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From: Martin Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 August 2017 10:32
To: Ext PlanningPolicy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: URGENT Consultation re. Focused Changes to the Melton Local Plan (Hose)

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has been brought to our attention that consultation is due to close at midnight on 23rd August 2017. We are on holiday at the moment with limited access to the internet, so it is not practical to use the recommended online portal. We ask that you regard this email, which we understand is allowed, as our online consultation response. Please bring this to the attention of the relevant personnel in your Department.

We are wholeheartedly in support of the views expressed and communicated to you, by email and formal submission, by Nathan Jones, resident of Hose.

We understand that Melton Borough Council has an obligation to take account of the views expressed in the Neighbourhood Plan and National Policies/Regulations regarding conservation and archaeology sites. It appears that other demands and time pressures have now taken priority, so as to propose replacing the old HOS2 and HOS3 with the new HOS2. As has been pointed out by Nathan Jones, the new proposal appears to score less favourably on the relevant criteria. In spite of this, the new proposal seems to be preferred, less than a year on from Melton Borough Council's Plan being aligned with the Neighbourhood Plan support for the original HOS2 and HOS3. Looking at the published data, this does not make sense.

We object to the new proposal, which will expand Hose more than required and more quickly than is natural, so the nature of the village will change entirely. It will become a longer stretch along the main road, whereas the previous proposal would have been more akin to infill in the gap up to the millennium orchard, allotments and Electro Motion works - this would echo the previously agreed development in the field between the existing village and the stables.

We do not feel that Melton Borough Council has had sufficient regard to their obligation to take into account local views and interests. Melton Borough Council appears to be imposing a Plan, which has pragmatic disregard to the efforts of villagers, who have expressed their views at a number of meetings, culminating in a clear vote to support the original HOS2 and HOS3 proposals, even though the new HOS2 was also presented as an option at that time.

In short, we feel that the Focused Changes Plan in respect of Hose makes a mockery of the lengthy, so called, consultation process. Also, that Melton Borough Council have possibly allowed themselves to be distracted from their obligations by other factors, which are not made clear.

We are strongly against the development deregulation regarding the original HOS2 and HOS3 and the proposed replacement with the new HOS2. We respectfully ask that Melton Borough Council take a further considered view regarding the appropriate Plan to reflect their obligations and local view in respect of Hose.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this consultation response by return. In addition, please confirm that our concerns will be raised for all relevant parties that affect Hose and the site allocation in Hose.

Yours faithfully,

Judith and Martin Taylor

