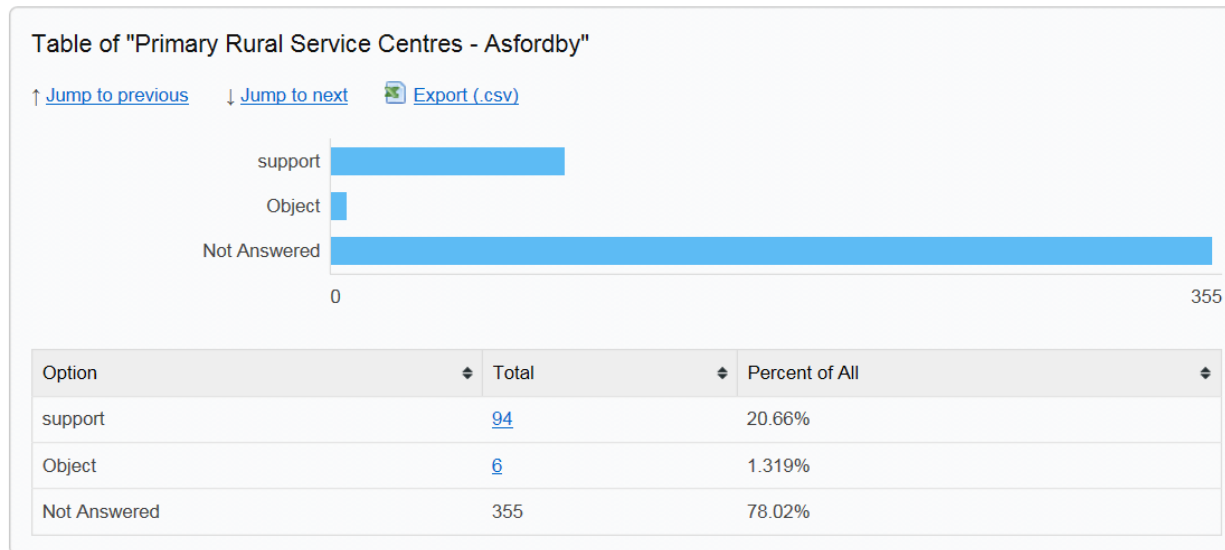


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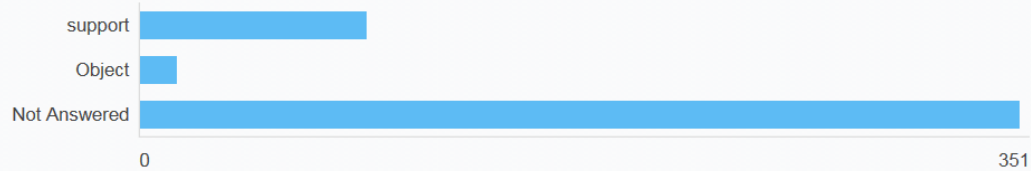
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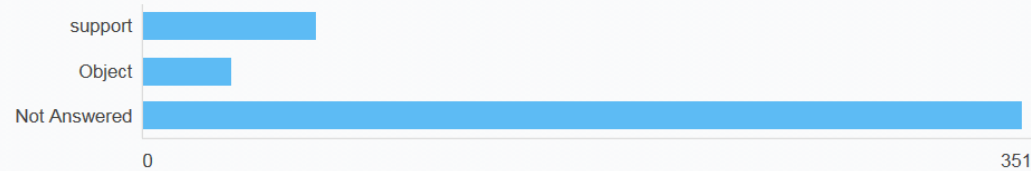
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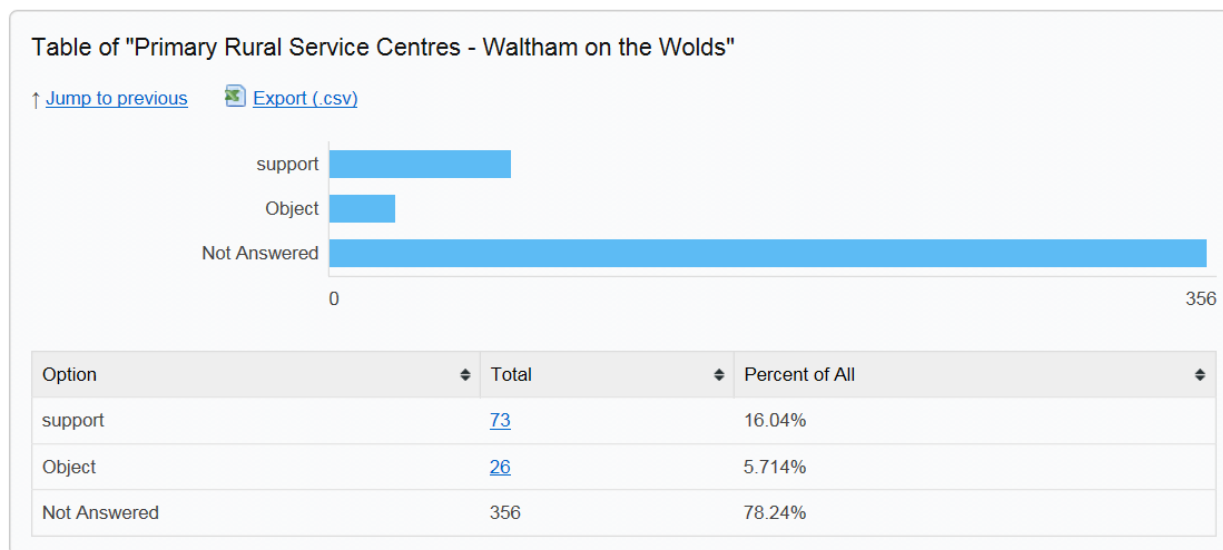
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Object	<a href="#">35</a>	7.692%
Not Answered	351	77.14%

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Question 4: Please explain why you are supporting or objecting

Primary Rural Service Centres							
Name	User ID	Do you support or object to the following villages being identified as Primary Rural Centres				Please explain why you are supporting or objecting	Officer Response
		Asfordby	Bottesford	Long Clawson	Waltham on the Wolds		
Robert Ian Lockey	ANON-BHRP-4H3G-2	support	support	support	support	They are the largest settlements.	Noted
Angus Smith	ANON-BHRP-4HZK-D	support	support	support	support	They are the larger units that have shops, surgeries and other amenities - but dont relegate other villages to the dustbin	Noted

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Gordon Raper	ANON-BHRP-4H3N-9	support				I can't speak for Asfordby, Long Clawson or Waltham as I don't know. So please consider the above three ticks as 'Don't know'	Noted
Siobhan Noble	ANON-BHRP-4HED-H	support	support	support	support	All these communities have facilities to support a mixed aged community. Waltham I feel lacks housing of the affordable nature for young families to occupy their local primary school.	Noted
John Mace	ANON-BHRP-4HEM-T	support	support	support	support	All 4 villages fully meet the criteria as a primary rural centre	Noted
Aidan Thatcher	ANON-BHRP-4HEA-E	support	support	support	support	As they meet the criteria used.	Noted
brian kirkup	ANON-BHRP-4HE9-6	support	support	support	support	Are obviously different and in a level above other villages.	Noted
Anthea Brown	ANON-BHRP-4HE4-1	support	support	support	support	The 4 larger villages are ideal as primary service centres. They are already well developed with all the required facilities and more housing will encourage more shops, bigger schools, doctors surgery and improved transport.  They are also equally spaced around the borough, which works well.	Noted
Malcolm Brown	ANON-BHRP-4HEV-3	support	support	support	support	I agree on the classification particularly Long Clawson which has the basic infrastructure and services which could expand to meet the needs of development	Noted

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Stephen Denman	ANON-BHRP-4HEU-2	support	support	support	support	<p>Bottesford has had a fair amount of development in recent years, and is quite a distance from Melton Mowbray. This strategy should not be "the final straw" for this village!</p> <p>The other villages should be prepared to accept their quota of the proposed housing, providing comments made in 2 (above) are adhered to.</p>	Noted
Mrs K E Walker	ANON-BHRP-4HFZ-8	support	support	support	support	These are more sizeable villages/communities although Waltham is probably more like a secondary centre, rather than Croxton.	Noted. Comment about Waltham noted – see Settlement role review
Susan Love	ANON-BHRP-4HZP-J	support	support	support	support	As maintained above Waltham because of its proximity to Melton, availability of acceptable SHLAA sites, and lack of flood risk should have a much larger share of the distribution of houses in the PRSCs	Noted
Kerry Knight & Stuart Christian	BHLF-BHRP-4HM7-C	support	support	support	support	Feel that with populations growing, housing is needed. However, we need to be aware of how many houses we build else villages will become towns also maybe focus on building smaller villages up	Noted
sarah mant	ANON-BHRP-4HUE-2	support	support	support	support	Larger villages with broad selection of services	Noted
Anthony Paphiti	ANON-BHRP-4HBV-Z	support	support	support	support	They are large villages with a number of facilities, including a public transport link, and lie close to main roads.	Noted
Martin smith	ANON-BHRP-4H6A-Y	support	support	support	support	Size and existing development	Noted

