



Melton Borough Council Local Development Scheme

December 2022

1. Background

- 1.1. Local Planning Authorities are required to produce a Local Development Scheme (LDS) under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).
- 1.2. The LDS must specify the documents which, when prepared, will comprise the Local Development Documents for the area. This includes the Local Plan, Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 1.3. This LDS covers the period from 2022 to 2026 and supersedes the previous LDS published in June 2017. The LDS reflects the Council's progress made since the adoption of the Melton Local Plan in October 2018 and sets out an initial timeline for the review of the Local Plan.
- 1.4. The Council's most up to date LDS can be found on the website: <https://www.meltonplan.co.uk/lds>.

2. Current position

2.1. Current Development Plan

Melton Local Plan (2011-2036)	Adopted in October 2018
Leicestershire Mineral and Waste Local Plan to 2031	Adopted in September 2019
Neighbourhood Plans	
Ab Kettleby	Adopted in November 2019
Bottesford	Adopted in October 2021
Clawson, Hose and Harby	Adopted in June 2018
Frisby	Adopted in August 2018
Gaddesby	Adopted in June 2021
Hoby with Rotherby	Adopted in June 2021
Broughton and Dalby	Adopted in June 2018
Scaford	Adopted in June 2021
Somerby	Adopted in June 2021
Stathern	Adopted in June 2022
Waltham on the Wolds	Adopted in June 2018
Wyndham	Adopted in June 2018

2.2. Other Documents

Housing Mix and Affordable Housing SPD	Adopted in July 2019
Design of Development SPD	Adopted in February 2022
Developer Contributions SPD	Adopted in September 2021
Statement of Community Involvement	Adopted in November 2019
Open Spaces Strategy and Action Plan	Adopted in November 2020
South Sustainable Neighbourhood Masterplan	Adopted in December 2021

North Sustainable Neighbourhood Masterplan	Adopted in October 2021
Authority Monitoring Report 2021	Published in October 2021
Five-year housing land supply & trajectory 2022	Adopted in July 2022
Infrastructure Funding Statement 2021	Published in December 2021
Strategic Growth Plan (non-statutory plan)	Approved in December 2018
Policies Map	Adopted in October 2018
Evidence Base	N/A (various documents)
Statement of Common Ground Warehousing & Logistics Needs	Signed in November 2021
Statement of Common Ground Housing and Employment Land Needs	Signed in July 2022

3. Melton Local Plan review

- 3.1. There is a requirement to maintain an up-to-date Local Plan and for its review every 5 years (maximum). In April 2022, the Council took the decision to begin the review of the adopted Local Plan.
- 3.2. Since then, a Member Working Group has been formed and the first meeting was held on the 5th of September 2022. Whilst the group does not make decisions, it guides the direction of the review on an informal basis.
- 3.3. The review and consequential update of the Local Plan will provide the strategic framework for the borough of Melton, and where appropriate, will also set out non-strategic policies in accordance with the NPPF. These non-strategic policies can also be set out in neighbourhood plans.
- 3.4. The review will cover the whole of Melton Borough and it is not a joint production, although it has regard to the Duty to Cooperate and the production of appropriate Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) to cover cross-boundary issues.
- 3.5. The indicative timetable is specified in Section 8 of the report.

4. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

- 4.1. No additional SPDs are expected to be published in this period.

5. Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 5.1. The Statement of Community Involvement is expected to be updated in December 2022 following Full Council's approval. Further information can be found at <https://www.meltonplan.co.uk/sci>.

6. Neighbourhood Plans (NPs)

- 6.1. The Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan referendum is to be held on the 1st of December 2022. Following a successful referendum, the NP will be formally

'made' by the Council. The formal adoption of this Neighbourhood Plan is expected by the end of 2022 or beginning of 2023.

6.2. Additionally, the Asfordby Neighbourhood Plan is proceeding to examination following the regulation 16 consultation (ended on the 11th of November 2022). Its formal adoption is expected to happen in the first half of 2023.

6.3. Finally, most of the currently 'made' NPs include monitoring mechanisms linked to the review of the Local Plan. It is expected that a high number of 'made' NPs will be reviewed shortly after the Local Plan is updated or whenever key neighbourhood planning policies are considered outdated as result of the publication of new evidence.

7. Other Documents

7.1. **Policies Map:** The Local Plan Policies Map and the associated interactive version will be revised and updated as appropriate during the review of the Local Plan.

7.2. **Sustainability Appraisal (SA):** As specified by Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, a new SA will be carried out during the plan preparation. This work is expected to start during the initial stages of the review. The SA covers the environmental effects of the plan, meaning that a separate Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is not required.

7.3. **Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA):** If the review of the Local Plan is likely to have significant effects on European habitats or species, then a HRA will be prepared. At this stage, no significant effects on European habitats or species are identified as part of the Local Plan review, but this will be kept under review in every stage of the local plan review. Production of Appropriate Assessments will be carried out where potential significant effects are identified in HRA screening reports.

7.4. **Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA):** Under the Equality Act 2010 it is required to assess the impacts of planning policy on equality and inclusion. An analysis of social impacts of policies is undertaken by the SA, but it will be strengthened by an updated EqIA to consider likely effects of updated policies on people with protected characteristics.

7.5. **Authority Monitoring Reports (AMR):** Annual AMRs will be produced during this period. They will provide information on the implementation of this (and subsequent) LDS. Reports can be found at: <https://www.meltonplan.co.uk/amr>.

7.6. **Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS):** Annual IFSs will be produced during this period. They will provide updated information about the contributions sought and received from developers for the provision of infrastructure to support

development in Melton, and the subsequent use of these by Melton Borough Council. The latest version can be found at: <https://www.meltonplan.co.uk/ifs>.

7.7. Five-year’s Housing Land Supply and Trajectory (5YHLS): Annual 5YHLS reports will be produced during this period. They will provide updated information about the supply of deliverable sites against the housing requirement. The latest version can be found at: <https://www.meltonplan.co.uk/5yhls>.

7.8. Evidence Base: The existing evidence base will be updated as appropriate during the review of the Local Plan. Additional evidence will be prepared when required. All the relevant documents will be uploaded in the <https://www.meltonplan.co.uk/evidencebaselpr> webpage. At the present time updates to the Playing Pitch Strategy and the Indoor Sport Facilities Strategy are being prepared and are expected to be published by the second half of 2023.

7.9. Duty to Cooperate: Statements of Common Ground (SOCGs) and other relevant documents will be prepared to ensure effective collaboration with local authorities within the Housing Market Area, neighbouring authorities and other public bodies.

8. Local Plan Review timetable

8.1. A timetable was approved at the Full Council that authorized the Local Plan review. However, it was noted that there are dependencies, such as for example the scope of the review, that will determine the complexity and length of the process.

8.2. Since Full Council in April 2022 the timetable has been modified to address a longer internal consultation process. Additionally, advice from the Planning Advisory Service has been addressed and further time has been given to the analysis of the consultation responses and consideration of decisions in relation to key infrastructure projects. The resulting timetable is as follows:

Stage	Timeframe	Key
Regulation 18 preparation, consultation, and analysis*	Q1 (2023) – Q4 (2023)	
Regulation 19 preparation, consultation, and analysis*	Q1 (2024) – Q1 (2025)	
Submission*	Q1 (2025) – Q3 (2025)	
Examination (inc. preparation and main modifications)**	Q3 (2025) – Q1 (2026)	
Adoption**	Q2 (2026)	

*Indicative timescales at this stage as dependent on the scope of the review.

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	2023				2024				2025				2026					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
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