide comments and references to any evidence to support your response.</i></p>	135	<p>Reference to new settlements, on existing airfield sites or eco-village developments which could be supported by neighbouring authorities. Facilities are already in place to support development on the edge of Melton Town. New settlement would detract resources from the Town which is not positive for necessary infrastructure provision. Concentrated development would put too much pressure on existing services and infrastructure, need to consider all services and infrastructure, beyond just roads.</p> <p>Several template responses requesting no development to the North of Melton Town – in relation to the</p>

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		<p>inspectors decision on the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Concern that development at Normanton Airfield would saturate the surrounding area and not be in keeping with the settlement characters.</p>
<p><b>Question 10</b>  <i>Which location or locations do you think are best locations for large scale development? You may select more than one or a combination of locations</i>            Location 1- Normanton Airfield            Location 2- Belvoir Road, Bottesford            Location 3- Melton North            Location 4- Melton South            Location 5- Dalby Airfield</p>	122	<p>Variety of responses received – often responses incorporated a combination of option. For example the highest response was 17% (of 122 respondents) for both Normanton and Dalby airfields. The next highest was Melton North and Melton South at 13% (of 122 respondents). The remaining combinations did not exceed 10%.</p>
<p><b>Question 10a&amp;b</b>  <i>Please provide comments and references to any evidence to support your response.</i>  <i>Are there any other large scale development site options which should be considered?</i></p>	<p>a) 101            b) 50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing Dalby airfield would be a good thing, good access to Leicester and redevelopment of a brownfield site. Six Hills new settlement suggested.</li> <li>• Melton West and East should be considered as potential development options.</li> <li>• Holwell works employment site, why is it being retained as employment if no-one wants to deliver it.</li> <li>• Melton North and Melton South should be considered simultaneously, since Town offers most services and connectivity, although transport infrastructure provision needed.</li> <li>• Dalby airfield should not be considered, site is not sustainable and holds an important heritage asset.</li> <li>• No large scale development in the villages, not the infrastructure or services to support it. Infill is enough.</li> <li>• Brownfield development should come first.</li> <li>• Core Strategy inspector did not support the direction of growth to Melton North.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Question 11</b>  <i>Based entirely on size and the level of services provided within each settlement do you agree the communities grouped together in table 5 are broadly comparable in terms of the size and the level</i></p>	120	<p>Majority agreed that based on size and the level of services the settlements grouped together were broadly comparable.</p>

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<p><i>of services available?</i></p>		
<p>Question 11a <i>If no with reference to specific settlements please state why based solely on comparative population size and services available</i></p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Comments that some villages have since lost services and this has not been reflected in the Issues and Options comparable settlements list. Comments tended to vary regarding the level 2 settlements, several stating that Long Clawson and Waltham are not comparable to Asfordby and Bottesford. Key services need to be detailed further, not clear what the assessment is based on. Several matching responses for Somerby stating that infrastructure is inadequate for further development.</p>
<p>Question 12 <i>What do you think is the best approach to defining the roles of settlements in the form of a settlement hierarchy?</i> <i>Option 1: Establish settlement roles and a hierarchy based on the size.</i> <i>Option 2: Establish settlement roles and a hierarchy based on factors.</i></p>	<p>112</p>	<p>Slight majority preferred Option 1, settlement hierarchy</p>
<p>Question 13 <i>Are the following criteria appropriate to feed into the identification of settlement roles and relationship in the Borough?</i> <i>-Population (size)</i> <i>-The range and number of key services</i> <i>-Connectivity</i> <i>-Economic Relationships</i> <i>-Social Relationship</i> <i>-Local Identity</i></p>	<p>114</p>	<p>Majority agreed that criteria are appropriate to feed into the identification of settlement roles and relationships in the Borough.</p>

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<p>Question 13 a&amp;b  <i>Can you suggest any alternative or additional criteria?  Do you feel any of the criteria are more important than others?  Please state which ones and provide an explanation why.</i></p>	<p>a) 48  b) 51</p>	<p>a) Additional Criteria: Sustainability of a settlement, Environmental relationships, neighbouring area relationships, Population age, employment opportunities, assessment of need within a settlement, local identity, connectivity.</p> <p>b) Criteria weighting: the criteria should be weighted accordingly, for example schools should be higher ranking than shops. There should also be a weighting between the range and number of services.</p> <p>Comments also about the preservation of services to ensure their continuation within a settlement.</p>
<p>Question 14  <i>What do you think is the best approach for achieving a housing mix that is suited to current and future housing needs?  Option 1 – continue with the current approach  Option 2 - consider housing mix on a site by site basis.</i></p>	<p>109</p>	<p>Of 109 respondents, slight majority preferred Option 2 – site by site housing mix approach.</p>
<p>Question 14a  <i>Please provide commentary to support your response</i></p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Majority of comments favoured a combined approach of Option 1 and Option2.  Firm but flexible approach is essential. Concerns that developers will manipulate any policy approach. Smaller sites should be exempt to avoid them becoming unviable, Larger sites should be utilised to correct the imbalance. A lack of family housing is impacting on schools. Range of housing types needed in villages, to ensure affordability. Ensure data is up to date otherwise policy will cease to be applicable.</p>
<p>Question 15  <i>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.</i></p>	<p>102</p>	<p>Majority selected Option 1, followed by Option 3.</p>

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<p>Question 15a <i>Please provide commentary to support your response.</i></p>	69	<p>Comments centred on, option 1 - remaining at 6 as it has provided successful and delivered a good mix of development sites. However, policy needs to be flexible to development sites. All development sites should contribute towards affordable housing but not necessarily provide it on site. Other infrastructure priorities now need to be considered. Recent Government guidance means that affordable housing cannot be sought on development of less than 10 units.</p>
<p>Question 16 <i>Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered (on qualifying schemes), as affordable housing, either through on site provision or as a financial contribution to support off site provision? Please provide commentary to support your response.</i></p>	117  Additional comments: 82	<p>Majority of respondents (61%) answered Yes – 40% affordable housing contribution should remain.</p> <p>Concerns that 40% doesn't work in the villages, flexible approach necessary to ensuring development still continues. 40% also seems as too much of a drain on developers and should only be obtained where appropriate. Ensure houses provided are actually affordable. Should only be applied to schemes of 10 or more units and where there is evidence of need. SHMA now suggests 37% affordable housing requirement – this should be followed. 30% proposed in accordance with SHMA – OAN data. Other infrastructure priorities now needs to be considered</p>
<p>Question 17 <i>Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception sites?</i></p>	102	<p>Majority of respondents answered Yes – Melton should continue with its Rural Exception sites policy approach.</p>
<p>Question 17a <i>Please provide commentary to support your response.</i></p>	66	<p>Adjacent sites shouldn't be developed just because they are adjacent, this will lead to urban sprawl. More flexible approach is required. If the approach is working, why change it. Not enough affordable housing in villages, this could fix that. But ensure houses go to local people. Developments should be small scale and in keeping. Ensure services are available in villages before applying this approach. Concerns that 3-bedroom affordable homes provided in Wymondham are not actually affordable. Policy approach positive for allowing young people to remain in villages and start their own families.</p>
<p>Question 18 <i>Should Melton allow the inclusion of market homes on Rural Exception sites, to cross-subsidy the provision of affordable homes?</i></p>	87	<p>Slight majority of respondents answered no to allowing market homes on rural exception sites to cross subsidise the provision of affordable homes. However, approximately 44% of respondents answered Yes.</p>