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Richard Cooper	ANON-BHRP-4H6V-B	support	support	support	support	larger villages as proven centres in their areas of the borough	Noted
Sharon Gustard	ANON-BHRP-4H6K-9	support	support	support	support	By asking whether I support this description is immaterial - what should be asked if is if I continue to support the extension of these villages or whether I can suggest other alternatives?	Noted
John Matthew Williams	ANON-BHRP-4HBD-E	support	support	support	support	These are clearly the largest villages in MBC	
Tom Parry	ANON-BHRP-4H1P-9	support	support	support	support	We support Asfordby, Bottesford, Long Clawson and Waltham as Primary Rural Service centres, on the understanding that they are the larger rural settlements with the most facilities. Long Clawson might be differentiated further since although it has employment opportunities, it has fewer transport links (especially compared to Bottesford's very good transport links with neighbouring boroughs).	Comments noted. These consideration will be assessed as part of the settlement role review
Mick Jones	ANON-BHRP-4H6N-C	support	support	support	support	All are well developed yet do not offer the all round benefits of the big towns.	Noted
Patricia Laurance	ANON-BHRP-4HG2-1	support	support	support	support	These are large villages with good transport connections, shops etc	Noted
Angus Walker	ANON-BHRP-4HB4-X	support	support	support	support	Obvious categories	Noted
Victoria Kemp	ANON-BHRP-4HGK-T	support	support	support	support	These seems sensible choices based on the size of the villages, the facilities/amenities available and the infrastructure.	Noted

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David A Haston	ANON-BHRP-4HG5-4	support	support	support	support	<p>The Settlement hierarchy and the Development Strategy are in principle supported.</p> <p>The identification of Asfordby, Bottesford, Long Clawson and Waltham on the Wolds as Primary Service Centres is considered justified and is supported. It also reflects the observations of the Inspector who Examined the previous plan.</p> <p>The target of at least 920 dwellings on allocated sites within the Primary Service Centres is supported.</p> <p>The provision for the development of unallocated sites of up to 10 dwellings at Primary Service Centres is supported.</p>	Noted
Nicholas John Walker	ANON-BHRP-4HGC-J	support	support	support	support	These villages have the infrastructure to support new development.	Noted
Mike Plumb	ANON-BHRP-4HH2-2	support	support	support	support	I support Asfordby, Bottesford, Long Clawson and Waltham as Primary Rural Service centres, on the understanding that they are the larger rural settlements with the most facilities. Long Clawson might be differentiated further since although it has employment opportunities, it has fewer transport links (especially taking into account Bottesford's very good transport links with neighbouring boroughs).	Noted

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Christopher John Noakes	ANON-BHRP-4HBK-N	support	support	support	support	<p>It is clear that these settlements offer a wide range of service facilities and have relatively good public transport links, which can support a larger community and immediate environs. Thus they support sustainable patterns of development, especially through the provision of more local employment opportunities.</p> <p>In the case of Waltham, these factors are less evident (reflected in the analysis in the SSRS report), thereby proving a 'marginal' case.</p>	Noted
James Brown	ANON-BHRP-4HHC-K	support	support	support	support	<p>All listed those identified as PRSC's have a broad range of services and amenities. The more PRSC's identified the better the borough will be served and the level of development identified can be spread across a greater number of PRSC's - thus meaning the character can be preserved/retained.</p>	Noted
Kerstin Hartmann	ANON-BHRP-4HGW-6	support	support	support	support	<p>As far as I am familiar with above listed villages they have a number of services like mini markets, nurseries, schools, regular bus links etc. already in place and are already fairly sizeable settlements. I might be wrong in this and think this question is to answer by locals for their villages.</p>	Noted
Anthony Barber	ANON-BHRP-4H6R-G	support	support	support	support	<p>These appear to be the major "non-urban" centres in the borough.</p>	Noted



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Margaret Jean Bowen	ANON-BHRP-4HHV-6	support	support	support	support	They offer schools, medical centres (Waltham?), some shops, public houses, village halls, better bus services and proximity to main link roads.	Noted
Elizabeth Ann Ranns	BHLF-BHRP-4H2R-C	support	support	support	support	They are all large settlements with amenities to support their residents	Noted
Joanna Botterill	BHLF-BHRP-4H28-J	support	support	support	support	All have excellent transport links & facilities within the village	Noted
Jeremy Baucroft	BHLF-BHRP-4H2Q-B	support	support	support	support	All have sufficient size and amenities to support development	Noted
Paul Christopher Barry Jones	BHLF-BHRP-4H88-R	support	support	support	support	These above are all large villages compared to Croxton Kerrial	Noted
Michelle Louise Jones	BHLF-BHRP-4H89-S	support	support	support	support	These above are all much larger villages compared to Croxton Kerrial. All these villages have multiple shops and amenities.	Noted

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Andrew Gore	BHLF-BHRP-4H8S-K	support	support	support	support	<p>Our clients support and endorse the identification of Long Clawson as a Primary Rural Service Centre and the inclusion of Land off Back Lane, Long Clawson (MBC/028/13) as a potential housing allocation within the Emerging Melton Local Plan.</p> <p>Long Clawson has a good range of facilities and amenities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Medical Practice</li> <li>- Village Store (with Post Office)</li> <li>- Pre-School</li> <li>- Primary School</li> <li>- Day Nursery (Brunts Farmhouse)</li> <li>- Café and Deli (On the Sands)</li> <li>- Flower Shop (Sophie's)</li> <li>- St Remigus Church</li> <li>- Methodist Church</li> <li>- Butchers (A E Pears and Son)</li> <li>- Crown and Plough Public House</li> <li>- Long Clawson Dairy</li> </ul> <p>Long Clawson is considered to be a sustainable location for new development due to the availability of those local facilities and services which reduce the need to travel. The settlement is reasonably well served by public transport to enable journeys to higher order centres to be undertaken as an alternative to the motor car. The site is served by the no.24 Centrebus service that runs between Bingham/Bottesford and</p>	Noted. Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the scoring system and a change to the categories of villages
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					<p>Melton Mowbray; this provides a regular hourly service in both directions from Long Clawson.</p> <p>Map 1 of the Melton Settlement Roles and Relationship Study 2015 shows how the settlement roles are spread across the Borough. The Study concludes that generally settlements to the north of the Borough perform better than those to the south in terms of sustainability. Map 3 of the Study shows the average service score for each community aggregated by Parish Area. The areas on the Map shaded purple, of which Long Clawson is included, show locations where access to services and employment are highest highlighting the north and west as the better served parts of the Borough.</p> <p>The scoring matrix at Appendix 1 of the Study is cumbersome and awards 3 points to each settlement with a Post Office service, ignoring the fact that the Post Office at Bottesford for example is open from 6am to 8pm Tuesday through to Friday, whereas the Post Office service at Long Eaton is a smaller-scale ancillary service located within a shop.</p> <p>Long Clawson is not awarded any</p>	
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						<p>points for a Post Office within the scoring matrix at Appendix 1 of the Study;</p> <p>the scoring matrix should reflect the village's limited service and the score for Long Clawson should be increased accordingly by a further 1-2 points.</p> <p>In summary, the settlement of Long Clawson performs a key role in the north of the Borough as a Primary Rural Service Centre and as such it is considered that the settlement is an appropriate location to which new growth should be directed.</p>	
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Mr Guy Longley	BHLF-BHRP-4H86-P	support	support	support	support	<p>As detailed above, the identification of the four settlements including Waltham on the Wolds as Primary Rural Service Centres is supported. The evidence set out in the Settlement Roles, Relationships and Opportunities Paper, clearly identifies these settlements as the more sustainable settlements outside the main urban area of Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>As one of the identified Primary Rural Service Centres, Waltham on the Wolds will play an important role in helping to meet future housing requirements for the rural areas over the plan period to 2036. It is therefore important that full use is made of the available opportunities for development in these settlements.</p> <p>Our client has interests in land to the east of Melton Road, Waltham on the Wolds. There is the opportunity to accommodate some 100 dwellings on the land and the site should be included as a proposed allocation in the submission version of the plan.</p>	Noted. Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages
Robert Galij	BHLF-BHRP-4H7A-Z	support	support	support	support	The above four settlements represent the largest and most sustainable locations in Melton Borough outside of Melton Mowbray. Their scoring and ranking in Appendix 1 (Village	Noted. Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages

