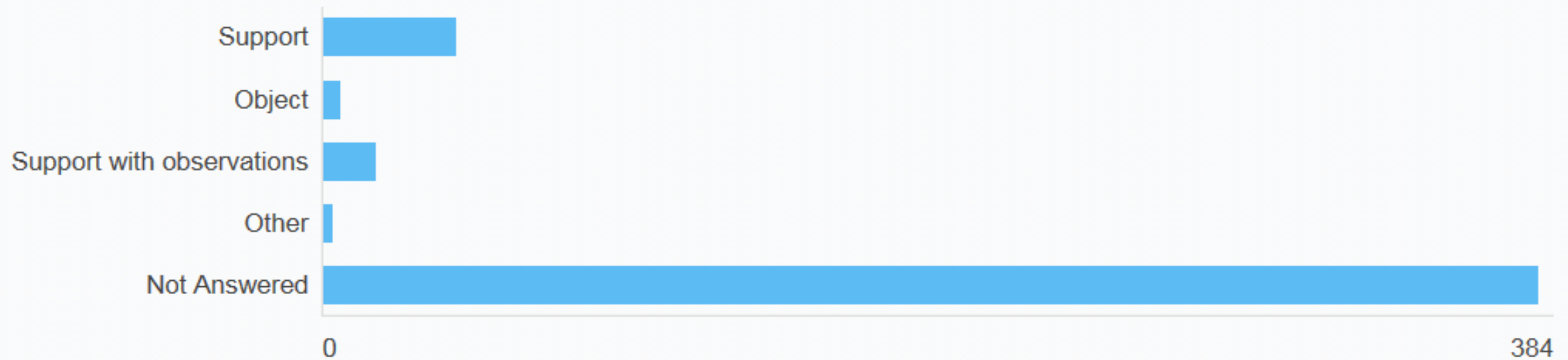


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Option	Total	Percent of All
Support	<u>42</u>	9.333%
Object	<u>5</u>	1.111%
Support with observations	<u>16</u>	3.556%
Other	<u>3</u>	0.6667%
Not Answered	384	85.33%

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Robert Ian Lockey	ANON-BHRP-4H3G-2	Again it is too vague. Exactly what do the council propose to do?	The Council will use Policy EN3: The Melton Green Infrastructure Network, in the determination of all future planning applications.	
Mr John Brown	ANON-BHRP-4H4Z-P	All applications should be assessed on a case by case basis. There are a lot more places in the Borough which are just as environmentally important as those listed above.	Policy EN3 supports proposals which retain green infrastructure other than the primary green infrastructure areas identified in Paragraph 1.	
Broughton and Dalby Parish Council	ANON-BHRP-4H4T-G	I do not know what a bap habitat is? If this is jargon please explain.	Noted. BAP = “Biodiversity Action Plan” UK Biodiversity Action Plans are no longer in existence. UK BAP species have been replaced by the UK Priority Habitat Species List.	Policy amended to: Local and UK Biodiversity Action Plan Habitats and those supporting local and UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority species <u>and those in the UK Priority Habitat Species List.</u>
Lesley Judith Twigg	ANON-BHRP-4HEH-N	I guess I don’t know what you mean? You are not suggesting development of these beauty spots?	The policy is promoting enhancement of the green infrastructure assets in paragraph 1.	
Mark Colin Marlow	ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q	Good	Noted.	
Stephen Denman	ANON-BHRP-4HEU-2	In the Melton Country Park area access to (A) above should not be to the detriment of existing hedgerows, paths etc..	Noted. Paragraph 2 of Policy EN3 requires new proposals to retain hedgerows.	
Susan Love	ANON-BHRP-4HZP-J	Tree planting is especially necessary in Bottesford where there is a shortage of mature trees.	Noted. Policy EN3 E) requires that all new development sites should provide biodiversity opportunities including the provision of tree planting.	
Emily Aron	ANON-BHRP-4HMN-3	The policy reads "New development proposals will be supported where they retain important green infrastructure elements such as:...." I would think that retain AND ENHANCE would be more aspirational. I think it is good to have the emphasis, as you have, on avoidance on adverse impacts by alternative scheme design before mitigation is considered. Should this also ask for consideration of alternative sites for development as well as alternative design?	Noted.	Policy amended as follows: “New development proposals will be supported where they retain <u>and enhance</u> important green infrastructure elements...” “Where new development has an adverse impact on green infrastructure corridors or assets, alternative <u>sites and</u> scheme designs that have no or little impact.....”

