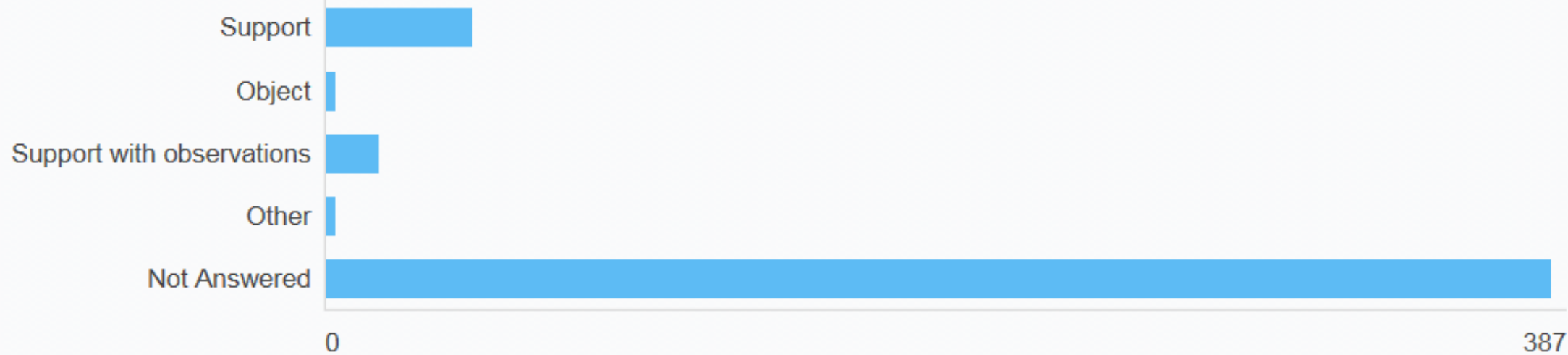


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Option	Total	Percent of All
Support	<u>46</u>	10.11%
Object	<u>3</u>	0.6593%
Support with observations	<u>16</u>	3.516%
Other	<u>3</u>	0.6593%
Not Answered	387	85.05%

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Angus Smith	ANON-BHRP-4HZK-D	I have insufficient personal knowledge to comment adversely on the above - and in principle the ethos feels correct	Noted	
Mr John Brown	ANON-BHRP-4H4Z-P	More allotments, nature reserves and play areas are required throughout the Borough.	Policy EN7 seeks the provision of these through developer contributions.	
Lesley Judith Twigg	ANON-BHRP-4HEH-N	Getting the green space etc is good but not go for building just in order to get it. But if building anyway then great idea	The Borough’s housing requirement provides the evidence for development, not the desire for more open space.	
Mr Herbert Daybell	ANON-BHRP-4HEA-E	It should be detailed how the contributions will be calculated. Question whether a 10 units limit is representative.	The Open Space Standards Paper provides a methodology for the calculation of contributions.	
Mark Colin Marlow	ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q	I hate football	Noted	
Dr Jerzy A Schmidt	ANON-BHRP-4H4P-C	Why only larger developments to contribute. Listing the trigger number as 10 will (a) encourage smaller developers to limit their development to 9 or less to avoid a contribution and (b) not get any contribution from developments in rural settlements where the policy is for small scale developments only! Especially where rural settlements often lack facilities anyway!	Viability is an issue for small developments, but this policy will be viability tested as part of Whole Plan Viability.	
Susan Love	ANON-BHRP-4HZP-J	The Rectory Farm site in Bottesford could include a linear park along the bank of the Devon.	Noted	
Mark Jopling	ANON-BHRP-4HUZ-Q	No playing fields to be lost, indeed some land should be donated as playing fields as part of development plans. Need to encourage community sport in the villages.	Policy EN7 protects playing fields identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy and sets out the requirement for new football pitches as part of new development.	
CHRISTINE LARSON	ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J	I support the overall policy but why list specific projects now? Surely MBC will work with Parishes to deliver amenity benefits including sports, open space and recreation identified in the Neighbourhood Plans currently being developed?	The specific projects identified have been identified as a result of evidence in the Melton Open Space Assessment 2014.	
Deborah Caroline Adams	ANON-BHRP-4H38-K	The figures are too precise and so sound inflexible. There should be more flexibility. New allotments should be made available for existing residents as well as newcomers. The Melton Mowbray Country Park should not have any housing built along its northern edge otherwise it will cease to be a Country Park. A southern equivalent of the Country Park should be built in the south of Melton.	The Open Space Standards Paper provides a methodology for the calculation of contributions. Policy SS5 requires that a masterplan is produced which identifies green infrastructure, green space and important strategic green gaps. In addition the policy requires a protection zone around the Country Park. The Biodiversity and Geo-diversity Study identifies wildlife corridors which should be protected which run between the park and the	