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						<p>Performance) of the Settlement Roles and Relationships Report, April 2015 confirms their (respective) status as PRSC and points towards them being the focus of major residential development in the rural part of the Borough.</p> <p>However, there are wide variations between them, as evidenced by scoring and ranking, ie Bottesford (69 Points :1st); Asfordby (44 Points : 2nd); Long Clawson (39 Points : 3rd); and Waltham on the Wolds (28 Points :4th). As such, Bottesford is potentially in a league of its own and, as advanced under Q2 above, warrants re-categorization as a 'Key Settlement' reflecting its much higher 'sustainability credentials' and consequently a greater share of the number of dwellings targeted towards PRSCs.</p> <p>In the absence of any re-categorization, greater recognition should be given to Bottesford and its share (PRSC Apportionment) of the number of dwellings which should be increased from (minimum) 370 (40%) to (minimum) 612 dwellings (50% PRSC) during the plan period.</p>	
Peter Kinvig and Bernadette Kinvig	BHLF-BHRP-4HMC-R	support	support	support		Asfordby, Bottesford and Long Clawson are all large villages with plenty of amenities.	Comments about Waltham noted

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						Waltham is an overspill area from Melton and again is split by the A607	
Craig Heaney	ANON-BHRP-4HUY-P	support	support	support	Object	I don't feel that Waltham has the same level of local services or is as well connected with the town as others	Comments about Waltham noted
Raymond Henry Bruce Ranns	BHLF-BHRP-4H2N-8	support	support	support		These are sustainable settlements. I note they have their housing allocation adjusted to size	Noted
Brown & Co – Property & Business Consultants LLP	BHLF-BHRP-4HA9-2	support	support	support		Waltham on the Wolds has few services by comparison to the other Primary Rural Service Centres and does not function in the same way as the other villages.	Comments about Waltham noted
Elizabeth Crowther	ANON-BHRP-4HFG-N	support	support	Object	support	<p>This Parish Council objects to Long Clawson being classed at a Primary Rural Service Centre because:</p> <p>It has poor road connections to major highways, poor internal village road infrastructure, limited public transport, overcrowded and often dangerous parking inside the village, history of flooding, public services of doctor's surgery and school with little spare capacity</p> <p>Waltham on the Wolds is small but is on a main road and has good public transport and a doctor's surgery</p>	Comments about Long Clawson and Waltham on the Wolds noted

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Anthony Thomas	ANON-BHRP-4HFX-6	support	support	Object	support	<p>There should be a good road and transport infrastructure in place for both Primary and Secondary Rural Service Centres with preferably a major (A) road running through or next to that Centre.</p> <p>Long Clawson, due to its traffic and parking problems is in the wrong category and needs exchanging with Croxton Kerrial.</p> <p>Harby should at least be designated in the Secondary Centre category.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Cannot see the logic for exchanging Long Clawson with Croxton Kerrial – these villages are very different in terms of size and provision of village services.</p> <p>Comments about Harby noted.</p> <p>Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages</p>
Dr Jerzy A Schmidt	ANON-BHRP-4H4P-C	support	support	Object	support	<p>Long Clawson more closely fits the definition of a secondary rural service centre. Bus links are relatively poor, road links are only via unclassified roads. Although it has some facilities, the long spread out nature of the village makes walking to some of them impractical for elderly or infirm and there is no regular public transport to overcome this. Parking for visitors to the village to use facilities is poor.</p>	<p>Noted. Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages</p>
Robert Anthony Fionda	ANON-BHRP-4H13-C	support	support	Object	support	<p>Long Clawson is generally a smaller village not situated on a trunk road.</p>	<p>Noted</p>



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<p>Alan and Heather Woodhouse</p>	<p>ANON-BHRP-4HMQ-6</p>	<p>support</p>	<p>support</p>	<p>Object</p>	<p>support</p>	<p>Long Clawson should not be designated as a Primary Rural Centre. Yes LC does have an hourly bus service Monday - Sat, but no evening, Bank Holiday or Sunday services. The service alternates between Bingham and Bottesford and therefore not hourly to both towns. If you worked a normally 9-5 job in Leicester, you could not get there on time using public transport. For shift workers it would be impossible. Consideration has not been given to the already over subscribed services in the village, such as the school and surgery. The roads are already heavily congested and parking is an issue. LC is a rural village and due to the parking difficulties, large agricultural vehicles and dairy vehicles often struggle to pass through, the parked cars on the narrow winding roads.</p> <p>The majority of the workforce for one of the main employers in the village, KS Components, travel from outside the village, using vehicles. The majority of which, sometimes upto 25 cars are parked on the verges and narrow roads, around the junction of Broughton and Hickling Lane, again causing traffic issues. Due to the lack of transport, the Dairy transport people from outside the village.</p>	<p>Comments about Long Clawson noted</p>
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Lesley Judith Twigg	ANON-BHRP-4HEH-N	support	support	Object	Object	Am honestly not sure re Long Clawson and Waltham--but they certainly seem quieter and more rural when I cycle through them. I wouldn't want to see them further spoilt	Noted
Alan Luntley	ANON-BHRP-4HEQ-X	support	support	Object	Object	Significant difference in size and existing amenities between Asfordby / Bottesford and Long Clawson / Waltham. See my comment above on category of settlements	Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages
Mr N M R Walker	ANON-BHRP-4HFM-U	support	support	Object	Object	Only Asfordby and Bottesford meet the criteria for PRSC's as per the definition laid out in the Draft Plan.  Waltham is no more connected by bus than is Croxton Kerrial.	Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages