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<p>Question 18a <i>Please provide commentary to support your response.</i></p>	46	<p>This should be allowed to bring forward sites for affordable housing development. More flexible approach needed. Concerns it will lead to extensive market housing development in open-countryside and conflicts with the principle of exception site development, as won't be an exception. Affordable housing should only be provided on market housing, developer lead schemes.</p>
<p>Question 19 <i>Which is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?</i> <i>Option 1 – allocate land to meet all identified need on one site.</i> <i>Option 2 – allocate land to meet all identified need on two or more small sites.</i> <i>Option 3 – Set a site size threshold for contributions towards pitch provision.</i></p>	76	<p>Majority respondents selected Option 2.</p>
<p>Question 19a <i>Please provide commentary to support your response</i></p>	45	<p>One large site not preferred by Gypsy and Traveller community, must ensure provision is suitable to ensure it is used. Smaller sites is preferable by the community. Concerns about needing to provide traveller accommodation and impact on surrounding neighbours/community.</p>
<p>Question 20 <i>Should we have a policy which seeks to protect local services, as listed above, in the Borough's Villages and Rural settlements?</i></p>	114	<p>Majority of respondents answered Yes.</p>
<p>Question 20a <i>Please provide commentary to support your response.</i></p>	71	<p>Services should be retained and protected in order to encourage and build healthy communities. A variety of services is necessary to promote and support rural living, broadband is also essential. Sustainability is based on rural services so they must be maintained. Protection of services is really important but how will it be done and maintained.</p>

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<p>Question 21 <i>Should Melton have a policy on health in the new Local Plan?</i></p>	100	Majority of respondents answered yes.
<p>Question 21a <i>Please provide commentary to support your response.</i></p>	52	<p>Is this within MBC remit, shouldn't it be one for NHS? How would such a policy work, be implemented or enforced? Ensure appropriate infrastructure so people can make informed and healthy choices.</p>
<p>Question 22 <i>Considering each type of employment land are there any types of employment land or premises which need to be increased in the Borough?</i></p>	49	<p>Most responses are split between an increase in the number of offices and light industry with a close relationship to warehousing. B1a and B1c land use should be increased. A lot of people mentioned transport as a problem that seriously affects employment land. However, any employment land development should preserve the rural character of the Borough.</p>
<p>Question 23&amp;23a <i>Which types of employment have the potential to grow in Melton Borough over the next 20 years and what conditions are needed to generate and retain these jobs locally? What conditions do</i></p>	62 & 62	<p>Tourism is seen as the employment group with the most growth potential. The second being manufacturing. There is a demand for skilled workers, in technology, other light industry, education and health. However, in order to support employment growth there is a need to improve transport and broadband. Some representations considered that the food industry and agricultural based employment have the potential to grow, and also preserve the rural character of the Borough.</p>
<p>Question 24&amp;24a <i>Where should employment be located? Option 1 – continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds &amp; Asfordby Option 2 – direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area.</i></p>	113 & 93	<p>Majority of respondents preferred Option 1. Comments centred on the lack of infrastructure within the villages, especially transport to support growth in this area. Some comments mentioned a mix of both options, due to increases in homeworking.</p>

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<p>Question 25 &amp; 25a <i>How should additional employment land and premises be provided in and around Melton Mowbray?</i> <i>Option 1 – A Single large business park</i> <i>Option 2 – A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development.</i></p>	<p>Q25) 107  Q25a) 67</p>	<p>The majority expressed a preference for Option 2.  Some comments suggested that a combination of options as the best approach.</p>
<p>Question 26 <i>How should additional employment land and premises be provided in the rural communities?</i></p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Answers were diverse; some comments centred on the creation of new small premises in rural areas and/or the conversion of farm buildings. Some responses proposed redeveloping as a solution. Some comments also made specific reference to the creation of businesses in relation to farming within the villages.</p>
<p>Question 27 <i>Should the Local Plan consider the re-use of employment sites for more appropriate uses?</i></p>	<p>61</p>	<p>The majority of the people that have answered this question think that yes, the employment sites should be re-used for more appropriate uses.</p>
<p>Question28 <i>What do you perceive to be key barriers to businesses locating in Melton Borough?</i></p>	<p>81</p>	<p>The majority of the people that have answered the question think that the main barrier is transport and access to a fast speed broadband. Some comments mentioned workforce skills as a barrier and the high cost of renting business space and the quality of the existing business space.</p>
<p>Question29, Q29a &amp; Q29b <i>Should Asfordby Business Park (full extent) and/or the Holwell Works site be retained for employment development? What measures do you think would be needed to ensure that they are developed over the plan period</i> <i>What alternative uses would you suggest for each site or both?</i></p>	<p>72, 43 &amp; 37</p>	<p>The majority of responses said this Business site should be retained for business/employment uses. In terms of measures needed to ensure the site is developed for business use, the main focus of responses was on transport and improving access to the site. Alternative uses of the site are listed in order of prominence; -housing, -leaving it as it is, -energy and industrial use, -leisure and retail</p>

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<p>Question 30a Q30b &amp; Q30c  <i>Q30a How can the Local Plan ensure that rural businesses can continue to grow and thrive in the Borough?</i>  <i>Q30b: Should the Local Plan continue to support the economic reuse of rural buildings, where they are appropriate and accessible?</i>  <i>Q30c: Should the Local Plan support extensions to business premises in rural areas where they enhance the design and are not out of scale and character with the location?</i>  <i>Q30d: Please provide any further comment you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	<p>54, 95, 96, 32</p>	<p>A lot of responses felt that the way to ensure the continued growth of rural businesses was through the provision of good broadband connections. Some comments suggested grants could be utilised to support rural businesses growth.</p> <p>All the people that answered the question Q30 think that the Local Plan should continue to support the economic reuse of rural buildings, where they are appropriate and accessible.</p> <p>Most respondents think that the Local Plan should support extensions to business premises in rural areas where they enhance the design and are not out of scale and character with the location.</p>
<p>Question 31 &amp; Q31a  <i>How do you think that the Local Plan should support farm diversification?</i>  <i>Q31a: Is there a need for specific policy response to manage equine related enterprises?</i></p>	<p>57 &amp; 57</p>	<p>Farm diversification was the top priority for the people who have answered the question as well as having a supportive attitude.</p> <p>Other comments said the Local Plan should not support farm diversification and wind turbines could be avoided if grant subsidy was removed.</p> <p>The majority of response felt there should be a policy response to manage equine related enterprises, in order to protect the open countryside.</p>
<p>Question 32  <i>What can the Local Plan do to ensure that people are encouraged to visit, shop, access services and generally enjoy Melton Mowbray Town Centre?</i></p>	<p>81</p>	<p>The reoccurring comment was that in order to encourage people to visit the town centre there should be free/cheaper car parking. Improved public transport with better access to the town, would suppress traffic congestion, and improves the attractiveness of the Town.</p>
<p>Question 33  <i>What should the Local Plan do to support the growth of tourism in</i></p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Cheaper parking, good quality and variety of shops and keep the rural and food character are really important in order to support the growth of tourism in Melton Borough.</p> <p>Comments also raised issues such as free toilets, protection of the environment, advertising activities, having a</p>