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			open countryside to the north. It is envisaged that the County Park will retain links to the wider countryside.	
Anthony Paphiti	ANON-BHRP-4HBV-Z	Should be linked to development of cycling as a sport, coupled with the provision of cycling tourism and a safe cycling network. The area has huge potential for development.	Cycling is dealt with in Policy EN3.	
Clair Ingham	ANON-BHRP-4HMZ-F	It is important to have these facilities in developments	Noted.	
Melanie Steadman	ANON-BHRP-4HFE-K	I think the provision of allotment spaces should be increased throughout the borough. Modern housing developments do not provide large gardens anymore and space for growing produce is not considered. Is there any room at the Asfordby Pit site for recreation facilities as they all seem to be south of Melton?	Noted. The Asfordby Pit site is not identified in the Open Space, Sports and Recreation studies.	
JOHN RUST	ANON-BHRP-4HUV-K	I support the overall policy but why list specific projects now? Surely MBC will work with Parishes to deliver amenity benefits including sports, open space and recreation identified in the Neighbourhood Plans currently being developed? The current list looks exclusive.	The specific projects identified have been identified as a result of evidence in the Melton Open Space Assessment 2014. The list is not exclusive and Neighbourhood Plan can identify further open space and facilities.	
Sharon Gustard	ANON-BHRP-4H6K-9	What happened to the 2.0ha of parkland which was going to be found in Bottesford. The land at Rectory Farm would be a fantastic solution for this and could be created into open and wooded areas along the banks of the River Devon. Planting trees along river banks has been identified as a solution to flooding as opposed to building on flood plains which increases the possibility. Adding allotment areas is provision for a few residents and not something available for the whole community. Bottesford already has some of the worst children's park areas in the area, despite the much needed improvements which the Parish council obtained. I do not know the other areas well enough to comment but would advocate the development of any park/garden space for public use and to encourage wildlife.	New development in Bottesford will be required to make a contribution to open space, sport and recreation in line with Policy EN7 and the Open Space Standards Paper.	
Colin Love	ANON-BHRP-4HBR-V	Not sure of the calculation basis for allotments- but if one of the objectives of the Plan is to encourage home food production over the next 25 years - for sustainability and health reasons - is the present proposed allocation sufficient? If sufficient is not required at the time of the ongoing developments, the opportunity for additional allotments may be lost forever	The standard for allotments is based on evidence contained in the Open Space Assessment and Open Space Standards Paper.	
Alan and Heather Woodhouse	ANON-BHRP-4HMQ-6	Council support for local, private, volunteer run facilities are needed. ie Long Clawson Recreation Ground	Noted.	