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Emily Aron	ANON-BHRP-4HMN-3	support	support	Object	Object	<p>Asfordby and Bottesford are already large enough villages to be considered small towns. They have good transport links and a slightly larger range of employment opportunities.</p> <p>Long Clawson and Waltham on the Wolds have (so far) managed to retain the size and, importantly, community feel of being villages and it would be contrary to the vision of the emerging Local Plan to damage these villages with an excessive burden of new housing such that being a primary rural centre would promote. Large housing developments can't help but being bolt-on to the village, cause a sudden influx of people and do not allow a community to grow gradually and naturally. The vision states that the Local Plan " Respects the individual character and distinctiveness of Melton Borough's town and villages preserving their heritage and promoting good design".</p> <p>No amount of good design is going to change the fact that such large scale development as proposed for the primary rural centres will turn these villages into small towns, with loss of the strong sense of community and creating a sudden and enormous burden on the already stretched services. The doctors surgery is already at capacity and the</p>	Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages and addressed issues relating to the capacity of existing services to accommodated growth
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					<p>waiting time and queues in the morning to see a doctor or nurse at the drop-in clinic are growing all of the time. The school classes are already huge and the suggestion of creating a split site school (as mentioned by one of your planning policy officers at the local Plan drop in consultation event) is completely inappropriate; it would destroy the special qualities of this close-knit and family feel rural primary school that is so precious and rare these days.</p> <p>It is no wonder that the feasibility study has identified Long Clawson as suitable, given that it has existing facilities. However, the study is hugely flawed as it does not get to the detail of actually how stretched the facilities (such as the doctor's surgery and school) are at present and, importantly, that the employment opportunities (primarily the Dairy) are only providing roles for relatively unskilled and low paid workers. Those of more skilled professions will still certainly need to leave the village to go to work. With no direct transport links to cities such as Leicester and Nottingham, (the studies state that it has good public transport links which is also simply not true) these commuters will inevitably travel by car. This will put further pressure on the rural</p>	
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						<p>road system, a further factor in why such a lot of housing going into the village so quickly would not represent sustainable development. By identifying Long Clawson (and Waltham on the Wolds) as primary rural centres the Council is making it a foregone conclusion that these villages will turn into Asfordby and Bottesford as they are now, this is something I certainly object to. The fate of these villages is being determined now based on flawed studies and a thoroughly disappointing lack of consideration for preserving their character or distinctiveness. Gradual growth by allowing smaller developments at a time will allow Long Clawson to adjust and grow naturally, identifying it as a primary rural centre will certainly favour entirely non-sustainable development and destroy the very essence of the village.</p>	
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Moira Hart	ANON-BHRP-4HU7-M	support	support	Object	Object	<p>Asfordby and Bottesford, which are Primary Rural Services Centres, have good road and public transport links to numerous employment centres (Asfordby to Leicester, Loughborough and Melton; Bottesford to Nottingham and Grantham). They both also have considerable infrastructure.</p> <p>Long Clawson has currently been suggested as a Primary Rural Service Centre, but it does not have sustainable road or public transport infrastructure. The primary school is at capacity as noted in the Melton Local Plan Issues and Options: Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and doesn't have room for expansion. Long Clawson does not fit with the definition of a Primary or a Secondary Rural Service Centre. It does not have “good access to public transport and opportunities to access employment” (Primary), nor does it have “an hourly bus service to nearby Towns and Cities as well as a regular local service” (as required for a Secondary centre).The hourly bus service only allows transport in working hours to Melton or Bingham - how many people in Long Clawson work there. In a questionnaire prepared for our Neighbourhood Plan the majority of employed people in the village work in</p>	Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages and addressed issues relating to the capacity of existing services to accommodated growth
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						<p>either Leicester or Nottingham with a few in Grantham. It is therefore not possible for people to take public transport from the village to their place of work.</p> <p>The suggestion that Long Clawson should be regarded as a Primary Rural Service Centre is wrong.</p> <p>In contrast – Asfordby and Bottesford, which are Primary Rural Services Centres, have good road and public transport links to numerous employment centres (Asfordby to Leicester, Loughborough and Melton; Bottesford to Nottingham and Grantham). They both also have considerable infrastructure.</p>	
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CHRISTINE LARSON	ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J	support	support			<p>The villages of Asfordby and Bottesford have already grown into small towns, each with a ring road to protect it from through traffic. They are each well connected to excellent road and public transport links to major employment centres, and have considerable infrastructure - primary and secondary schools, serving a wide catchment area of remoter villages. They have a central hub where day to day shopping and service needs can be met and have benefited from significant infrastructure investment over the years.</p> <p>Waltham and Long Clawson are totally different being still small villages with an active community that has seen fit to raise money to provide amenities, such as a village hall, that other public funding has been unable to support. Such facilities are owned by and funded by the community.</p> <p>Long Clawson is a typical midlands village nestling at the foot of a steep wold escarpment and is an unusual linear village. All access is on minor roads that lead through the centre of the village, which has 14 right angled, often blind bends. The nearest main road is 2.8 miles from the village. The village centre has become gridlocked most mornings</p>	Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages and addressed issues relating to the capacity of existing services to accommodated growth
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					<p>due to congestion at the surgery (serving 27 villages), resident and shoppers parking, and an increase of through traffic, since the opening of the A46. It is still a working farm village with significant farm traffic through the centre.</p> <p>The infrastructure is not just creaking, it has almost seized up. The village has not seen any infrastructure investment in the past 20 years that I have lived in the village, despite growing by 50% during that time. Flooding is now a regular occurrence, being at the bottom of the escarpment and a source of natural springs. Two main water courses that used to be 'fords' through the village are now culverted under buildings but these are now too small and silted up. These culverts have twice been designated for replacement after professional surveys by MBC but money allocated has been spent elsewhere over the past 15 years.</p> <p>The increase in housing has brought new families into the village which keeps our village vibrant but there needs to be corresponding infrastructure investment. Better flood/culvert management, increased policing, better traffic management and parking, school capacity improvement and the</p>	
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					<p>replacement of the porta cabin extension (children are having to travel to neighbouring villages for school). The surgery, serving 27 villages, is almost at capacity and has no parking or loading area. This means that when an ambulance is called or medicines are delivered the road through the village centre is totally blocked and that the village shopping area parking is full of surgery patients parking.</p> <p>Above all, any development should be in keeping with the long linear character of the village; be in an area that is neither susceptible to flooding nor will increase flooding elsewhere; and should be at a rate that allows the village to grow organically.</p> <p>In 2003, 422 residents in Long Clawson objected to it being classed as a Category 1 village for very similar reasons to those above. MBC chose for whatever reason to ignore this and has merely transposed that thinking to this new Local Plan without any further analysis or thought.</p>	
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Moiria Hart	ANON-BHRP-4HBM-Q	support	support	Object	Object	<p>Long Clawson has currently been suggested as a Primary Rural Centre, but it does not have sustainable road or public transport infrastructure. It has a full school that does not have sustainable school expansion capacity (the school full to capacity is noted in the Melton Local Plan Issues and Options: Infrastructure Delivery Plan). Long Clawson does not fit with the definition of a Primary or a Secondary Rural Service Centre. It has neither “good access to public transport and opportunities to access employment”(Primary), nor does it have “an hourly bus service to nearby Towns and Cities as well as a regular local service” (as required for a Secondary centre). It has an hourly service that is restricted, only allowing public transport in working hours to Melton or Bingham. However it is questionable as to whether many / any people travel to Bingham for work from Long Clawson.</p> <p>By comparison, the villages of Asfordby and Bottesford, which are Primary Rural Centres, are well-connected with good road and public transport links to numerous employment centres (Asfordby to Leicester, Loughborough and Melton; Bottesford to Nottingham and Grantham). They both also have</p>	Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages and addressed issues relating to the capacity of existing services to accommodated growth
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						<p>considerable infrastructure.</p> <p>The suggestion that Long Clawson should be a Primary Rural Centre is a reiteration of the previous designation as a Category 1 village, only the name has changed. In June 2003, 422 residents of Long Clawson (more than 50% of the adult population then) signed a petition against this designation. Unfortunately the petition was lost in the MBC fire and was not acted upon. A number of residents who signed then have questioned why a similarly flawed designation is being suggested again for the village. A copy of this petition will be supplied to MBC.</p> <p>The designation of Secondary Rural Centres is also divisive, as the listing excludes large villages where there is capacity and where some development could help the local infrastructure. A better approach would be to designate Asfordby and Bottesford as Primary Rural Centres and to consider Long Clawson and Waltham with the other villages as pool where small-scale development (up to 5 or 10 houses) will be considered.</p> <p>The rural settlements should accommodate unallocated sites up to 3 houses.</p>	
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Kenneth Bray	ANON-BHRP-4HBX-2	support	support	Object	Object	<p>Key services are in Melton and Bottesford (schools, hospital etc) Asfordby is closest.</p> <p>The other two are arguably over developed due to previous plans although they have the advantage of being on (or close to) main roads.</p>	Noted
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JOHN RUST	ANON-BHRP-4HUV-K	support	support	Object	Object	<p>The villages of Asfordby and Bottesford have already grown into small towns, each with a ring road to protect it from through traffic. They are each well connected to excellent road and public transport links to major employment centres, and have considerable infrastructure - primary and secondary schools, serving a wide catchment area of remoter villages. They have a central hub where day to day shopping and service needs can be met and have benefited from significant infrastructure investment over the years. Waltham and Long Clawson are totally different being still small villages with an active community that has seen fit to raise money to provide amenities, such as a village hall, that other public funding has been unable to support. Such facilities are owned by and funded by the community.</p> <p>Long Clawson is a typical midlands village nestling at the foot of a steep wold escarpment and is an unusual linear village. All access is on minor roads that lead through the centre of the village, which has 14 right angled, often blind bends. The nearest main road is 2.8 miles from the village. The village centre has become gridlocked most mornings due to congestion at the surgery (serving</p>	Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages and addressed issues relating to the capacity of existing services to accommodated growth
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					<p>27 villages), resident and shoppers parking, and an increase of through traffic, since the opening of the A46. It is still a working farm village with significant farm traffic through the centre. The infrastructure is not just creaking, it has almost seized up. The village has not seen any infrastructure investment in the past 20 years that I have lived in the village, despite growing by 50% during that time. Flooding is now a regular occurrence, being at the bottom of the escarpment and a source of natural springs. Two main water courses that used to be 'fords' through the village are now culverted under buildings but these are now too small and silted up. These culverts have twice been designated for replacement after professional surveys by MBC but money allocated has been spent elsewhere over the past 15 years.</p> <p>The increase in housing has brought new families into the village which keeps our village vibrant but there needs to be corresponding infrastructure investment. Better flood/culvert management, increased policing, better traffic management and parking, school capacity improvement and the replacement of the portacabin extension (children are having to travel to</p>	
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					<p>neighbouring villages for school). The surgery, serving 27 villages, is almost at capacity and has no parking or loading area. This means that when an ambulance is called or medicines are delivered the road through the village centre is totally blocked and that the village shopping area parking is full of surgery patients parking. Above all, any development should be in keeping with the long linear character of the village; be in an area that is neither susceptible to flooding nor will increase flooding elsewhere; and should be at a rate that allows the village to grow organically. In 2003, 422 residents in Long Clawson objected to it being classed as a Category 1 village for very similar reasons to those above. MBC chose for whatever reason to ignore this and has merely transposed that thinking to this new Local Plan without any further analysis or thought.</p> <p>It would be far less divisive to allow Bottesford and Asfordby to develop as per their Neighbourhood Plans and do away with classification of all other villages. A better way would be to designate Parishes to undertake development across the Parish to keep the villages vibrant and to sustain local</p>	
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						<p>services across the Parish. This would be more practical. In addition MBC should not base its housing forecast on the worst case scenario but on 'best estimate' - somewhere between highest and lowest. Melton Town is destined to take 65% of the housing development and 35% in rural areas. Unless a new village such as Six Hills or Dalby Airfield is developed this needs reviewing to 70:30. In any event the Policy must state that the development should not proceed faster in rural areas than in Melton Town. Otherwise there will be a rush of developers (as there has been in Long Clawson already) to build in the villages. It is important to remember the Melton Borough Vision - of keeping the unique character of the villages and the landscape, vital for the development of Melton as the Food Capital and increasing tourism. This will not happen if we ruin our rich heritage</p>	
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Lucy Aron	ANON-BHRP-4HHK-U	support	support	Object	Object	Adding large housing areas to existing villages will change the profile, feel and character of these villages forever. Creating areas of new housing quickly, rather than allowing villages to develop naturally and slowly permanently damages the character and community feel. This is contrary to the Vision of the Local Plan itself. The study on which the primary rural centres was selected was also flawed. For example, the apparent employment opportunities present in Long Clawson is a misnomer. The dairy provides work for unskilled labourers, likely those that won't be able to afford the new housing that would be created. Also, the bus links are poor and do not connect directly with local cities such as Leicester and Nottingham. This does not therefore present opportunities for truly sustainable development.	Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages, and the distribution of housing between villages and addressed issues relating to the capacity of existing services to accommodate growth. However the need to accommodate a large amount of new housing in the Borough must be addressed by the allocation of suitable and deliverable sites for development. This will include sites in the larger and better served villages.
David Jinks	BHLF-BHRP-4HC8-3	support	support	Object	Object	Long Clawson - Isolated/Poor Transport Links  WotW - Will change character of village.	Comments noted
(Anonymous)	BHLF-BHRP-4HQV-F	support	support	Object	Object	All large villages appear to be (mostly) well supported with services. Would class these more as secondary rural centres	Noted

