



REVIEW

OF MELTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

**CORE STRATEGY PREPARATION
AND INSPECTION**

THE JOURNEY

- REVIEW OF FORMER MELTON LOCAL PLAN COMMENCED JAN 2003
- EARLY WORK THROUGH DISCUSSION PAPERS
- RURAL/URBAN HOUSING SPLIT CONSULTATION (CORE STRATEGY ISSUES AND OPTIONS) JUNE 2006
- PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION JAN-MAR 2008
- MAY 2008 FIRE: RECONSTITUTED EVIDENCE BASE
- APRIL-NOV 2009 DIRECTION OF GROWTH APPROVAL
- MASTERPLANNING/TOWARDS SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS 2009/2010
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THE LEARNING (1)

TIMESCALES

- The Council should use the most up to date current evidence and be flexible in terms of refreshing and revisiting its decisions and
- Must be consistently aware of the “bigger picture” in relation to its overall aims for the MLP.
- To maintain pace a Programme Plan should be in place. This needs to be introduced and followed, but in a flexible context.
- Work must be comprehensive enough to cover all bases so that it is ready to be used should opportunities arise.

TELL THE STORY

- The Council should tell its story illustrating why decisions have been made and what is the evidence base and how the decision links to this.
- The “story” should be openly published with the relevant evidence in understandable format once the decision is made.

THE LEARNING (2)



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HOUSING NUMBERS

- The need to be flexible in approach to Housing Requirements and need and in the initial stages of preparation to ensure that all evidence relating to known or potential changes is taken into account and is part of the process.
- “indicative detail” should be considered as this may give more flexibility to meet community need.
- Keep the evidence base in line with a proper and defensible Plan Period.

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

- A contemporaneous record of the justified and evidenced based reasoning of the Council in making particular decisions should be made.
- When requesting consultants to carry out work for the Council, a quality check on the final product by relevant professionals should be carried out.

HIGHWAYS

- The time taken to complete the CS resulted in the use of three traffic models.
- The story of the CS decision its links to the highways benefits to be fully and adequately explained.

THE LEARNING (3)



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CAPACITY AND OFFICER APPROACH

- A programme of continuous development is undertaken for relevant officers.
- Horizon scanning and understanding of current inspection approaches and requirements is regularly carried out.
- Close oversight be given to engagement with groups, organisations and specific individuals to ensure the Council's approach is appropriate and respectful.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- There should be broad community/stakeholder engagement based on developing information sources, awareness and knowledge.
- Greater PR should be undertaken throughout the process but particularly at major decision points.
- Support should be given to the democratic role of Members to engage with their communities.

THE NEXT STEPS

- RESOURCES: Synergies created in current environment.
- Plan Approach Four Years current estimate to prepare.
- Community Direction Consultation.
- Housing Requirements: Awareness.
- Formalise Arrangements with other bodies.
- Community Engagement – Information, Training, Support Communications Plan.
- Plan Story: Prepared throughout.