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Woodland Trust	ANON-BHRP-4HHX-8	We support use of standards to determine the amount of new greenspace which is needed in association with new development but we would prefer to see access standards used and to have a separate category for woodland.	Noted.	Policy amendment to include section on access standards.
John William Coleman	ANON-BHRP-4H6C-1	It should be recognised that sporting facilities are not confined to areas of grass. Melton had a thriving and very successful sailing club, which has been destroyed by the change in ownership of Frisby Water Parks. It is too late to do anything about this but the lesson should be learnt, in case any opportunity arises in future to develop a similar sporting asset - it should be protected.	Noted.	
Sport England	ANON-BHRP-4HGE-M	7.13.1 is supported 7.13.2 - Sport England (SE) understands that as yet the PPS has not been signed off/agreed by National Governing Bodies for pitch sports or the Council? SE has not been involved at each stage of preparation and is not confident that the PPS is robust in the context of NPPF Par 73 or the recommended PPS methodology. The Council need to demonstrate to SE that the PPS is sufficiently robust so that it forms a sound basis to develop policies in the Local Plan. This para. in the LP implies there is only a shortfall of football pitches and that some changing facilities need providing/improving - it needs to confirm where this shortfall is located as it will help identify where the best location would be to address that shortfall (within the major allocation areas and to be provided for via the master planning exercise or not?). The PPS should include a site specific action plan that would inform the LP. Is all other pitch sports provision in balance (and therefore should be protected) and is there a surplus anywhere associated with any site redevelopment proposals? The IDP only appears to require one new changing room on a LA park and a new sports hub - does this meet all the needs across the Borough from all sports partners? 7.14 refers to the Built Facility Strategy and Sport England has already questioned the robustness of this assessment. The Council needs to demonstrate that this assessment and strategy is robust to accord with NPPF Par 73 and NPPG (see links to NPPG endorsed methodologies below). http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/assessing-needs-and-opportunities-guidance/ http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/ 7.15 The PPS and BFS have been used to produce standards. The use of standards is not supported by the methodologies for needs assessments as recommended via the NPPG notes. The BFS and PPS strategy should provide a site specific action plan (that may include recommendations for pitch improvements such as new under-drainage/new changing rooms or an allocation for	These are currently being addressed and sign off will be achieved before publication of the Pre-Submission Plan.	

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		a new/extended community sports hub). EN7: As stated Sport England does not support generic standards. Provision of new sports facilities should be site specific and linked to the development proposals in the LP so that each development knows what it is contributing/delivering as linked to the evidence base. The recommended developments in the IDP are very vulnerable unless this is clearly articulated and justified.		
Barwood Homes	BHLF-BHRP-4H82-J	We are supportive of the requirements of this policy and our site at Waltham is of sufficient scale to provide all the necessary typologies of open space. In addition this policy explicitly states that Waltham has a deficiency in allotments and our site will provide an appropriate area for a reasonable number of allotment spaces to support local need. Other suggested sites in the village are not considered to be of a scale that can support the necessary level of open space alongside the provision of an appropriate area for allotment use.	Noted	
Natural England	BHLF-BHRP-4HA7-Z	We welcome Policy EN7 especially the proposed enhancement of natural green spaces.	Noted	
Policy EN7: What changes would you like to see made to this policy?				
Robert Ian Lockey	ANON-BHRP-4H3G-2	The Council should be carrying out its responsibilities in this area largely from Council Tax. Large developments could be required to make land available, but asking smaller developments to contribute is nonsense. This only adds to developers' costs and makes houses less affordable	The policy states that contributions are subject to viability considerations.	
Mr Herbert Daybell	ANON-BHRP-4HEA-E	Further detail/reference to how contributions will be referenced so it is known upfront to allow developers to plan for such requirements and to provide consistency. The 10 units level should be removed as it should only apply to sites where provision is required and not where there is already adequate provision in the vicinity of the site.	The Open Space Standards Paper provides a methodology for the calculation of contributions.	
Mark Colin Marlow	ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q	Designated dog walking areas.	Noted.	
Dr Jerzy A Schmidt	ANON-BHRP-4H4P-C	All developments to contribute at least something, not just those of 10 or more.	Viability is an issue for small developments, but this policy will be viability tested as part of Whole Plan Viability.	
CHRISTINE LARSON	ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J	Amend the Policy to: The strategic open space, sport and recreation needs of the borough up to 2036 will be met by working in partnership with Parishes through the development of Neighbourhood Plans.	Noted.	Policy amendment to refer to the role of Neighbourhood Plans in delivering strategic open space, sport and recreation needs.