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Simon Sutcliffe	BHLF-BHRP-4H2U-F	support	support			Both have good existing infrastructure in terms of transport health and schools - both primary and secondary. They can support new residents better than rural communities.	Noted
Deborah Caroline Adams	ANON-BHRP-4H38-K	support	Object	support	support	<p>Bottesford should have a category of its own as it is totally different from other villages in the Borough. It is a good sized town and has far better transport links than even Melton Mowbray. It is in fact the one place in the whole of the Borough with excellent transport links. Its road and rail links mean that it is easy to commute to Nottingham, Grantham and beyond. It is close to the A1; it is close to Grantham with its East Coast Rail line; it has its own railway station on the Nottingham to Grantham and beyond rail line; it has an in-situ part-bypass in the form of the A52. Some nearby land is prone to flooding but that could probably in the main be mitigated against and in any case there is plenty more land available for several hundred houses. This would enhance the shopping area and other facilities in Bottesford and with the excellent transport links would attract economic growth far quicker than Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>Whilst the town of Bottesford does have traffic issues in its centre (lack of parking facilities), they are nowhere near as bad</p>	Suggestion of putting Bottesford in a category of its own is noted.

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						<p>as the problems encountered on a daily basis in Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>Whilst Asfordby, Long Clawson and Waltham on the Wolds meet the criteria for a Primary Rural Service Centre, they are vastly differing in the amenities etc. that they do have with Asfordby having far more shops and a more regular bus service to Melton or Leicester than the other two villages.</p>	
Mr John Brown	ANON-BHRP-4H4Z-P	support	Object	Object	support	Asfordby and Waltham on the Wolds have closer links to Melton Mowbray. They have far more employers and better transport links.	Comments noted
Suzanne Taylor	ANON-BHRP-4HG4-3	support	Object	Object	Object	Bottesford has already had an increase of 39% in the last 20 years yet no new facilities have been introduced. The village is already at capacity for the Primary School and Doctors surgeries, how can another 40% increase be for the good of the Village. Traffic on the main high street and around the schools is already a nightmare and an increase of 300+ houses will only make things worse.	Evidence from LCC regarding school capacity does not support this statement. The Settlement Roles review addresses issues relating to the capacity of existing services to accommodated growth
John William Fairbrother	ANON-BHRP-4H45-H	support		support	support	Bottesford is so far from Melton Mowbray on the other side of the A52. it could be under the control of Nottingham Councils and save a small council like Melton the financial responsibility	noted

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Christopher palmer	ANON-BHRP-4HEF-K	support		support		I can only comment on these two centres as I do not have adequate knowledge of the others	Noted
Clair Ingham	ANON-BHRP-4HMZ-F	support			support	I do not know much about Bottesford or Long Clawson so cannot comment but agree that Asfordby and Waltham are primary rural service centres as they do indeed provide some essential services to the villages, ie local shops & surgery	Noted
Dr Leonard Richard Newton	ANON-BHRP-4HET-1	support			Object	In Asfordby access to employment is predicated on public transport being improved.  I don't think Waltham has anywhere near the level of local facilities e.g. shops to justify its inclusion in this category.	noted
Gaynor Ratcliffe	ANON-BHRP-4H3Q-C	support				Unable to pass comment on the others as not familiar enough with them.	noted
Mark Brend	ANON-BHRP-4HGD-K	support				Asfordby is a small town, with employment opportunities and excellent transport links. To me it is the epitomy of a primary service centre.	noted
Catherine Mumby	BHLF-BHRP-4H8Z-T	support				The supporting text (at paragraph 4.2.15) acknowledges the sustainability merits of Asfordby, including its “excellent range” of local services and facilities, including a primary school, GPs, shops and public houses as well as significant employment opportunities and excellent public transport links. We fully endorse this assessment of the	Noted

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						village.	
Mark Colin Marlow	ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q	Object	Object	Object	Object	I disagree with the criteria for labelling.	Objection noted
Mr Peter Rogers	ANON-BHRP-4H62-G	Object	Object	Object	Object	System Floored. No methodology or Rational.	Objection noted
Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP-4HUB-Y	Object	Object	Object	Object	<p>4.2.4 Settlement Roles and Relationships</p> <p>We believe that although there is a clear distinction in size, services etc between Primary and Secondary Rural Service Centres they should be combined in one group. Separating them leads to segregation where most development will inevitably take place in the primary centres to the detriment of the secondary centres. The latter may accept development should it enable them to retain facilities such as shops, schools etc. Increasing aging of the population needs a more distributed pattern of centres with greater number of facilities. Although younger more mobile residents shop further afield or via the internet, older people tend to rely on local shops.</p> <p>For this reason we object to the definition of Asfordby, Bottesford, Long Clawson and Waltham on the Wolds as Primary Rural Service Centres and propose that, along with Asfordby Hill, Croxton Kerrial, Frisby on the Wreake, Somerby, Stathern and Wymondham,</p>	<p>Settlement Roles review has resulted in a change to the categories of villages to create a “rural Service Centre” category. The distribution of housing between villages is addressed with regard to the capacity of existing services to accommodated growth as well as the availability and deliverability of sites within each settlement. Specific constraints identified in Bottesford are noted</p>

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						<p>they should form part of a single class, namely Rural Service Centres.</p> <p>4.2.5. ‘Appropriate and proportionate development’ must take account of flood risk and other limiting factors, and should not prevent villages growing to meet the expectations of their residents.</p> <p>4.2.6 (p30) As stated above, we do not agree with the split between Primary and Secondary Rural Service Centres, these should be in one group and a strategy developed to enhance and develop some of these centres across the Borough to provide improved support to Rural supporters and Rural settlements.</p> <p>Constraints on Bottesford include flood risk, limited retail, limited parking, poor public transport (bus and rail), congested vehicle access to schools and no indication in the draft Melton Local Plan that Melton Borough Council has any plans or proposals to alleviate these constraints. This is in contrast to the two large developments in Melton Mowbray where proposals are being made for infrastructure and facilities.</p>	
Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP-4HZC-5	Object	Object	Object	Object	All should be Rural Service Centres and should be brought up to parity	Settlement Roles review has resulted in this change

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Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP-4H1W-G	Object	Object	Object	Object	4.2.6 (p30) As stated above, we do not agree with the split between Primary and Secondary Rural Service Centres, these should be in one group and a strategy developed to enhance and develop some of these centres across the Borough to provide improved support to Rural supporters and Rural settlements.	Settlement Roles review has resulted in this change
Colin Love	ANON-BHRP-4HBR-V	Object	Object	Object	Object	I have to object to all four identified villages because of the reasons given in 3.  They may already be Primary Centres - but in the form of the question, if I tick support then that response would be given, and counted, as providing unqualified support to these four villages being identified as the prime locations for rural development within the Borough.	noted
John David Smith	ANON-BHRP-4H4X-M		support	support	support	Local knowledge. I do not know Asfordby.	Noted
Finola M Delamere	BHLF-BHRP-4HBJ-M		support	support	support	I think Bottesford, Long Clawson and Waltham on the Wolds are all large villages with facilities to provide shopping, some employment and transport. I don't know Asfordby	Noted
Sheryl Smart	ANON-BHRP-4H1G-Z		support		Object	I do not believe that Waltham and Clawson have the facilities currently available to justify the increased housing.	Noted