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<i>Melton Borough?</i>		tourism office, improving access to the town and reducing traffic congestion within it. Also, the vale of Belvoir should be recognised for what it has to offer tourism – an attractive rural landscape.
<p>Question 34 <i>What approach should the Local Plan take to protect the Borough's landscape?</i> <i>Option 1- Including a criteria-based policy that is applicable to both rural and urban areas?</i> <i>Option 2- Identifying areas of specific landscape character by setting out what makes them special, and, the policies that should apply?</i> <i>Option 3- Or follow a different approach?</i></p>	117	The majority of respondents choose Option 2: the Local Plan should protect the Borough's landscapes by identifying areas of specific landscape character.
<p>Question 34a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	63	<p>Support/comments for Option 1: Concerns that a landscape designation will adversely affect farms and rural businesses. Use of local landscape designations is not supported within national planning policy. Different criteria needed for urban and rural areas. The landscape around the town and rural are equally important and should be given the same criteria based policy.</p> <p>Support for Option 2: Vale of Belvoir needs identifying as special. The Country Park and its gateways to the countryside should be a number one priority for protection.</p> <p>The Local Plan should consider defining “valued landscapes” (NPPF Para 109) and include policies for the protection and enhancement of their intrinsic qualities. A landscape character approach, based on an up-to-date Landscape Character Assessment coupled with techniques such as Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) provides a robust basis for policy formulation.</p> <p>Other: A criteria-based policy could apply throughout the borough with specific areas identified and protected by local designation.</p>
<p>Question 35 <i>Do you think there is enough open space in your area in terms of quantity and quality? If not</i></p>	106	Majority of respondents (85%) consider that there is enough open space in their area.

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<p><i>what types of open spaces are needed?</i></p>		
<p>Question 35a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response</i></p>	<p>64</p>	<p>The community of Bottesford has extremely limited park space to enjoy, relax and play in. Great Dalby has no children's play area. There are patches of poor provision of the various types of open space in AB Kettleby. New developments in the north of Melton where the town boundary has been extended have insufficient open space and are very claustrophobic. No real parks or sports facilities near Redmile. There is a lack of children's facilities and general sports provision, but accept this is the price you pay for living in Wymondham.</p>
<p>Question 36 <i>How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?</i> <i>Option 1 – All new development be expected to contribute towards the provision of additional green infrastructure</i> <i>Option 2 – Identify specific opportunities for major development proposals in the Local Plan to provide additional green infrastructure</i> <i>Option 3- Or follow a different approach (please specify)?</i></p>	<p>123</p>	<p>The majority of respondents chose Option 1: All new development should contribute to additional green infrastructure.</p>
<p>Question 36a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response</i></p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Access should be improved particularly for the less-able, for example stiles should be replaced by kissing gates. The LLAF recommends the following paragraphs be included in any policy or plan. Footpaths, Bridleways, Cycleways and Access Land 1. <i>Whenever new developments are considered it is important that improvements to the foot/bridle/cycle path network are considered. Such changes should aim to improve sustainable transport, green infrastructure, recreation, tourism, health and general well-being.</i> Developer contributions should be pooled for use across the borough for a wide range of provision (small/large,</p>

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		<p>rural/urban) so all residents benefit.</p> <p>Specific areas of strategic green space should be identified, particularly for flood protection, but multi-purpose use should be considered.</p> <p>A green buffer zone should automatically be included in any plans for a new development.</p> <p>Option 3 could involve the Local Plan allocating/designating "green infrastructure".</p> <p>Maintaining and improving access to existing open space should be an objective, providing new routes where possible -eg by schemes such as Countryside Stewardship, whereby farmers allow access to their land via designated routes.</p> <p>Specific policies within the new plan should direct toward encouraging land owners towards tree planting, spinney and woodland creation, the replanting of native hedgerows.</p> <p>Local planning authorities should take into account the economic and other benefits of Best and Most Versatile agricultural Land (BMV - Grades 1, 2 and 3a in the Agricultural Land Classification) and the plan should safeguard its long term capability.</p> <p>Development proposals should aim to avoid damage to existing biodiversity features, particularly statutorily designated sites, and to create opportunities for enhancing biodiversity through the delivery of Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) targets.</p> <p>Melton Borough Council may need to carry out a screening assessment under the Conservation of Habitats &amp; Species Regulations 2010 (the Habitat Regulations) to assess the impact of the proposed development within the Local Plan on both Rutland Water and any other Natura 2000 sites that could potentially be affected.</p> <p>The CABE Space Guidance 'Start with the Park' (2005) outlines the importance of planning around green spaces, with consideration being given to the context of local landscape character and contribution to the wider GI network. The provision of new GI should be considered at an early stage to ensure it is deliverable at plan stage.</p> <p>Another useful reference is Town and Country Planning Association publication Planning for a healthy environment - good practice guidance for green infrastructure and biodiversity available at <a href="http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/TCPA_TWT_GI-Biodiversity-Guide.pdf">http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/TCPA_TWT_GI-Biodiversity-Guide.pdf</a></p>
<p>Question 37  <i>How should the Local Plan ensure that local green spaces are protected?</i>  <i>Option 1 – Develop a criteria-based policy approach to development that is applicable to all development sites</i>  <i>Option 2 – Designate specific</i></p>	<p>103</p>	<p>Equal responses to Option 1 &amp; Option 2.</p>