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Elizabeth Anne Taylor	ANON-BHRP-4HMD-S	Vital that all these areas are protected for future generations with the relaxed development laws.	Noted.	
Moirra Hart	ANON-BHRP-4HU7-M	Long Clawson is sandwiched between the ecologically and landscape sensitive areas of the Wolds Escarpment and the Grantham Canal. It is ecologically important with heritage landscape especially at the Old Mill, Mill Lane and Old Manor House and its pond. To protect this landscape and environment, large-scale development should not be permitted. Long Clawson should NOT be considered as a Primary Rural Service Centre.	The settlement hierarchy and spatial distribution of housing to the villages is being reviewed and changes made will be incorporated into the Publication Version of Plan in Autumn 2016.	
CHRISTINE LARSON	ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J	<p>I support MBC identifying the green areas of special landscape or environmental interest. The Vale of Belvoir villages are uniquely situated between both the Wolds escarpment and the Grantham Canal. This area is both ecologically important for its great crested newt population as well as for the landscape and heritage. Whilst the southern slopes of the escarpment are clay, sloping and rated as less than perfect land for arable, these slopes are ideal for beef and dairy grazing and the area is a reflection of how a landscape can tell the history of it’s food production - cheese and pork pies (pigs being fed whey). These slopes should not be built on or spoilt, but protected for their heritage, farming and flood alleviation benefits. Within the parish we have 31 listed buildings and a history going back to before the Romans. To ensure the protection of this landscape, heritage and ecology, all development must be small and organic, in keeping with the 'midlands village style and architecture'. The Vale should be part of the Borough's Tourism strategy - offering some of the best walks and views in the country as well as excellent horse riding and cycling, and possibly boating if the canal is opened up. The wolds escarpment and Vale should be protected from wind turbine development. Last year on Appeal the Inspector rejected an application to erect a 79M turbine on top of the wolds ridge - supported by MBC. The Inspector wrote “In the absence of a specific development plan policy relating to renewable energy it is unsurprising that the proposal would conflict with a general development management policy. Nevertheless, I have also found that the proposal would conflict with LP policy C2. Whilst conflict with the development plan and harm to the setting of a listed building are capable of being outweighed by the benefits of a proposal, given the extent of the harm that I have identified to the character and appearance of the area and to the setting of the listed windmill, the benefits of the appeal scheme are insufficient to outweigh the totality of the harm. In this instance, notwithstanding the provisions of the above noted ‘other documents’, the adverse impacts of the scheme significantly and</p>	<p>It is not appropriate for Policy EN3 to identify the entire Vale of Belvoir and its escarpment as a primary green infrastructure asset.</p> <p>Policy EN10: Energy Generation from Renewable Sources identifies areas which are suitable for wind energy development. LCU2: Belvoir Scarp is not identified as being suitable for wind energy development</p>	

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		demonstrably outweigh the benefits. This in turn leads me to find that the proposal would fail to satisfy the environmental dimension to sustainable development. It would conflict with the provisions of the Framework when read as a whole and the provisions of the 2015 WMS”. I hope we will respect the assets that we have been blessed with that make our landscape unique and tranquil so that others can share it and it is kept for future generations.		
Colin Love	ANON-BHRP-4HBR-V	Bats not baps	BAPs refer to Biodiversity Action Plans.	Policy amended to “Biodiversity Action Plan”.
Anthony Edward Maher	ANON-BHRP-4HUS-G	Maintain the Country Park with open access to the countryside with sustainable wildlife corridors and building sympathetic to the landscape.	Policy SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood requires a protection zone between Melton Country Park and any future development. It also requires the provision of new wildlife corridors specifically at Melton Country Park.	
John William Coleman	ANON-BHRP-4H6C-1	In the list of green corridors and assets above, C should include 'horse riding' in addition to walking and cycling, reflecting the importance of the equestrian economy and activities in the borough. It is also important from a health and safety viewpoint to maximise the opportunities for off-road riding by enhancing and extending the network of bridleways and other off-road riding routes.	Noted.	Policy amended: “C) provide high quality <u>bridleways</u> , walking and cycling links...”
Sport England	ANON-BHRP-4HGE-M	Again a generic policy relating to formal sports (B) with no reference to the PPS?	Noted.	Policy amended: “New development proposals will be supported where they retain important green infrastructure elements such as: Existing public green space including sports pitches, <u>in accordance with the Playing Pitch Strategy</u> , allotments and designated Local Green Space..” “B) physical activity and well-being opportunities for local residents such as formal sports <u>in accordance with the Playing Pitch Strategy</u> , parks and”
Mary Anne Donovan	ANON-BHRP-4HUR-F	This policy makes no reference to historic parkland and its setting, it is town orientated, shows little knowledge of well-established rural green infrastructure so that it can be preserved. With a 50/50 split in population this policy has insufficient weight for rural residents and lack of information.	Noted.	Policy amended: “New development proposals will be supported where they retain and enhance important green infrastructure elements such as: <u>Historic parkland.</u> ”
Margaret Jean Bowen	ANON-BHRP-4HHV-6	Subject to numbers of cyclists being controlled to a greater degree than at present.	Noted.	