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John A Herlihy	ANON-BHRP-4HU3-G		support			PRS should be based upon numbers of residents within the village. If it falls into the size band - fine. Does this prevent / preclude sustainable development of other villages ???	Noted
Mrs Clarissa Sally Garden	ANON-BHRP-4HUG-4		support			I do not know enough about the other villages to enable me to comment.	Noted
Graham Storrie	ANON-BHRP-4HM4-9		Object			There is a limit to the size of growth.	Noted
Julie Moss	ANON-BHRP-4HM5-A		Object			Bottesford is no way a Primary Rural Service Centre. At best it may be a Secondary Rural Service Centre. It is not well connected to towns as it does not have good public transport. There is no direct bus service to Nottingham and there are no buses at all on Sundays. The train service is slightly better but it does not suit all commuter needs as it is not frequent enough.	Comments about Bottesford noted. However in the context of the villages within Melton Borough, Bottesford is better served than most others by public transport options.
Shelagh Woollard	ANON-BHRP-4HB5-Y		Object			Cannot comment on villages I do not know, but as stated, public transport is poor and needs to be much improved. Bottesford is bounded by the River Devon and the railway line, so new development needs to be restricted.	Comments about Bottesford noted. However in the context of the villages within Melton Borough, Bottesford is better served than most others by public transport options
Valerie Lever	ANON-BHRP-4HZY-U		Object			See above in relation to transport in Bottesford.  I have no knowledge of the other	Comments about Bottesford noted. However in the context of the villages within Melton

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						villages.	Borough, Bottesford is better served than most others by public transport options
Nick and Jill Pompa	BHLF-BHRP-4HCW-2		Object			<p>1. Where is the evidence that this housing is required in Bottesford?</p> <p>In the 15 years we have lived in Bottesford, it has been radically altered by a large volume of infill development - by way of example there are 13 new builds within 150 yards of our village centre home. 56 new homes are now being built on Belvoir Road (the Wickets). In combination, the infill and the Wickets must more than account for the whole of the next 10 year's requirement.</p> <p>There is no shortage of houses for sale (there are 21 on Rightmove this morning, excluding The Wickets) and they do not appear to sell especially quickly. Where is the over-riding demand for new houses? It's not there.</p> <p>Where are the residents of these 250 new houses plus 56 new houses at The Wickets going to work? In Bottesford? Employment here is highly limited by its location with only limited opportunities in agriculture and the local services economy. All these people are going to commute, principally to Nottingham by</p>	<p>1. Housing need is identified for the whole Borough based upon evidence of changes in population size, household formation and in-migration. It is not demand led – but evidence of need.</p> <p>2. LCC education authority provide evidence of the capacity of schools to accommodate growth, There is space capacity at both primary and secondary schools in Bottesford.</p> <p>3. Bottesford provides an attractive and sustainable location for people to live – providing both primary and secondary schools, shops, GP, Dentist and public transport options. In promoting sustainable development Bottesford has to be considered one of the best locations in the Borough for new development.</p>

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					<p>car (public transport isn't practical due to limited timetables) but also to Grantham and Newark. All of this will generate yet more traffic on the A52 in particular but also through the village centre and on the Normanton road. Many of the traffic implications will of course be seen outside of MBCs area.</p> <p>So, in summary the proposal is not demand led by local housing or employment need.</p> <p>2. Schooling</p> <p>Both the Primary School and Belvoir High are at capacity having already expanded dramatically (4 classrooms added to Bottesford Primary in the last years). They will need to absorb the extra children for the 56 Wickets houses. How are they going to cope with another 250? In addition, traffic is a huge issue on Barkestone Lane and High Street at the beginning and end of the day - this will be dramatically worsened.</p> <p>3. Turning Bottesford into Bingham</p> <p>In the last 15 years the character of Bottesford has changed from that of a village into a town. The bulk of the housing is now anonymous estates. Infill has destroyed a lot of the 'open'</p>	
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						<p>character of the village and traffic levels and noise in the centre of the village are simply unacceptable. Another 250 houses (on top of the 56 being built) will be the final step in the move from village to town. The Neighbourhood Survey results made it very clear that this is not what the residents of Bottesford want.</p>	
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<p>Graeme Gladstone</p>	<p>ANON-BHRP-4HZH-A</p>			<p>object</p>	<p>There are two reasons why Long Clawson should not been classified as a PRSC:</p> <p>First is transport infrastructure - the village is connected only by minor roads that are unfit for the volume of traffic and the level of HGVs. Clawson lies at the West end of the main route through the Vale of Belvoir, which links the A606 at Nether Broughton and the A52 at Bottesford. The road passes through Hose and Harby but not through the centre of these villages but in Clawson traffic must navigate 14 right angle bends through entire length of the village.</p> <p>The Vale of Belvoir is very poorly served by public transport with no direct route to Nottingham from anywhere other than Nether Broughton.</p> <p>Second is the pressure on services - the School is at bursting point with no capacity take any more children without expanding or relocating.</p> <p>I think I heard that the doctors has 6,000 registered patients and surely will struggle to take many more.</p>	<p>Comments about Long Clawson are noted. The Borough is largely rural and the limitations experienced in the Long Clawson road network are experienced in many other villages, where development is proposed. The Review of Settlement roles considers the capacity of existing services to accommodate growth.</p>
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Linda Irena Adams	ANON-BHRP-4HHY-9					<p>I am not prepared to comment on villages which are not familiar to me. I do not think that opinions about this issue should be sought from those who do not know the individual communities.</p> <p>The character and nature of Long Clawson is not that of a Primary Rural Centre. The roads and approaches to the village are narrow, bendy and unsuitable and provision for pedestrians is inadequate. The bus service is inadequate for accessing employment and services . The school is full, the surgery is almost at capacity and further development is unsustainable within the existing infrastructure.</p>	<p>Noted The Review of Settlement roles considers the capacity of existing services to accommodate growth.</p>
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Mrs W A Rackstraw	BHLF-BHRP-4H2D-X			Object	<p>I am a resident of Long Clawson and as such have many concerns regarding the Primary Rural Service Centre proposal plans as set out in your Melton Local Plan document. It suggests that the village of Long Clawson is a PRIMARY service centre. There are few equal comparisons with the other locations in this group. The first one being the road system. Here we have 14 right angled bends through the village, which are narrow and dangerous. There is no main road through the village or nearby. We do already have a severe on-street parking problem, causing not only cars to back, but heavy lorries and buses - further danger and disruption on the cluttered roads. Cars are a necessity as the only public transport is hourly to Melton or Bottesford - no use if you have appointments at Leicester or Nottingham hospitals or for any other appointments in towns or cities, like WORK! Pubic transport is inadequate. Long Clawson covers facilities for several other villages. Yes, we have a Dr's surgery with many patients travelling by car, adding congestion to the already severe problem in the village of on-street parking. East End, The school area, The Sands are a nightmare for pedestrians and vehicle owners alike. This will all be exacerbated with</p>	<p>Comments about Long Clawson are noted. The Borough is largely rural and the limitations experienced in the Long Clawson road network and regarding the availability of public transport are experienced in many other villages, where development is proposed.</p> <p>The Review of Settlement roles considers the capacity of existing services, such as schools and GPs to accommodate growth.</p>
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					<p>development in L.C. and neighbouring villages.</p> <p>The village school is bursting at the seams now and has a mobile unit and facilities in the Methodist Chapel rooms. The school is already inadequate for the present number of children. New housing will not be built for elderly people, but will provide accommodation for young people. Where will children be educated? Apparently there are no funds to build a new school. Present village schools, I understand, are not allowed to build large extensions, and bussing children daily is out of the question.</p> <p>For this rural village these are my major concerns and observations leading to my objection for any future large scale development in Long Clawson. The proposals are severely flawed in many there respects and totally unsustainable. It's madness to think otherwise!</p>	
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John W Racksraw	BHLF-BHRP- 4H2P-A			object	<p>We disagree with the proposed development on the scale proposed. Long Clawson should not be Proposed as a primary rural service centre it should be should be a secondary rural service centre. The roads through Long Clawson are extremely narrow with 14 bends which are very dangerous with the increase of traffic this is not sustainable parking at the sands and at the shops and the Doctors and east end means the unclassified minor road through the village is Not suitable fore any more traffic.</p> <p>Development over the years the Long Clawson Primary school is now full.T he school has nowhere to expand and no funds for a new school. The Doctors surgery and Pharmacy serves 23 villages and it is almost full.</p> <p>The proposed development threatens to change the village fore ever if we allowed developers led housing in large estates to take away our lovely green spaces and reshape our village.</p> <p>We are Totally against this mass development to spoil our village at Long Clawson.</p>	<p>Comments about Long Clawson are noted.</p> <p>The Borough is largely rural and the limitations experienced in the Long Clawson road network are experienced in many other villages, where development is proposed.</p> <p>The Review of Settlement roles considers the capacity of existing services to accommodate growth.</p>
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Garry Scott	BHLF-BHRP-4H26-G			object	<p>Long Clawson is very inaccessible from the transport network. Whereas Asfordby, Bottesford and Waltham are all situated on 'A' classifies roads, Long Clawson is not served by any classified roads. Bottesford and Waltham are even on the national primary route network.</p> <p>This lack of accessibility makes Long Clawson unsuitable as a Primary Rural Centre as good connectivity is essential for new development to be viable. New development leads not only to the generation of new car trips but also commercial vehicle trips due to supermarket deliveries and internet deliveries that are very prevalent in rural areas these days.</p> <p>There are already a number of accidents on the roads linking Long Clawson to the primary route network due to their poor horizontal and vertical alignments with blind bends and blind dips. The extra traffic generated by a primary rural centre designation will only increase the accidents.</p> <p>The only designated winter route into and out of the village is by using steep hills which are often impassable during snow fall. A primary rural centre would need accessibility whatever the weather.</p>	<p>Comments about Long Clawson are noted.</p> <p>The Borough is largely rural and the limitations experienced in the Long Clawson road network are experienced in many other villages, where development is proposed.</p> <p>The Review of Settlement roles considers the capacity of existing services to accommodate growth.</p>
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					<p>New housing in Long Clawson is unsustainable. New housing should be situated near to the facilities that are found in major settlements such as in Melton Mowbray, and to a lesser extent in Asfordby and Bottesford. Otherwise new development just drives the need for more unsustainable car travel.</p> <p>The local facilities are just of the right scale for the current village. Any substantive new development would require investment in additional and/or new facilities which would be out of keeping with this traditional Leicestershire village. Examples here would include investment in the medical facilities and the primary school, which are just right for us now without big changes. New facilities would then lead to further unwanted development.</p> <p>There are no secondary education facilities any where nearby.</p> <p>There are some commercial activities in Long Clawson which are becoming too big for the village. You will be aware that the majority of employees travel into the village every day. This is not due to a shortage of houses but because the people employed in these type of jobs prefer to live in big urban areas and not</p>	
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					<p>rural villages. So any new homes will lead directly to more commuting to places like Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Loughborough and Leicester.</p> <p>There are sufficient houses in Long Clawson to meet current demands. You will be aware of many houses that have been on sale for between 6 - 12 months over the last few years.</p> <p>Long Clawson is located at the bottom of the Belvoir escarpment and suffers from flooding in the lower areas of the village during significant events. New development will exacerbate this as the underlying geology is heavy clay and any so called sustainable drainage system will be beaten during significant events (as we have seen recently in Cumbria and York etc).</p> <p>The infrastructure is unsuitable for new house. We endure power cuts and water stoppages.</p> <p>The most important reason for objecting to the classification of Long Clawson as a Primary Rural Centre is that the villagers are against such a designation.</p>	
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						I would ask that the Council reconsiders the designation and withdraws the proposal in the next draft of the Melton Local Plan.	
Mrs Susan Oldham	BHLF-BHRP-4H7Z-S			object		Long Clawson should not be considered as a Primary Rural Centre and any sites in the village for housing allocation should only be considered for small developments that would protect the heritage and fit with the style and character of the village. Development should be slow to allow for services and infrastructure to evolve without crippling what is already there.	Comments noted
Cllr Martin Lusty	ANON-BHRP-4HBZ-4				Object	<p>The following is a copy of a letter previously sent by WOTWATA PC Chair Malcolm Mills to the Melton Borough Local Plan Working Group:</p> <p>Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold Parish Council wishes to bring the attention of the Working Group an urgent matter in regard to our status for development as detailed in the Melton Local Plan which assessed specifically Waltham on the Wolds to be a Primary Rural Service Centre.</p> <p>We believe Waltham on the Wolds needs to be reclassified as a Secondary Rural Service Centre.</p> <p>This letter is in response to the Working</p>	<p>The Review of Settlement roles proposes a single category of rural service centre and considers the housing distribution between them based upon a number of factors including the capacity of existing services to accommodate growth.</p> <p>The Parish Council is concerned about the closure or loss of some activities and facilities – perhaps these might be better supported if new development were allowed in the village.</p>