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<p><i>land through the Local Plan, where it accords with the requirements of the NPPF</i></p>		
<p><b>Question 37a</b> <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	<p>51</p>	<p>The intentions of criteria based policies can too easily be frustrated by determined lawyers. A combination of 1 and 2. Use village envelopes and designate open spaces within that envelope never to be built on. A valued area being designated as protected would ensure that the community understands its value.</p>
<p><b>Question 37b</b> <i>Are there any specific pieces of land that you feel should be considered as Local Green Spaces?</i></p>	<p>80</p>	<p>The green space on Nottingham Road proposed adjacent to Kipling Drive. The land next to Tescos which provides a natural break between Melton and Thorpe Arnold. Toft's Hill. Valued by all for its tranquillity, rich flora, and peaceful walks. In Great Dalby the tracts of open land between Burrough End and Nether End is an important characteristic of the village comprising orchard land, paddocks and open grazing. Sandy Lane could be designated a "Quiet Lane"; it is well used by walkers and dog-walkers. It connects with the ancient monuments of Burton Lazars and Burrough Hill. The Village Hall Green in Main Street, Barsby. The paddocks/meadows on Wrights Lane, Nurses Lane, Spring Lane, Polka Walk, Wymondham - grazing animals. The paddock on Old Manor Gardens which provides a setting of St Peter's Church, Wymondham. The green area close to the St Mary's Church, Bottesford. Village Hall in Long Clawson (MCB/028/13) Somerby - New Local Green spaces should be designated including the village green, Manor Farmhouse green, the playground and adjoining fields and the greenfield site off the Burrough Road. Bottesford: Field behind "The Green"/West of Methodist church - Robert's Field (where fireworks events are held) - Small piece of land on corner of Station Road and Rectory Lane - Fields between Station Road and St Mary's Church - Fields South of Daybells Barns and linked to Village Hall - The Square - Several wide grassy footpaths between Albert Street, Riverside Close, Riverside Walk and Pinfold Lane - Gardens to the South of High Street and North of Lime Grove - - Land between Grantham Road and the River Devon, opposite junction with Station Road (near former petrol station) The Green space on Carnegie Crescent next to No 17 and 19, Melton Mowbray. Land east of Melton Road, between Melton Mowbray &amp; Burton Lazars. Land west of Melton Road, between Melton Mowbray &amp; Burton Lazars.</p>



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		<p>Garden of Hoby Village Hall, 32 Main Street LE14 3DT Paddock opposite Manor Farm, 19 Main Street LE14 3DT Orchard of Manor Farm, adjoining Chapel Lane LE14 3DW</p> <p>The field to the south of Easthorpe Lane, Redmile indentified as site MBC/103/13 in the SHLA should be considered as a Local Green Space.</p> <p>Sandy Lane &amp; Gartree Hill area.</p>
<p>Question 38</p> <p><i>How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?</i></p> <p><i>Option 1 – Protect all allotment sites from development</i></p> <p><i>Option 2 – Create a policy which would only allow for development of allotment sites in specific circumstances</i></p>	108	<p>The majority of respondents chose Option 1.</p>
<p>Question 38a</p> <p><i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	56	<p>Allotment land should never be used for residential or business purposes, only for community projects. Alternative allotment land should be provided in these circumstances.</p> <p>200 people waiting so case for protecting them is strong.</p> <p>Old sites may become redundant, new sites may be proposed - a flexible policy would help more than a blanket protection.</p>
<p>Question 39</p> <p><i>Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?</i></p>	101	<p>The majority answered 'Yes'.</p>
<p>Question 39a</p> <p><i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	54	<p>If properties/developments are going to offer smaller plots communities should be offered the opportunity to come together to grow their own.</p> <p>Gardens in new developments are not usually large enough for even small-scale horticulture.</p> <p>Only when the existing allotments are in short supply.</p> <p>Community garden space, which could be on a smaller scale, and more local to new housing developments, rather than the previous municipal allotments</p>

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<p>Question 40 <i>Are you aware of the need for any recreation space at the present time. If so, what type of provision is required and in what location is the deficit?</i></p>	<p>41</p>	<p>There is no play area in Frisby on the Wreake Bottesford has almost no recreation space for families and children to enjoy. I attend Yoga classes in town and there is a marked lack of decent sized rooms for such activities. Wymondham needs 2 tennis courts, cricket pitch and a basketball playing area. A good sailing lake near Melton, replacing Frisby Water Parks, from which Melton Sailing Club was evicted in 2013. Ab Kettleby does not have a children's play area. We are looking for recreational space in Normanton in the Bottesford Parish.</p>
<p>Question 41 <i>Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?</i></p>	<p>106</p>	<p>The majority answered Yes.</p>
<p>Question 41a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response</i></p>	<p>52</p>	<p>Need to plan for the maintenance of equipment. As communities grow it is essential that current recreation facilities are maintained and improved to encourage healthy living. Providing a safe environment for children to exercise and grow rather than being isolated behind games consoles and tv screens.</p>
<p>Question 42 <i>What policy measures should the Local Plan use to ensure that new development meets the challenges of climate change? Please indicate your priorities using numbers (1 being top priority, 2 being second, etc.)</i> <i>-Onsite renewable energy provision</i> <i>-Building orientation to maximise solar gain</i> <i>-Use of natural light/ventilation</i> <i>-Water re-use</i> <i>-Waste recycling</i> <i>-Use of energy efficient building materials</i></p>	<p>103</p>	<p>Generally: On-site renewable energy provision is of low priority (6) Building orientation to maximise solar gain is of high priority (1) Use of natural light/ventilation high priority (2) Water re-use is of medium priority (3) Waste recycling is of high priority (1) Use of energy efficient building materials is of high priority (1)</p>

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<p>Question 42a</p> <p><i>Given the challenges of coping with climate change, are there any other specific measures you consider the Local Plan should include?</i></p>	52	<p>Measures to encourage walking and cycling for short journeys (including to school) and to discourage all but essential car use.</p> <p>Local plan should also encourage the use of Ground Source Heating</p> <p>We should discourage waste in the first place</p> <p>Anticipate issues such as flooding</p> <p>A requirement that all unnecessary street lighting is stopped. People can use torches</p> <p>Buildings should be designed for a future warmer climate, many buildings overheat</p> <p>Triple glazing</p> <p>Development proposals should, where possible, provide a net gain to biodiversity and help improve habitat connectivity within the landscape to ensure natural habitats are more resilient to current and future pressures such as climate change. It should also be noted that natural habitats such as woodland help combat climate change through carbon storage.</p> <p>District heating</p> <p>Inclusion of green and blue SUDS for surface water drainage in the design of the development. Prioritise permeable surfacing with necessary rain water storage beneath and adjacent</p> <p>Tree planting to moderate heat island effects</p>
<p>Question 42b</p> <p><i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	20	<p>The only real way to reduce the impact on climate change is to provide carbon reduction measures on site.</p>
<p>Question 43</p> <p><i>How do you think that the Local Plan should encourage improvements to the energy efficiency of existing buildings?</i></p>	57	<p>Make residents aware of what they can do with their buildings if they are historic</p> <p>Require the latest energy efficiency standards to be implemented as a condition of any change to an existing building.</p> <p>Home improvement grants</p> <p>Through reduced CIL</p> <p>Promote the use of modern insulation within all properties, including wall and roof insulation, double glazed windows to K-glass standards, including triple glazed windows in all new build properties, and a full requirement for all properties to fitted with modern doors</p>

