



# Design Supplementary Planning Document Scoping Consultation Response Form

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## Introduction

Melton Borough Council is planning to prepare a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to provide guidance on the design of new development in Melton.

This survey sets out the Council's initial views on what the scope and content of the proposed Design SPD might be and is an opportunity for the local community, decision makers, applicants and design professionals to help inform the content of the Design SPD.

The Council is also seeking comments at this stage in order to consider what level of guidance should be contained in the Design SPD and how it might be structured.

### 1. Which of the following most closely matches who you are?

- Member of the public
- Parish or local councillor
- Responding on behalf of a neighbourhood plan group
- Responding on behalf of a public sector organisation
- Developer or builder
- Architect, planning consultant or other planning professional
- Landowner
- Other (please specify)

**If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or group please state the name of that organisation or group in the box below**

## Proposed Content of the Design SPD

### 2. Do you agree that the Design SPD should...

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Apply to all types of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help interpret and apply design codes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provides guidance on information required to support planning applications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provides tools and checklists to help applicants assess design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Do you have any comments on the proposed contents of the Design SPD? Is there anything else you would like to see included in the content?**

**3. Do you agree with the Council that the Design SPD should set out specific guidance for development to...**

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
Follow best practice in layout and built form, designing well-defined streets and public spaces that are easy to find your way around	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respond positively to context and setting, including reinforcing local identity and character;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be physically, functionally and economically integrated into its existing environment in a positive and inclusive manner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create safe, accessible and inclusive environments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduce the impact of development on the natural environment and enhance biodiversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Do you have any comments about the content of the Design SPD?  
Is there anything else you would like to see included?**

The Melton Local Plan includes a number of policies which impact on the design of new development. Some policies which focus on types of development, for example housing, include requirements around design and policies which address specific social and environmental themes, such as health or climate change, also include requirements to ensure that the design of new development contributes towards achieving positive outcomes. The Melton Local Plan can be viewed in full at

[www.meltonplan.co.uk](http://www.meltonplan.co.uk)

**4. The Council proposes that the Design SPD should set out specific guidance for the following matters, do you agree?**

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
Using topography and important features in the landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scale and impact on neighbours, views and heritage assets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locally distinctive design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create safe, accessible and inclusive environments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of appropriate materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legible places that are easy to navigate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movement, accessibility and connections to existing development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open spaces, landscaping and trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking and highway standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designing out crime, including lighting, natural surveillance and defensible space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
External storage and amenity space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sustainable management of waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encouraging and respecting local wildlife and biodiversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting energy efficiency and low carbon generation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainable design and building methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A mix of housing that meets local needs including accessible housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promoting health through good design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5. Do you have any comments on the matters proposed to be addressed in the Design SPD? Can you identify any other matters that might require additional guidance in the SPD?**

The Council proposes that the Design SPD should provide guidance on the implementation of Building for Life 12 and Public Health England and Sport England's Active Design principals which are both set out in the Melton Local Plan.

**6. Do you agree that the Design SPD should contain guidance on Building for life 12 and Active Design?**

**Strongly Disagree**

**Disagree**

**Neutral**

**Agree**

**Strongly Agree**

### **Proposed Structure of the Design SPD**

The Council is seeking views on whether the Design SPD should be structured to set out specific guidance for different types of development, to help applicants understand the most relevant criteria for their proposals. The Council proposes providing guidance for the following categories of development;

- New housing developments (10+ homes)
- Small scale and infill housing development
- Housing extensions, conversions and alterations
- Community buildings
- Commercial development

**7. Do you think an approach to provide specific advice for different types of development is useful?**

**Not at all Useful**

**Not Useful**

**Neutral**

**Useful**

**Very useful**

The Council wants the Design SPD to be an effective document that is practical to use and easy to understand.

**8. Can you think of any other ways the Design SPD can be structured to make it effective and simple to use? Are you able to share any examples?**

**9. How useful it would be to provide the following within the Design SPD?**

	Not at all Useful	Not Useful	Neutral	Useful	Very useful
Tools and checklists to help applicants understand and demonstrate a consideration of design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drawings to clearly and simply illustrate design key concepts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance on demonstrating design development and the use of design reviews	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glossary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**10. What would you find most useful to help you understand local Design requirements?**

## Local Character and Context

Melton contains the market town of Melton Mowbray, with its historic centre, and a range of rural settlements with their own distinct characters. The Council is seeking views specifically on what local character in Melton is, whether there are any distinct character areas and how the Design SPD could help development better reflect local character and context.

### 12. How should the Design SPD provide guidance on local character and context?

The Design SPD should provide generic guidance on how to consider local context and character in design proposals

The Design SPD should identify and provide specific guidance for different character areas across Melton

Other (please specify)

### 13. What are the most important design and heritage characteristics that the Design SPD needs to consider (and where can they be found)?

The Melton Local Plan encourages Neighbourhood plans to identify features within settlements that contribute towards local character.

### 14. How could the Council help ensure important local character is considered in the design of development in areas where there is not likely to be a neighbourhood plan or where a neighbourhood plan provides little detail on design and local character?

**15. Do you have any other comments on local character and context?**

Alongside the scoping consultation the Council is also consulting on a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening statement for the Design SPD.

**16. Would you like to make any comments to make on the draft Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement?**

## **Thank You for completing the Survey**

Please provide your email address below if you would like to receive updates on the development of the Design SPD

The Council plans to undertake further consultation to help develop the draft Design SPD, this may take the form of a focus group or workshop.

**Would you or your organisation/group consider taking part in a focus group, workshop or other consultation event to help the Council develop the draft Design SPD?**

Yes       No

(If Yes, please enter your name and contact details below)