

BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER

MELTON LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE

9 October 2025

Background

The Melton Local Plan was adopted in October 2018.

A Five-Year Review of the Melton Local Plan was considered by a meeting of the Melton Borough Council on 28th of September 2023. The review assessed the local plan's policies against a range of factors, including, conformity with the (then) National Planning Policy Framework and changes to local circumstances (for example, Local Housing Needs).

The review concluded that most, but not all, of the policies were assessed as needing revision. Therefore, the decision was taken to prepare a partial update of the Melton Local Plan.

At Regulation 19 stage undertaken in January/February 2025 this Council raised an objection in respect of policy SS6 (Alternative Development Strategies and Local Plan Review). The Council's objection related to the fact that the policy as written did not provide the necessary clarity that is expected as there was a clear contradiction within the policy as it was not clear whether the review would be immediately upon adoption or at some later date.

Statement of Common Ground

Melton have written to the Council seeking to agree a Statement of Common Ground (Appendix A) to be submitted to any subsequent Examination.

The Statement of Common Ground sets out the engagement that has taken place between Melton Borough Council and North West Leicestershire District Council throughout the preparation of the plan. It is considered that it provides an accurate record of the engagement.

The Statement of Common Ground also outlines some proposed amendments to policy SS6 which it proposes to put forward during the Examination of the plan. The proposed changes address the concerns outlined above which were raised by this Council in its comments on the Regulation 19 plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) **THAT THE COUNCIL SIGN THE STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND IN RESPECT OF THE MELTON LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE; AND**
- (ii) **THAT MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL BE ADVISED THAT THE PROPOSED WORDING IN RESPECT OF POLICY SS6 WOULD, IF INCORPORATED INTO THE ADOPTED LOCAL PLAN, ADDRESS THIS COUNCIL'S CONCERNS**

Agree to sign a Statement of Common Ground with Melton Borough Council in respect of the Melton Local

The Council needs to decide whether to sign the Statement of Common Ground Plan