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<p>Question 43a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>There is great potential for agricultural buildings to be fitted with solar panels on roofs Buildings of 100 years ago were very well built and offer the potential to have additional skins placed around them to prevent heat loss. Due to lack of funding should be responsibility of owner</p>
<p>Question 44 <i>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?</i></p>	<p>62</p>	<p>The majority answered yes.</p>
<p>Question 44a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>Only if they are economic, or if they use waste heat from another application such as power stations or industrial plants I have experienced district heating. It was not at all energy efficient in practice. Properties close to the district heating plant were overheated. Those further away were inadequately heated. Yes, particularly if it is associated with either a biomass or ground source systems. The Plan can encourage with good examples of where this has been done. However the Plan should not enforce their provision. The energy produced by way of heat from the Mars factory could heat homes. Biomass boilers have the potential to cause odour pollution depending on fuel quality and weather conditions and may not be appropriate in housing developments. Within the UK, most large scale development sites are not of sufficient density to enable district heating systems to be efficient or viable. There are also legal considerations relating to connection to district heating. Customers (home purchasers or tenants) are required under law to have the freedom of choice from whom they purchase their energy. The Plan does not explain how this will be addressed.</p>
<p>Question 45 <i>How should the Local Plan ensure the development process is undertaken sustainably?</i></p>	<p>43</p>	<p>Encourage the maximum reuse of waste materials. Some consideration should be given to the cost of the disposal of waste. The plan could develop a code for sustainable construction methods. The building inspectors could oversee its implementation on site. Move away from brick construction. Modern bricks are not useful except as rubble when the building becomes obsolete. Recycling of building materials should be undertaken where possible. New house could be built off site and assembled in kit form. A method used in Europe.</p>

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		<p>Waste management plans to be requested as part of approvals, but only on larger developments.</p> <p>Reusing existing materials</p> <p>Better enforcement of existing legislation plus new improved regulation.</p> <p>Only regionally locally based developers/contractors are offered the opportunity to tender. Only locally sourced materials can be used in the construction process.</p>
<p>Question 46</p> <p><i>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?</i></p>	54	<p>The majority of respondents answered No.</p>
<p>Question 46a</p> <p><i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	22	<p>If you are not careful health issues come into play. For example low flush toilets do not necessarily carry waste away on the first flush.</p> <p>This borough could set new, higher standards as the code has already been shown to be outdated.</p> <p>The use of grey or rain water needs better cleaning technology to make it work safely.</p> <p>Policy relating to larger developments would be ok, where economies of scale are available.</p> <p>All houses should be built with water-butts as standard.</p> <p>Seeking higher standards will inevitably affect the viability of housing schemes and the ability to generate affordable housing.</p> <p>The Council should not be approaching standards set by the Code for Sustainable Homes. Following the latest direction from Central Government, paragraph 132 of the Housing Standards Review Technical Consultation states, 'As many of the requirements of the Code for Sustainable Homes will be consolidated into the Building Regulations, the Code will be wound down from the time the statement is made. From the date of the statement, therefore, new plan policies should not refer to the Code.</p> <p>The cost of installing a harvesting system is only slightly more expensive than creating soak away facilities.</p> <p>Tighter level of water efficiency into the Building Regulations, to be set at 110 litres/person/day (lpd). The current level of 125 lpd. The lower level could only be applied in areas with specific local needs (such as water stress). This would be chosen by the local council.</p>
<p>Question 47</p> <p><i>Should the Local Plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential development?</i></p>	86	<p>The majority answered Yes to this question.</p>

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<p>Question 47a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	<p>41</p>	<p>May affect the viability of large scale developments. You could insist that the new Flow boilers (which generate electricity as well as heat) are installed in every new house. There is no reason why the options cannot be displayed/demonstrated in a show home. No subsidies should be offered though to encourage uptake of these options. Such homes may be more expensive in capital cost but can be seen to be cheaper to run offsetting higher mortgage repayments etc. This would be misrepresentative of the development as a whole and could lead to legal claims being pursued against the Company.</p>
<p>Question 48 &amp; 48a <i>How should the take account of and encourage community owned renewable energy schemes?</i> <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	<p>43 &amp; 11</p>	<p>By giving communities the information on how to go about this, what grants they can have etc. Community schemes should be developed on a not-for-profit basis to provide energy within the local community. Community owned projects should be given more leeway than private schemes. Some sort of accolade or prize annual?) to recognise what it has achieved. Houses, schools, hospitals, public buildings, community properties and businesses should be encouraged to install solar panels on rooftops. These would generate energy which could be used free of charge and earn feed-in tariff as well. For community premises, these receipts could be put to community projects.</p>
<p>Question 49 <i>Which renewable technologies do you think are most suitable for large scale proposals in Melton Borough?</i></p>	<p>84</p>	<p>The majority answered in favour of solar.</p>
<p>Question 49a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	<p>57</p>	<p>Farms are ideally suited to have renewables projects and there will be sites appropriate for wind, solar and biomass projects in the Borough. Big wind turbines are a visual blight. Solar farms take up too much space. Biomass might be well located at the Asfordby Business Park. Solar provision can be installed cheaply and effectively on any development without detrimental impact to aesthetics or in creating any negative by products or interference with neighbours. Biomass has odour and transport implications. Biomass takes land from agricultural production. All at present are incapable of development without taxpayer subsidies. There is plenty of scope for small and medium scale renewable energy. But not for large scale projects. I would consider fracking and also nuclear, especially small installations, as a sensible way forward.</p>

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		Holwell Works and Asfordby BP and the Dalby Airfield - possibly be ideal for solar farms.
<p>Question 50  <i>How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?</i>  <i>Option 1 – Use the standard development management policies of the Local Plan</i>  <i>Option 2 – Contain a specific policy which would be applicable to large scale renewable technologies.</i></p>	86	The majority supported Option 2.
<p>Question 50a  <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	53	<p>Having established a specific policy for large scale renewable technologies it would be advisable to develop SPDs (for wind energy in particular) as has been done in neighbouring authorities. A further factor should be safe setback from highways, footpaths and bridleways.</p> <p>A specific policy is long overdue. Piecemeal decision-making on a case by case basis has not delivered satisfactory results, and has incurred significant unnecessary costs when decisions are appealed.</p> <p>While I generally agree with this suggestion, I have concerns about how one defines "large scale". Is that in terms of height or in terms of numbers, in terms of area covered or all?</p> <p>A specific policy should also consider the removal of wind turbines at the end of their useful life.</p>
<p>Question 51  <i>How should the Local Plan use the information from the landscape capacity and sensitivity study? Option 1- Identify suitable areas for renewable and low carbon energy, to secure the development of these energy sources.</i></p>	80	The majority supported Option 2.