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Deborah Caroline Adams	ANON-BHRP- 4H38-K	More flexibility. More commitment to safeguarding the Country Park.	Policy SS5 requires that a masterplan is produced which identifies green infrastructure, green space and important strategic green gaps. In addition the policy requires a protection zone around the Country Park. The Biodiversity and Geo-diversity Study identifies wildlife corridors which should be protected which run between the park and the open countryside to the north. It is envisaged that the County Park will retain links to the wider countryside.	
Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	ANON-BHRP- 4HUB-Y	7.8.3 Is there a requirement for additional allotments in Bottesford? 7.8.4 (p121) If allotment land is to be lost for development it must be replaced by better quality land. The labour and the cost to improve the soil condition must be recognised. A survey carried out by the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group found that - 91% of respondents agreed that existing allotments should be protected and areas identified for extra provision should the demand increase. 96% of respondents agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should recognise the inherent value of the sports clubs and should continue to protect this land from development.	The Open Space Assessment identified the need for new allotment provision in Bottesford.	
Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP- 4HZC-5	7.8.4 (p121) If allotment land is to be lost for development it must be replaced by better quality land. The labour and the cost to improve the soil condition must be recognised and comparable or better land provided.. A survey carried out by the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group found that - 91% of respondents agreed that existing allotments should be protected and areas identified for extra provision should the demand increase. 96% of respondents agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should recognise the inherent value of the sports clubs and should continue to protect this land from development.	The Open Space Assessment identified the need for new allotment provision in Bottesford.	
Bottesford Parish Council	ANON-BHRP- 4H1W-G	7.8.3 Is there a requirement for additional allotments in Bottesford? 7.8.4 (p121) If allotment land is to be lost for development it must be replaced by better quality land. The labour and the cost to improve the soil condition must be recognised. A survey carried out by the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group found that - 91% of respondents agreed that existing allotments should be protected and areas identified for extra provision should the demand increase. 96% of respondents agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should recognise the inherent value of the sports clubs and should continue to protect this land from development.	The Open Space Assessment identified the need for new allotment provision in Bottesford.	
JOHN RUST	ANON-BHRP- 4HUV-K	Amend the Policy to: The strategic open space, sport and recreation needs of the borough up to 2036 will be met by working in partnership with Parishes through the development of	Noted.	Policy amendment to refer to the role of Neighbourhood Plans in delivering strategic open space, sport and recreation needs.

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		Neighbourhood Plans.		
Sharon Gustard	ANON-BHRP-4H6K-9	Additional land being identified to being protected to protect the future spread of villages.	The Plan is required to support the sustainable growth of villages. Provision is made for the protection of Local Green Space and the prevention of coalescence of settlements through Policies EN5 and EN4 resectively.	
Suzanne Taylor	ANON-BHRP-4HG4-3	Allotments in Bottesford! we already have several allotment areas, yet only one play area for children over 8yrs old!! we need to have more facilities for the younger generation. if the new builds had bigger gardens people could grow their own veg in their gardens and we could concentrate on what is really required.	New development in Bottesford will be required to make a contribution to open space, sport and recreation in line with Policy EN7 and the Open Space Standards Paper.	
Woodland Trust	ANON-BHRP-4HHX-8	A number of other councils have used the Woodland Trust's Access to Woodland Standard, which aspires that everyone should have a small wood of at least two hectares within 500m of their home and a larger wood of at least 20ha within 4km of their home. Our report, Space for People, sets out how the standard was derived and gives tables of statistics based on the standard for each local authority in Great Britain. The tables show how targets for new woodland creation can be derived from the standard. http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/publications/2015/02/space-for-people Natural England also have an access standard for natural greenspace, called the Access to Natural Greenspace Standard (ANGST). The two standards are designed to be compatible with each other, so it is possible to use either or both in a local plan.	Noted.	Policy amendment to include section on access standards.
Sport England	ANON-BHRP-4HGE-M	Confirmation/demonstration that the PPS and Indoor Sports Strategy are robust and compliant with NPPF Par 73 and assessment methodologies endorsed by NPPG. Confirmation that the Council has adopted these strategies. Clarity in policy re the delivery of the site specific proposals (linked to development proposals in the LP) identified in the BFS/PPSs and clear policies that link protection/improvement recommendations. Deletion of standards for playing pitch provision (except perhaps for any windfall sites) and replacement with clear and justified/costed IDP entries and clear requirements in allocation policies including the need for master planning to deliver sports facilities as identified.	These issues are currently being addressed and will be resolved before publication of the Pre-Submission Plan.	