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					<p>Group’s request for updated classification data and is particularly urgent because of the potential impact on the work of our Neighbourhood Planning Group. The criteria and subsequent scoring for our assessment as detailed on page 59 of the local plan is now inaccurate and does not reflect the current status of the village.</p> <p>Having been classified in line with the criteria set on page 59 of the plan, the areas we wish to have revised are as follows: - School facilities, Doctors’ surgery services, local bus service, employment opportunities, local amenities and a range of leisure and community services.</p> <p>Taking these in order we have the following to report and have reconsidered:-</p> <p>The school as of January 2016 is at full capacity with 72 pupils and is not physically able to accommodate the number of children such developments as outlined in the plan for us would produce. They have no disabled access or facilities, no hall, no dining area and the children have to walk a dangerously busy and narrow footpath to use the village hall that doubles up as a school</p>	
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					<p>hall. This contradicts the premise of sustainable growth as detailed in the report.</p> <p>The Welby practice Doctors surgery in Waltham is not a MAJOR GP surgery, patients are routinely sent to the Bottesford surgery for health tests that cannot be carried out at Waltham. Bottesford is the primary Doctors surgery within the Welby practice group. The opening hours at Waltham are less than the primary practice at Bottesford. Taking these factors into consideration we should be compared to the surgery at Croxton Kerrial which is a secondary service centre with an equal sized Doctors' surgery.</p> <p>The local bus service was reduced at the last round of cuts by the County Council. The reduction in service also reduced the opportunities for villagers to obtain employment due to the reduced number of buses. With no late or early buses residents cannot get to the higher primary areas to start work for more common work start times of 8am and getting back after 6 pm is not possible so shift workers are not catered for by the local bus service.</p>	
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					<p>The loss of buses after 6 pm also will have affected the larger service centres such as Melton Mowbray in that residents cannot get to these centres to be able to contribute to the nighttime economy</p> <p>The report states that Waltham has a regular bus service. It should read a limited buses service and Waltham should be compared to the villages of Stathern, Wymondham, Croxton Kerrial, Frisby on the Wreake and Asfordby Hill who have similar or better buses service provisions but are secondary service centres. We believe we should be matched similarly in this regard.</p> <p>Local employment opportunities within Waltham are minimal. A straw poll carried out on some villagers and those with local knowledge of employment within the parish found that the two main employers, Mars and Waltham nursing home actually employ very few local residents. In fact the truth is that the vast majorities of their employees travel in and out the area and bring near to nothing for the local economy and contribute only in bringing in more traffic.</p> <p>Our local amenities have also changed in</p>	
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					<p>that one of the village shops has now closed down and we are left with two. One of our two local public houses also closed down and was actually sold off for housing within Waltham. This reduction in retail amenities should be compared with the three villages we are matched with that they have in all cases double or more amenities than we have. This gross mismatch should be reconsidered and we should be more aligned to Wymondham, Stathern and Somerby who have similar or more amenities than this village. These are secondary service centres and we should be graded to this same level.</p> <p>The village hall at Waltham no longer provides the same number of sports clubs, youth groups, or community groups that it did when this draft document was compiled. In fact the youth group is now closed and the village hall is constantly battling to fund its maintenance costs due in part to insufficient use.</p> <p>There are now no outdoor sports clubs in the village of Waltham. Our local cricket and football teams ceased to exist in 2014 and there is little to no possibility of any future clubs or teams coming forward. The old timber sports</p>	
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						<p>pavilion on the sports field is now under serious need of repair and refurbishment. Again we feel we are more in line with the secondary service centre villages rather than the primary ones which have in comparison huge sporting facilities; examples of this are found within Asfordby and Bottesford especially.</p> <p>We narrowly missed the mark to be placed into the group of secondary service centres by single points. We urge you to please review this with immediacy and advise us accordingly so that we can further our Neighbourhood Plan and have a fair and equal parity of scale within the Local plan.</p>	
John & Pamela Manchester	BHLF-BHRP-4H29-K				Object	<p>This village has rural services but your potential planning options are in the wrong place. Those sited on the south side of the village are right on top of the known geological fault highlighted in reports presented and in MBC reports, there are many known springs, artisan in nature.</p> <p>If this village is to be developed we suggest that development should go on land to the north of the village close to the Melton to Grantham road. This would alleviate traffic congestion in the</p>	Comments noted, particularly those relating to the preferred location for development in Waltham