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<p><i>Option 2- Produce a criteria based policy to assess renewable energy and low carbon energy proposals, using the findings of the landscape study</i></p>		
<p><b>Question 51a</b> <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	44	<p>The MBC landscape assessment should seek to incorporate the recent Department of Communities and Local Government findings on adverse effects on landscape and heritage sites in and around Somerby with regard to industrial renewable energy developments.</p> <p>The 2014 Landscape Capacity and Sensitivity Study was in respect of wind energy only. It is important that the borough's landscape sensitivity to solar energy is similarly assessed.</p> <p>I do not consider that Option 1 precludes Option 2.</p> <p>It does not follow that an area of low sensitivity would be suitable for consideration of large turbines, which would be visible across the borough and beyond for many miles.</p> <p>Would suggest that an economic analysis of true electricity costs and benefits must be part of this, given that subsidies will be significantly reduced over the time frame of the plan.</p>
<p><b>Question 52</b> <i>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)?</i> <i>Option 1 – No development should be allowed in areas of significant flood risk</i> <i>Option 2 – Some development should be allowed in areas of flood risk, if the benefits outweigh the risk</i> <i>Option 3 – Flood risk should not normally override these other objectives, provided the level flood risk is not dangerous and</i></p>	102	<p>The majority supported Option 1.</p>



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<p><i>meets national guidance on flood risk</i></p>		
<p>Question 52a <i>Please provide any comments to support your response.</i></p>	<p>49</p>	<p>In some circumstances, development in areas affected by flood risk may require some levels of development. In accordance with paragraph 100 of the Framework the MBLP should seek locations of development safely without increasing flood risk elsewhere.</p> <p>The measures taken locally following the Environment Agency's report into the Easter 1998 Floods (Bye &amp; Horner) have proved to be robust.</p> <p>Planning permission should also be required if front gardens/ lawns are paved// tarmaced over.</p> <p>Flood risk may increase as the climate changes and account needs to be taken account of.</p> <p>Provide housing on stilts would allow building on known risk areas.</p> <p>Large scale development should mitigate potential flooding. Affordable housing must take a back seat.</p> <p>There is sufficient available land at low flood risk, therefore there is no need to allocate sites in Flood Zones 2 and 3.</p> <p>Building schemes in these areas must have adequate green surfaces to aid drainage and drain systems must include larger diameter pipework to act as cisterns and limit the effects of high rainfall. Developments bordering waterways must include for part of the land to incorporate a widening of the waterway to act as a flood reservoir. Such areas can be planted with willow, alder etc to further limit erosion and provide good habitat.</p> <p>Recent national flood events have prompted research into flood resilient building techniques. The use of these techniques could release land for building that would otherwise be avoided. (Improving the Flood Performance of New Buildings: CIRIA May 2007)</p>
<p>Question 53 <i>Are there any specific further local flood risk considerations that should be addressed in the new Melton Borough Local Plan?</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Goadby Marwood floods on a regular basis.</p> <p>All developments should adhere to the surface water management hierarchy outlined in Part H of Building Regulations with disposal to a surface water sewer seen as a last resort. Under no circumstances will surface water be permitted to discharge to the public foul sewerage network.</p> <p>Bottesford - With reference to page 21 of the booklet - "Responses" - all 4 groups emphasised the flood risk of building on recognised flood plains - reference to Bottesford map. This is particularly relevant to Bottesford because the flood of July 2001 was severe and up to 60 homes in Albert Street/Market Street/Belvoir Road/High Street had extensive flood damage resulting in expensive repair costs with some householders vacating property for many months.</p> <p>Water run-off particularly on sites with clay soils e.g. the site to the south of Easthorpe Lane, Redmile (site ref. MBC/103/13 in SHLA). The site is often water-logged and flooding has extended onto Easthorpe Lane.</p>

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Question 54 <i>What do you think the priorities are for new infrastructure in Melton Borough?</i>	118  (23 responses to other)	69% Ranked Transport as the top infrastructure priority.  29% ranked health and emergency services as the top infrastructure priority.  Response to other included broadband, communications-including mobile signal, affordable housing, jobs and car parking.
Question 54a <i>Are you aware of any specific challenges or opportunities in your community that we have not identified?</i>	55	Other specific challenges: safer cycle routes, broadband provision, public transport, protection of open space, police presents, rural traffic speeds and communications-including mobile signal.
Question 55 <i>Do you consider these are the main transport issues for the Borough, can you suggest any alternatives or additions?</i>	83	The majority agreed these are the main transport issues for the Borough. Another 40% listed additional reasons, but these tended to relate to congestion and wider connectivity. 18% specifically referenced a by-pass within their responses.
Question 55a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i>	25	Comments centred around the need for a by-pass and the implications of not providing one on congestion and pollution within the Town. Improved public transport was also referenced several times, but mainly in relation to the villages. Junction improvements were also listed.
Question 56 <i>What do you think are the best ways of reducing traffic growth?</i>	83	Best ways of reducing traffic growth: improving cycle ways, concentrating development together - both housing and employment, improving public transport, by-pass and better communications to reduce the need to travel at all – through broadband connectivity, park and ride, congestion charge.
Question 57 <i>What do you think are the best ways of minimising the impacts of traffic growth in Melton Mowbray?</i>	80	Best ways to minimise the impacts of traffic growth: by-pass or ring road will lead to improved connectivity. Also improve public transport to reduce car travel. Consider park and ride or out of town parking to reduce town centre congestion. Housing provision spread across the rural areas would reduce town centre congestion.

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Question 57a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i>	25	Plan needs to be infrastructure lead; provision of a by-pass should be at the fore-front of any housing development. Future developments should fund a by-pass. However, financial constraints mean it will have to be provided in sections.
Question 58 <i>What do you think are the main educational requirements for the Borough?</i>	53	More primary school provision in the town. If the South is developed a new secondary school is required to reduce commuting across town for school trips. Higher education facilities needed. Private school provision needed. Maintain high standards in all schooling. Prevent existing school sites from becoming over-developed, ensure they have room to grow. Keep class sizes small and manageable. Ensure adequate educational facilities for all schools.
Question 58a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i>	10	Attract talent teachers to the area. Ensure places for local children in local schools – catchment areas. Location primary and secondary schools on the same sites to reduce commuting and share facilities and costs.
Question 59 <i>What do you think are the main healthcare requirements for the Borough?</i>	62	A&E provision in Melton, increase scope of current hospital provision. Minor injury unit is good, should be maintained. Greater choice of GP practices. Drop in centres should be accessible to all. GP practices and health care facilities should be available throughout the Borough. Relocate Latham House to Melton Hospital site. Maintain St Marys Hospital site. Reinstate and maintain ambulance station/service to Melton.
Question 59a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i>	19	Any A&E provision is currently too far away. Minor surgeries also sent away to neighbouring hospitals causing delays and increased travel. Greater provision needed in order to tackle an aging population.
Question 60 <i>Do you support the above factors to feed into the Local Plan design policy approach?</i>	100	Do you support the above factors feeding into a Local Plan policy on design? The majority agreed with the factors.
Question 60a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i>	37	Ensure there aren't too many criteria and the development industry responds to them. Take a stronger approach to design, prevent developments such as Sainsbury's happening again. Increased provision of cycle and walk ways. Encourage community involvement in design standards. Maintain rural character of area through improved design. Reduce light pollution.