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Natural England	BHLF-BHRP-4HA7-Z	We strongly welcome this section and its content. We welcome Policy EN3 – The Melton Green Infrastructure Network	Noted.	
Policy EN3: What changes would you like to see made to this policy?				
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Robert Ian Lockey	ANON-BHRP-4H3G-2	Detailed budgeted plans and proposals.	The Infrastructure Delivery Schedule to accompany the Publication Plan will contain the detailed costings and finance for Green Infrastructure.	
Emily Aron	ANON-BHRP-4HMN-3	As comments above - request enhancement of GI assets/elements as well as retention. Also need consideration of alternative less damaging sites as well as less damaging design before considering implementing mitigation measures.	Noted.	Policy amended as follows: “New development proposals will be supported where they retain and <u>enhance</u> important green infrastructure elements...” “Where new development has an adverse impact on green infrastructure corridors or assets, alternative <u>sites and</u> scheme designs that have no or little impact.....”
Environment Agency	ANON-BHRP-4HFU-3	We fully support the wording of this policy but would advise the following wording is applied - New development proposals will be supported where they retain important green infrastructure elements such as: • Watercourses (including ditches) and their riparian zones with buffers(free from development or formal landscaping) extending to a minimum of 8 metres from the top of bank (on both banks) of any given watercourse.	Noted.	Policy amended as per request: New development proposals will be supported where they retain important green infrastructure elements such as: • <u>Watercourses (including ditches) and their riparian zones with buffers(free from development or formal landscaping) extending to a minimum of 8 metres from the top of bank (on both banks) of any given watercourse.</u>
CHRISTINE LARSON	ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J	There should be a clear specific policy and development plan policy relating to renewable energy that protects the green infrastructure network, landscapes and heritage.	Policy EN10: Energy Generation from Renewable Sources, seeks to manage wind energy development in the Borough. The policy requires that cumulative effects and other criteria including landscape, townscape and heritage assets, designated nature conservation interests and high grade agricultural land are taken into account.	
Susan Herlihy	ANON-BHRP-4HE3-Z	Needs to be far more specific so developers can't find loopholes.	It is considered that Policy EN3 is specific in that it identifies specific criteria that new development proposals will need to meet in order to be supported.	
Deborah Caroline Adams	ANON-BHRP-4H38-K	More emphasis on ensuring that where the harm done outweighs the need for the development, the development is refused.	Policy EN3 seeks to reduce potential harm caused by new development by seeking alternative designs and mitigation.	
Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood	ANON-BHRP-4HUB-Y	There is a relative shortage of trees in Bottesford – they are attractive, useful as screens, improve air quality and help to slow	Policy EN3 E) requires that all new development sites should provide biodiversity opportunities including the provision of	

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Plan Steering Group		water run-off which is important in an area with underlying clay. A survey carried out by the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group found that 98% of respondents agreed that pathways in the parish should be protected.	tree planting.	
Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP-4HZC-5	There is a relative shortage of trees in Bottesford – they are attractive, useful as screens, improve air quality and help to slow water run-off which is important in an area with underlying clay and flooding risk. A survey carried out by the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group found that 98% of respondents agreed that pathways in the parish should be protected.	E) requires that all new development sites should provide biodiversity opportunities including the provision of tree planting.	
Bottesford Parish Council	ANON-BHRP-4H1W-G	There is a relative shortage of trees in Bottesford – they are attractive, useful as screens, improve air quality and help to slow water run-off which is important in an area with underlying clay. A survey carried out by the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group found that 98% of respondents agreed that pathways in the parish should be protected.	E) requires that all new development sites should provide biodiversity opportunities including the provision of tree planting.	
Sport England	ANON-BHRP-4HGE-M	Informed policy regarding the provision of formal outdoor sports as evidenced by the PPS.	Noted.	Policy amended: “New development proposals will be supported where they retain important green infrastructure elements such as: Existing public green space including sports pitches, <u>in accordance with the Playing Pitch Strategy</u> , allotments and designated Local Green Space..” “B) physical activity and well-being opportunities for local residents such as formal sports <u>in accordance with the Playing Pitch Strategy</u> , parks and”
Mary Anne Donovan	ANON-BHRP-4HUR-F	Redo to include policies for rural green infrastructure.	Policy EN3: The Melton Green Infrastructure Network refers to the entire Melton Borough, which includes rural infrastructure.	