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						old village	
Lorraine Carnall	BHLF-BHRP-4HMK-Z					No idea what they have as cannot park anywhere in Waltham, so I never go and have to travel on to Melton for my shopping, banking etc	Noted
Mary Anne Donovan	ANON-BHRP-4HUR-F					I know nothing about the factual circumstances of these places and my, or anyone else's opinion who is not a resident should be not considered.	Noted
Alan & Barbara Pizzey	BHLF-BHRP-4H2K-5					<p>This comment refers to the lack of suitability of the plan for present day Bottesford - a village placed in a corner of the borough far from Melton itself.</p> <p>The planners appear to suffer from a lack of understanding of the current pressures on this village environment which are so important when housing development is allocated.</p> <p>FIVE of the nine strategic priorities on summary page 4 bear little relevance to Bottesford. The plan fails to suggest HOW the natural and social environment can be enhanced or protected when housing is allocated.</p> <p>What about the proposal for a much needed “walker//rider” bridge over the busy A52 linking Bottesford and Easthorpe to Muston restoring the former link.</p>	<p>Comments about Bottesford noted</p> <p>The list of existing services in this response demonstrate why Bottesford is considered to be a Primary Rural Service Centre.</p> <p>The review of the settlement roles considers constraints to development arising from the capacity of facilities such as schools and GPs to accommodate growth as well as physical constraints such as flood zones</p>

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					<p>An important consideration for sustainable development is that services in Bottesford are used by many other smaller villages, and there is no slack in the present system for 700 new residents from 300+ new houses.</p> <p>The current situation in Bottesford</p> <p>Flooding : Little has been accomplished to avoid a future flood similar to that of July 2001. New houses built on flood plains shed storm water instead of sopping it up, and increase the probability of flood in the village by the R Devon flowing from the south east. In the Melton Strategic Flood Assessment 2015 the Bottesford sites are shown as having the largest flood risk constraints in the Borough and Rectory Farm is singled out for special mention.</p> <p>Protection The Police station is closed, and the police now use a class room at the school. TWO constables and TWO PCSOs cover a beat of 120 square miles and 38 villages. Heavy lorries not delivering, regularly ignore the 7.5 tonne limit in the village.</p>	
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					<p>Schools There are few spare places for a further 200/300 new children. Older children are already bussed in from hinterland villages, and the latest infant accommodation is a temporary classroom.</p> <p>Health There are two GP surgeries and a dispensary . Both practices are nearing full capacity, The Welby practice has 2 doctors but serves three surgeries - Bottesford, Harlaxton and Waltham</p> <p>The small private dental practice consulting rooms are situated in Albert Street with minimal parking.</p> <p>Shops There are two grocers , a butcher and a part time green grocer, plus other service providers - shoppers from the edge of Bottesford and hinterland villages have to park their cars to shop, which causes severe traffic problems in Queen Street and the High Street .</p> <p>Significant improvement to these limiting factors must be considered BEFORE more houses are allocated. It is wrong to class Bottesford as a primary rural services centre without considering the impact of these points</p>	
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						<p>and means by which they can be alleviated.</p> <p>The Melton Report - Page 9 - states “ Bottesford plays an important role as a service centre to a wider hinterland and proposed development should reflect existing facilities and the ability to absorb new development “ The draft plan demonstrably fails to do this.</p> <p>If the plan does not reflect the ability to absorb new development why was the statement made ? Any plan should explain development in the whole area, not just a few larger villages.</p>	
Helen Prangley	BHLF-BHRP-4H8E-5	support	support	support	support	<p>As detailed above, the identification of the four settlements of Asfordby, Bottesford, Long Clawson and Waltham on the Wolds as Primary Rural Service Centres is supported. The evidence set out in the Settlement Roles, Relationships and Opportunities Paper, clearly identifies these settlements as the more sustainable settlements outside the main urban area of Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>These settlements will play an important role in helping to meet future housing requirements for the rural areas over the plan period to 2036.</p>	Support noted

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Which other villages should be identified as Primary Rural Service centres?

Name	ID	Comment	Officer Response	Action
Shelagh Woollard	ANON-BHRP-4HB5-Y	Any with a decent public transport system!!	Comments noted and picked up by the Settlement Role review	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Colin Love	ANON-BHRP-4HBR-V	As I have suggested above, given the text in the introduction for allowing 'communities to develop their sustainability' , any of the villages I the Secondary category should be favourably considered	Comments noted and picked up by the Settlement Role review	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Sharon Gustard	ANON-BHRP-4H6K-9	Asfordby Hill Croxtton Kerrial Frisby on the Wreake Somerby Stathern  Wymondham should all be considered for expansion to increase their status to PRSCs making services more accessible to those living in the surrounding areas.	These are currently identified as secondary rural service centres. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Peter Kinvig	BHLF-	Belvoir	Noted – however limited facilities	See conclusions of the Settlement

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and Bernadette Kinvig	BHRP-4HMC-R		means it is a less sustainable location	Roles Review
Kerry Knight & Stuart Christian	BHLF-BHRP-4HM7-C	Burton Lazars, Kirby Bellars	Noted, identified for consideration as Rural Hubs	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Anthony Thomas	ANON-BHRP-4HFX-6	Croxton Kerial	This is village currently identified as secondary rural service centre. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Nicola Desmond	ANON-BHRP-4H6E-3	Frisby could be if housing was addressed and the pub and possibly other services reinstated.	This is village currently identified as secondary rural service centre. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Siobhan Noble	ANON-BHRP-4HED-H	Frisby has the potential to become a primary rural service centre but is struggling currently to meet those criteria due to the viability of the Pub as a business with its ageing customer base.	This is village currently identified as secondary rural service centre. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Clair Ingham	ANON-BHRP-4HMZ-F	I cannot think of any	Noted	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
CHRISTINE LARSON	ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J	It would be far less devisive to allow Bottesford and Asfordby to develop as per their Neighbourhood Plans and do away with classification of all other villages. A better way would be to designate Parishes to undertake development across the Parish to		See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review



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		<p>keep the villages vibrant and to sustain local services across the Parish. This would be more practical. In addition MBC should not base its housing forecast on the worst case scenario but on 'best estimate' - somewhere between highest and lowest.</p> <p>Melton Town is destined to take 65% of the housing development and 35% in rural areas. Unless a new village such as Six Hills or Dalby Airfield is developed this needs reviewing to 70:30. In any event the Policy must state that the development should not proceed faster in rural areas than in Melton Town. Otherwise there will be a rush of developers (as there has been in Long Clawson already) to build in the villages.</p> <p>It is important to remember the Melton Borough Vision - of keeping the unique character of the villages and the landscape, vital for the development of Melton as the Food Capital and increasing tourism. This will not happen if we ruin our rich heritage.</p>		
Moira Hart	ANON-BHRP-4HU7-M	No other villages in the Borough, apart from Asfordby and Bottesford, should be classed as Primary Primary	Noted, however the settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review

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		Rural Service Centres	combined into a single Rural Service centre category	
Moira Hart	ANON-BHRP-4HBM-Q	No other villages should be included as Primary rural Service Centres	Noted, however the settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP-4HUB-Y	Perhaps the larger of the Rural Supporter Villages should be considered, where they would strategically support the Borough.	Noted. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category, and some of the rural supporters are included in this category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP-4H1W-G	Perhaps the larger of the Rural Supporter Villages should be considered, where they would strategically support the Borough.	Noted. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category, and some of the rural supporters are included in this category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP-4H2C-5	Secondary Rural Service Centres should be Rural Service Centres	Agree. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category.	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Lucy Flavin	ANON-BHRP-4H4T-G	Somerby or Wymondham could be considered as primary on a similar basis to Long Clawson.	These villages are currently identified as secondary rural service centre. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Emily Aron	ANON-BHRP-4HMN-3	There aren't any, it is a ridiculous system of housing allocation and should not be used.	Comment noted	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review

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Graham Storrie	ANON-BHRP-4HM4-9	There is potential in many of the other smaller villages to take up some of this demand. Harby for instance has some potential for a share of growth. Many of them could help take the load	Noted. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category, and some of the rural supporters, including Harby are included in this category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
Mary Anne Donovan	ANON-BHRP-4HUR-F	This question asks for input based on no evidence and answers should not be given any weight.	Comment noted	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review
James Brown	ANON-BHRP-4HHC-K	Wyomondham or Somerby	These villages are currently identified as secondary rural service centre. The settlement role review suggests that both the primary and secondary rural service centres are combined into a single Rural Service centre category	See conclusions of the Settlement Roles Review