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<p>Question 61 <i>What policy approach should the Local Plan take to achieving a high quality design in the Borough?</i>  <i>Option A – Set out an overarching design policy for the whole Borough Option B- Set specific design criteria for specific locations Option C- Allow local communities to develop design guidance for their villages? Option D - A combination of options A, B or C.</i></p>	115	<p>What policy approach should be taken to achieving high quality design in the Borough?  A slight majority preferred the combined approach of Option 4, closely followed by Option 3.</p>
<p>Question 61a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	55	<p>Involve the local community in this policy – then people will feel more included in new development. Use local materials and ensure new development is in keeping with existing style and design. Respect each village’s individual identity. Design criteria’s must be followed to be effective. Options should be available to both town and villages-why is option 3 villages only? Policy should allow for flexibility.</p>
<p>Question 62 <i>How should the Local Plan ensure the development process is undertaken sustainably?</i></p>	0	<p>No comments.</p>
<p>Question 63 <i>How should the Local Plan address gateways and through routes of Melton Mowbray? Option A – Include a specific policy which deals with gateways and through routes to Melton Mowbray Town Centre Option B – Deal with gateways and through routes to Melton Mowbray Town Centre in an overarching design policy covering all types of developments?</i></p>	69	<p>Slight majority preferred Option 1 – 55%</p>

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Question 63a <i>Please provide any comments or suggestions to support your response</i>	21	Gateway developments need to be considered at the point of site allocation. Thorpe End needs a gateway. Sainsbury's is not a gateway. Don't bother with this policy just build a by-pass. Each gateway to the town requires an individual approach.
Question 64 <i>Should the Local Plan include a policy on public realm?</i>	83	Majority answered Yes – Local Plan should include a policy on Public realm.
Question 64a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response.</i>	28	Ensure community involvement in this. Maintain Melton's vibrancy and identity through this. Local Plan shouldn't try and control everything. This could be used on existing unsightly developments – Snow Hill, Thorpe Rd. Focus on more important issues like the environment.
Question 65 <i>Should the Borough Council adopt the BREEAM standards for non-residential developments, as part of the new Melton Borough Local Plan?</i> <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response.</i>	71  Additional Comments: 25	Majority who answered the question said Yes, BREEAM standards should be adopted for non-residential developments. 80% of respondents. How would these be enforced? Better to wait for National standards. Don't restrict the development of employment sites too much. Apply standards to all developments. Ensure developments are still viable. Policy should be advisory not mandatory.
Question 65a&b <i>65a) Generally, should the Borough seek to adopt local sustainable design standards over above national regulations.</i> <i>65b) Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response.</i>	a) 79 b) 2	a) Majority of respondents answered Yes . b) Utilise this for flag-ship developments only and use it to improve Melton's appeal to tourist.

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<p>Question 66 <i>Should the Melton Borough Local Plan, promote outstanding innovative design?</i></p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Majority of respondents answered yes – 61%</p>
<p>Question 67 <i>Should the Local Plan require a proportion of new development to meet the lifetime homes standard?</i></p>	<p>77</p>	<p>Majority answered Yes to incorporating Lifetime Homes Standards – 76% of 77 respondents.</p>
<p>Question 67a <i>If yes what proportion do you think is appropriate?</i></p>	<p>45</p>	<p>If yes, what proportion of development is appropriate to being provided at Lifetime Homes Standards Range from 5% through to 100% - although consensus was on what's needed locally Ensure development is still viable and don't burden it too heavily. Assess on a site by site basis.</p>
<p>Question 68 <i>How should village envelopes be taken forward through the Local Plan?</i> <i>Option A- To review all the existing village envelopes and adjust them through the Local Plan process. Option B-Have defined envelopes for specific villages as a tool to limit development and have the criteria based approach in villages where development would be encouraged in accordance with the spatial strategy for the Borough. Option C- to not have defined town or village envelopes, and have a detailed policy setting out criteria for use.</i></p>	<p>119</p>	<p>Slight majority of respondents selected Option 2, closely followed by Option 1 and Option 3</p>

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<p>Question 68a <i>Is the criteria set out in Q68 the correct criteria to form the basis for a criteria based policy approach in place of village envelopes? Can you suggest any additional or alternative criteria?</i></p>	116	<p>Additional or alternative criteria: Town envelope? Ensure development is in keeping with surroundings. Consultation with local residents key to a good policy approach, consistency and enforcement paramount.</p>
<p>Question 69 <i>Are these areas still important (areas of separation) to require protection through policy?</i></p>	87	<p>Majority of respondents answered Yes.</p>
<p>Question 69a <i>Are there any other important areas (of separation) that need protecting, please state and provide your reasoning?</i></p>	37	<p>Additional areas that need protecting: Bottesford and Normanton, Scalford and Melton, Melton and Great Dalby, Nottingham Rd and Entrance to Town, Melton and Asfordby Hill, Melton and Kirby Bellars, Asfordby and Frisby, Long Clawson and Hose, Eye Kettleby and Melton South, Melton Country Park.</p>
<p>Question 70 <i>Melton Borough Council have a number of protected open areas should these be reviewed as part of the preparation of the new Melton Borough Local Plan?</i></p>	80	<p>Majority of respondents answered Yes to reviewing the protected open areas – 44%</p>
<p>Question 70a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response.</i></p>	28	<p>Preserve and protect green space. Protected open areas should remain protected, important to the preservation of the character of an area. Maintains rural identity through open green spaces. Some designations don't seem reasonable these could be reviewed. Don't just carry over the old policy approach –review them. Review in consultation with parish councils and local residents. Many POA's have historic significance.</p>
<p>Question 71 <i>How should the Local Plan ensure that the open space needs of new developments are adequately met</i></p>	51	<p>Incorporate provision into planning application requirements. Protect existing from development. Lower housing density. Prevent garden grabbing. Allocations for open space.</p>

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<p>Question 71a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response.</i></p>	6	<p>Open space should be incorporated throughout a development, not just an allocated patch of land but in the entire design.</p>
<p>Question 72</p>	115	<p>Majority of respondents selected Option 2 – site by site basis.</p>
<p>Question 72a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	62	<p>Housing density should be decided in the context of the surrounding developments density. There should not be a policy requirement as there is not national requirement for one. Allow flexibility and judge each site on its merits. Reflect character and historic setting of an area in the context of housing density.</p>
<p>Question 73  <i>How should the new Melton Borough Local Plan consider Heritage Assets?</i>  <i>Option A- Individual policies addressing historic landscapes, archaeological sites, listed Buildings and their settings and conservation areas.</i>  <i>Option B- A single policy regarding the protection of all heritage assets and to retain Conservation Areas.</i>  <i>Option C – Continue to rely on the detail contained with the NPPF and National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG).</i></p>	107	<p>Majority of respondents selected Option 2.</p>



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<p>Question 73a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	69	<p>Recognise important historic context and preserve it. Allow flexibility. Current approach seems to work well. Extend conservation area in Somerby.</p>
<p>Question 74 <i>How should the Council ensure that local distinctiveness is reinforced?</i>  <i>Option A- by providing specific design guidance for sites and localities, avoiding standard solutions to site development.</i>  <i>Option B- In areas with little local distinctiveness, by raising the quality of design through innovative and high quality design approaches and, where appropriate, the provision of specific development guidelines?</i></p>	94	<p>Majority of respondents selected Option 1.</p>
<p>Question 74a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	48	<p>Combined approach that acknowledges local distinctiveness and builds upon it. Avoid template developments. Involve the local community in this.</p>
<p>Question 75 <i>When determining planning applications at present we rely on the NPPF. Should the Local Plan include a policy to control the display of advertisements in terms of visual amenity, scale and public safety?</i></p>	55	<p>Majority answered Yes</p>
<p>Question 75a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	24	<p>NPPF not enough for rural areas protection, needs expanding on with local plan policy. Control and enforcement needs to be increased. Ensure signs are appropriate for the local area.</p>

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<p>Question 76 <i>Based on Figure 12 do you feel the Town Centre Boundary and Shopping Frontages are correct?</i></p>	60	Slight majority yes
<p>Question 76a <i>Do these needs to change over the next 15-years?</i></p>	41	Town centre will change and expand over the next 15 years so this needs appropriate consideration, consider Melton’s heritage in this context and apply to shop fronts.
<p>Question 77 <i>How should the Local Plan ensure a range of appropriate uses are provided for in the Town Centre to ensure its offer, viability and vitality is maintained? Option A - Include a policy or policies which within the Town Centre restricts any continuous frontages (primary or secondary) to specific uses and concentrations of single uses Option B – Adopt a more flexible approach considering each proposal on its merits and its ability to add to the offer, vitality and viability of the Town Centre?</i></p>	63	Majority of respondents selected Option 2 – 84%
<p>Question 77a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	23	Encourage innovation and promote the town centre becoming something more. Reduce charity shops and café. Respond to changing retail habits. Flexible approach is key are retail is constantly changing.

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<p>Question 78 <i>To allow us to continue with the restoration and improvements of shop fronts, should the Local Plan include a specific policy on shop fronts?</i></p>	<p>54</p>	<p>Majority Yes</p>
<p>Question 79 <i>How should the Local Plan deal with proposals for equestrian related development in the rural area?</i> <i>Option A- by relying on general policies that cover development in rural areas?</i> <i>Option B- a specific policy to cover the development of all stables and equestrian activity? For example planning permission will be granted for the use of existing farm buildings and erection of new buildings within existing groups of farm buildings outside of the built form of the towns and villages.</i> <i>-Provided that the development would have no adverse effect on the form, character and appearance of the building or the rural character of the locality.</i> <i>-The development would not cause loss of amenities through unacceptable noise, smell or other forms of pollution.</i> <i>-There would be no adverse effect on residential amenities</i></p>	<p>84</p>	<p>Majority of respondents selected Option 2 – 78%</p>

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<p>Question 79a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	25	<p>Have a policy but ensure it is flexible and supports rural business development. Why is equestrian development promoted over and above other business development? Equestrian uses are an important part of Melton’s history and rural economy and should be supported. Ensure any development is controlled to prevent extensive and inappropriate development in the Countryside.</p>
<p>Question 80 <i>Should the Local Plan include a specific policy to deal with Agricultural Workers Dwellings?</i></p>	80	<p>Majority of respondents answered Yes – 88%</p>
<p>Question 80a <i>Factors to be considered when assessing the need for agricultural workers dwellings in the countryside.</i></p>	4	<p>Are these the right factors, can alternative be suggested: Majority answered these factors are correct. Proof of need is paramount. Dwellings should be agricultural in perpetuity and not sold on the open market ever.</p>
<p>Question 80b <i>Are these factors the rights ones, can you suggest any alternatives or additions?</i></p> <p><i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	9	<p>This policy should not be abused and homes allowed in the open countryside. Existing policy has worked well but should also relate to other rural businesses, equestrian, hotels, etc.</p>
<p>Question 81 <i>How do you think the Local Plan should provide for self-build?</i></p>	54	<p>Range of comments from encouragement through a policy approach, to incorporation in a design policy. Local Plan should accommodate a list of self-build design policies and approaches but being flexible to encourage uptake.</p>
<p>Question 81a <i>Please provide any comments you feel necessary to support your response</i></p>	13	<p>Self-build should be encourage. Where is the evidence of demand in Melton Borough. Individual plots should be more readily available and used to encourage innovative design and eco-technologies.</p>
<p>Question 82 <i>Do you agree with the approach proposed for refining site options down to preferred options?</i></p>	91	<p>Majority of respondents answered yes to a preferred options approach – 84%</p>

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<p>Question 82a <i>If no please state why.</i></p>	24	<p>Ensure that the local community s involved in the preferred options approach.</p>
<p>Question 83 <i>Do you have any specific comments to make about either the sustainability or deliverability of any specific housing or employment sites identified on the maps set out above? In your response please state the site reference number or name as identified on the maps and your interest e.g. local resident, landowner You may wish to make reference to any site specific opportunities or constraint that you are aware of, and you may wish to provide evidence to support your response.</i></p>	118	<p>Comments in this section reflected concerns on potential development sites listed in Maps 1-7.</p> <p>Concerns centred on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The existing designations on those sites– i.e. protected open areas</li> <li>-Provision of services in these locations – schools, highway infrastructure</li> <li>-Amount of development suggested</li> <li>-Historic character and nature of the area being lost to over development</li> <li>-Village envelopes being breached.</li> </ul> <p>Some comments mentioned development in the green belt as inappropriate, however, there aren't any green belts in Melton Borough.</p> <p>Additional sites were put forward in this question, however these have been picked up through the call for sites for the 2015 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.</p>